



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

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April 26, 2026

I AM THE GATE.

JOHN 10:9

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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ST. CELESTINE CHURCH and St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish Office

3020 North 76th Court
Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
Phone: 708-453-2555

MASSES

Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM
11 AM

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 AM

Reconciliation Saturday 4—4:45 PM

ST. CYPRIAN CHURCH

2601 North Clinton Street
River Grove, Illinois 60171

MASSES

Saturday 4 PM
Sunday 9 AM
Tuesday and Thursday 8 AM

Reconciliation Saturday 3:30—3:50 PM

ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL

3017 North 77th Avenue, Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
stcelestineschool.org 708-453-8234

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 8:30 AM to noon and 12:30 to 8 PM; Friday: 8:30 AM to noon and 12:30 to 5 PM;
Saturday: 8:30 AM—12:30 PM; Sunday: closed.

MISSION STATEMENT: "To do God's will as a unified, vibrant parish, and to foster an intentional relationship with Jesus through worship, witness, service, discipleship, and community."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 25

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Solomon M. Guerrero, Anniversary
Deceased members of the Bellipanni
Family
+Joseph P. Bosco, Birthday

Sunday, April 26

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Libertad and +Feliciano Reyes, Sr.

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Geradine Lustro
+Joseph Morgan, Sr.

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Andrej Milkowski, Anniversary
+Frank and +John Kucera
+Anna Vitulli
+Maria Tornatore
+Santa Snieg

Monday, April 27

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Pat Brand
+Ruci Secreto, Birthday

Tuesday, April 28

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Elmer Swiatkowski, Anniversary

Wednesday, April 29

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

Faithful Departed

Thursday, April 30

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

People of the Parish

Friday, May 1

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Joan Psak
+Richard G. Bradkowski, 15th
Anniversary
Leonora and +Francisco Palattao,
Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, May 2

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Irving and +Angeline Evertsen
+James Rinella
+Dante Cutro

Sunday, May 3

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Fr. Bernard White

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Joseph Morgan, Sr.

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Francisco Palattao, Birthday
+Eddie Mizejewski
+Claudia Carnivele
+Nicholas Carnivele
+William White, 12th Anniversary
+ Robert Virnich



St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

Welcome! If you are new to our churches or just visiting, please introduce yourself. We are happy to share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not home to you, we are open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. We invite you to become a part of our parish. Register by calling the parish office at 708-453-2555 or online on our website, stguerinparish.org.

Bulletin Deadlines

Please send information to Kim at khagerty@stguerinparish.org.

May 17 is due on Wednesday, May 6 at 9 AM

May 24 is due on Wednesday, May 13 at 9 AM

May 31 is due on Wednesday, May 20 at 9 AM

Future of St. Mother Theodore Guerin – Closing of St. Cyprian Church Questions

Will I have a chance to appeal the decision? Parishioners who live inside the parish boundaries have 10 days from the date of the Official Decree of Relegation to submit an appeal to the Cardinal's office. Decrees are posted in the parish bulletin the week it is received by the pastor.

When is the last Mass? The End to Regular Sunday Worship at St. Cyprian will be on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 9 AM.

What happens to sacred and donated items? Sacred items and vestments remain in the possession of the archdiocese to be shared with other parishes as they are needed. Other dioceses may request items with a written request from their Vicar General to the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Stained glass requires approval from the Vicar General. Non-sacred items donated by parishioners may be returned to the families.

How were the Multi-Site Review Team members selected? Parishioners were invited by the pastor to participate on the team.

What will happen to the church building and property?

Once a worship site is relegated to "profane but not sordid use" under canon law, the property will be sold. "Profane but not sordid use" is a Catholic canon law term (Canon 1222.2) used when a church is closed, deconsecrated, and sold for secular purposes that are not immoral or scandalous.

From the Pastor's Desk: Father Paul Cao

First Communion

Next Saturday, May 2, at the 10 AM and 1 PM Masses at St. Celestine, 91 children from our parish school and Religious Education Program will receive the Body of Christ for the very first time. It is a special moment for them to "taste and see the goodness of the Lord." Please keep them in your prayers, that they may be blessed and strengthened by the Lord, especially through the Eucharist.

I would like to encourage all the parents to please bring your children to Mass to receive the Eucharist regularly. We must be good examples of faith for our children. Come celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday; we need Jesus to nourish us with His Body so that we may grow closer to Him.

May Crowning

May is the month the Church designates to honor our Blessed Mother. I encourage every family to take time to pray the Rosary, asking our Blessed Mother to protect us and help us grow closer to her son, Jesus Christ. Let us also light a candle for her and pray for peace in our country, Ukraine, and the Middle East during this difficult time. Let us pray for an end to war and violence.

It is a beautiful tradition in our Church to crown the Blessed Virgin Mary as our Queen and Mother. We will hold a May Crowning at St. Cyprian during the 9 AM Mass next Sunday. We will also honor Mary with a traditional procession of her image through the streets of Elmwood Park immediately following the 11 AM Mass at St. Celestine. The procession will conclude with the

crowning of the statue of Mary in front of the school.

This is a significant time for all First Communicants as they dedicate their lives to the Blessed Mother. I encourage all First Communicants to join us next Sunday for Mass, the procession, and the May Crowning. An ice cream social will follow in the annex and gym. I also invite each parish organization to join the procession with your banners. Please join us for this long-standing tradition.

May our Blessed Mother intercede for us!

Fr. Paul



Mother's Day Novena



Enroll a special woman, living or deceased, in the parish Mother's Day novena. From May 10 through May 18, prayers for all the women will be offered at Mass each day and their names displayed in both St. Celestine and St. Cyprian churches.

You may pick up an envelope which contains Mother's Day cards in the back of the churches or at the Pastoral Center.

Please print the name of the woman you want enrolled in the novena on the front of a card and return it to either church or office by Thursday, May 7.

A donation of \$10 per name is suggested. Keep the extra card or give it to the person you want to honor.

Silver Jubilee Celebration

25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

With grateful hearts and deep thanksgiving to God,
we joyfully invite you to celebrate the

25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
of
Rev. Paul D. Cao

*Please join us for a
Thanksgiving Mass and Reception*

📅 May 17, 2026
🕒 Time: 11 A.M.
📍 Location: St. Celestine Church

Your presence will be a blessing
as we give thanks for 25 years,
of faithful service, spiritual
guidance, and dedication
to God's people.

Reception to follow.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Peter said to them,
"Repent and be baptized, every one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

By his wounds you have been healed.
For you had gone astray like sheep,
but you have now returned to the shepherd and
guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:24-25)

Gospel:

"I came so that they might have life and have it more
abundantly." (Jn 10:10)

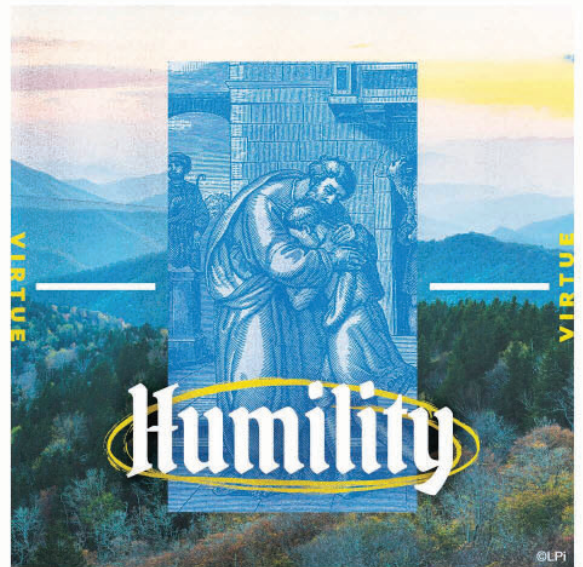
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice," Jesus says. Do we know the voice of Jesus when he speaks to us? Have we spent time in conversation with him? This week, listen for the voice of Jesus in your life, and follow where it leads.

Observances for the week of April 26, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Tuesday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Friday:** St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer
- Saturday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter



Virtues, Explained!

True humility does not require us to ignore, underestimate, or hide our gifts — it merely demands that we use these gifts rightly, with the knowledge that they are from our Creator and meant for His glory, not our own.

Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,
Be the Good Shepherd in my life.
Help me to know your voice and to respond.
Help me to find your fold and the paths on which you lead.
Bless me with verdant pastures and restful waters.
Refresh my soul.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
(second choice)

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/
Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

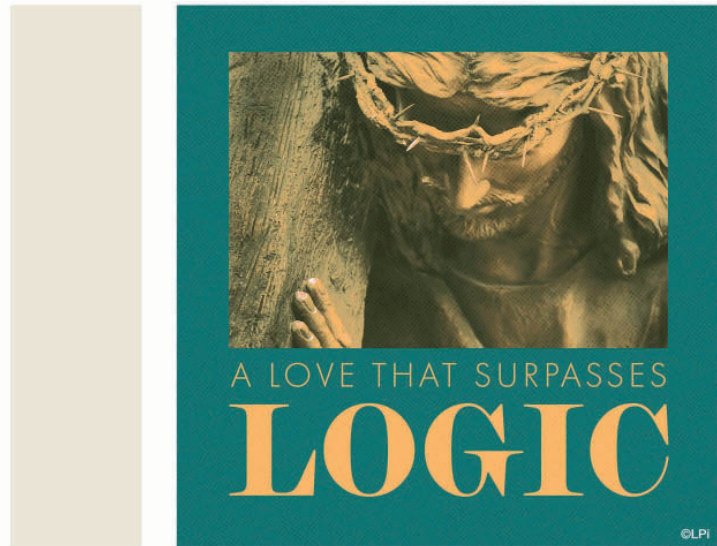
Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep."** (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: **"He is out of his mind."**

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

— *Father John Muir*

“I am the gate.
Whoever enters
through me will be
saved, and will come
in and go out and
find pasture. A thief
comes only to steal
and slaughter and
destroy; I came so
that they might have
life and have it more
abundantly.”
- Jn 10:9-10

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The crowds believed Peter’s proclamation that in raising the crucified Jesus from the dead, God made Jesus both Lord and Christ. Why do you believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior?

Second Reading:

Peter speaks of Jesus’ wounds healing us. Can you think of a time when you have felt healed by God?

Gospel:

Jesus speaks of himself as the gate through which his followers pass and have abundant life. How has believing in Jesus enriched your life?



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“ — ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN IS HEAVEN, BECAUSE JESUS SAID, “I AM THE WAY.” — ”

- ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: We can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger. But where will he lead?

The Devil's Long Con

The algorithm on my streaming service has been suggesting a lot of romantic scam documentaries lately. If you're not familiar, romantic scams are a particularly cruel form of "the long con."

Some man presents himself to some woman as Prince Charming. He wines her. He dines her. He charms her mom and makes her friends jealous. Little red flags pop up here and there, but she shrugs them all off. She accepts convenient explanations.

She just wants to be happy.

And then one day, Prince Charming vanishes, along with the contents of the woman's savings account. Every victim says the same thing: "I should have known better, but I wanted it to be real."

I think the reason I'm so drawn to these shows is that I identify with these women. No, I've never been the victim of a romantic scam (if my husband married me thinking he would gain access to some kind of fortune, he's the one who got scammed). But we have all told ourselves that something *is* right because it *feels* right. We have shrugged off doubts about a choice, a relationship, a habit.

We have accepted easy answers that don't pass the sniff test — because we really, really wanted an answer, and we really, really wanted it to be easy.

The devil is a romantic scammer. A third-party retailer hawking knock-off joy and fulfillment. A wolf in sheep's clothing. A false prophet. A thief, a robber who has climbed the fence, knowing the gate will not admit him.

These are all different ways of saying the same thing: we can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger.

But where will he lead?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the history behind the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Answer:

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

Holy Hour May 1



A Holy Hour will take place at St. Celestine Church on Friday, May 1 at 3 PM. A Divine Mercy Holy Hour takes place on the first Friday of each month at St. Celestine Church. Included are the Divine Mercy prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and time for quiet Adoration. The hour concludes with Benediction.

Calendar

- Sunday, May 3 after 11 AM Mass **May Crowning and Ice Cream Social**
- Sunday, May 17: 11 AM Mass celebrating the **25th Anniversary** of Ordination for Father Paul Cao followed by reception in the gym
- Sunday, June 7: 9 AM **Closing Mass** at St. Cyprian Church with reception following.
- June 7—12: **Totus Tuus**
- Monday, June 8: **Golf Outing** at White Pines in Bensenville
- Sunday, June 14: 11 AM **Farewell Mass** for Fr. Paul Cao
- July 4: **Independence Day Parade** in Elmwood Park
- Saturday, July 11 **Garage Sale** in the St. Celestine Parking Lot
- Sunday, July 26 **Parish Picnic** at Evans Field in River Grove
- Saturday, September 12 4—9 PM **Parish Taste**
- Sunday, October 25 **Craft Fair** 8:30 AM in the Gym and Annex

Thank You to Our Labyrinth Volunteers!

Once again we had a very successful Labyrinth experience during Holy Week. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents for this prayerful event.

A special thanks to Michelle Doyle (and family) and Maria Malo (and family) for all their help and for embracing the Labyrinth experience year after year.

To Christopher and Monica Doyle for being willing to show up for set up and take down...year after year!

I am very grateful to the Parish Staff, support staff, Liturgy Committee and Maintenance Engineers for their support of the Labyrinth.



Thank you to Sheila Klich, Jeff Fredrickson, all the teachers and support staff at St. Celestine School for allowing me to take over their gym and Annex during Holy Week. Also, thank you to the parent and parish volunteers who gave their time to supervise the Annex activities during the day and in the evening hours.

We are grateful for all our Labyrinth walkers, especially those who return every year during Holy Week.

Finally, a HUGE thank you to my husband, Tom, and family members who for the last 24 years have supported my love of the Labyrinth and have sacrificed their time and so much more for this parish prayer experience.

I am looking forward to celebrating our 25th year next Holy Week!

Eileen Lepore





*May Crowning
followed by an
Ice Cream Social*

*Sunday, May 3
at Noon*

Children who received their First Communion May 2 are invited to wear their First Communion attire and walk in the procession.



Congratulations to Logan, shown here with his sister and Fr. Paul, on receiving his first Holy Communion. Logan is a student in the St. Mother Guerin Special Religious Education Program under the leadership of Mary Murphy.

Pope Leo's Prayer to St. Francis for Peace



Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

Mention the fundraiser at the register and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:



DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 from 5:00-8:00 pm

LOCATION:

7306 West Lawrence Ave, Harwood Heights, IL 60706



Easter Memorial Gardens

A sincere thank you to all of you who responded to our call for flowers to enhance the Easter beauty of our churches. We are truly blessed by the number of people who brought a plant in memory of their loved one and made our Easter Gardens more beautiful. The flowers and plants were in memory of:

- Irma Iris Albelo from Cybelle and Alex Miranda
- Jason Altobelli from Linda Altobelli
- Nestor Arenga from Imelda Arenga and Family
- John Cizek from the Drozd Family
- DeSalvo and Totaro Family from Debra DeSalvo
- Beverly (Simonelli) Draheim from Bill Draheim
- Bernice and Joe Drozd from Joe and Mary Drozd
- Margaret Ewing from Linda Altobelli
- Expedita, Jandira, Manoel, Maria, Antonia, Agenario, Ciro, Eli, Mario, and Marcio from the Nielsen Family
- Shirley and Ian Farrell from the Burzynski Family
- Mercedes Feliciano from Josephine Feliciano
- Alice Flanagan from Tiffany and Michael Flanagan
- Andrew and Jan Gale from Josephine Feliciano
- Destiny Adel Gomez from Cybelle and Alex Miranda
- Pedro Guzman, Sr., Pedro Guzman, Jr., Francisco Sr., and Josefa Palattao, from Leonora Palattao and Family
- Beth and Patrick Hagerty from Kim and Pat Hagerty
- Ray and Colleen Kimberley from the Kimberley Family
- Kosinski and Dombrowski Families from Claudia Kosinski
- Norbert and Hazel Kosinski from Claudia Kosinski



- Anna Marie Koski from Michael and Lonia Koski
- Eugenia and Wincenty Kurnicki from Celina Burek
- Mary Manton Larson from Anna Petras
- Vito and Domenica
- Mimma Leone from Diana and Ken Leone–Knack
- Mimma and Vito Leone from Lonia and Mike Koski
- Bernabe Lim from Eulenia and Arlisse Lim
- Margaret and



- Albert Maggio from the Rinella Family
- Lester Maki from the Wardisiani Family
- Virginia and Gene Marischler from Ken Knack
- Ronald and Yolanda Migalsi from Emilia Ruffolo
- Emelia and Jesus Moreno from Myra and Jose Moreno
- Joseph W. Morgan, Sr. from Marie Morgan
- Ceal Mueller from Jeanne Schneider
- Frank Mueller from Jeanne Schneider
- 99 Years of St. Cyprian Church from Sarah Rotolo
- Mary and Harry Olsen from Myra and Jose Moreno
- Francisco Palattao, Jr. from Leonora Palattao and Family
- Robert Paprocki from Carolyn Paprocki
- Millie and Luciano Petrone from Ken Knack
- Stanley and Adline Pische from Barbara Pische
- Bernice and Jan Polakowski from Polakowski Family
- Frank and Adrienne Pudlo from the Pudlo Family
- Jule Riordan from James Riordan
- Dolores, Henry, and Paul Rompala from Chris Rompala–Doyle
- Henry A. Rompala Family from the Rompala–Doyle Family
- Ron and Rosemary Rose from the Polakowski Family
- Alex and Marion Ruffolo from Emilia Ruffolo
- Paul Shallcross from St. Pascal and St. Patrick Friends
- Kerry Sieck from Mary and Joe Drozd
- Maggie Steinhauser from the Hagerty Family
- John Sullivan from Mary Sullivan
- Karen Wdowiak from the Wdowiak/Flanagan Families
- Jean Wesloski/Baki Michaels from the Polakowski Family
- Julia R. White from the Riordan Family
- Judy Yates from the Drozd Family

Parish **GOLF** Outing

JUNE 8, 2026 \$125/golfer



Our annual Golf Outing will take place on Monday, June 8 at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville with registration at 8 AM and a shotgun start at 9 AM. \$125/per person or \$500 for a foursome includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch on the course, and a BBQ dinner in the clubhouse. Great raffles and door prizes! Businesses and organizations are invited to sponsor a hole. Go to stguerinparish.org and click on Golf Outing to register.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ I would like to reserve _____ foursome(s) @ \$125/golfer* (includes 18 holes, carts, lunch and dinner).

*Total due for 1 foursome = \$500

_____ I would like reservations for _____ golfer(s) @ \$125/golfer (includes 18 holes, carts, lunch and dinner).

_____ I would like reservations for _____ guest(s) @ \$50/guest for dinner only.

_____ I don't golf, but would like to sponsor a hole for \$100.

_____ I would like to make a cash or raffle donation.

Raffle donation: _____

Golfer #1 _____ Golfer #2 _____

Golfer #3 _____ Golfer #4 _____

SPONSORSHIP FORM

This fundraiser is a great place to advertise your business while highlighting your support of St. Mother Guerin Parish.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Website: _____

Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

_____ Hole-in-One: \$250.00: Logo on entrance banner at outing, lawn sign, recognition in our church bulletin, recognition on our parish website, in addition to recognition on our parish's social media.

_____ Eagle: \$200.00: Lawn sign, recognition in our church bulletin, along with recognition on our parish website.

_____ Birdie: \$150.00: Lawn sign and recognition in our church bulletin.

_____ Tee Off: \$100.00: Lawn sign with your name at designated hole.

Pay online at www.givecentral.org/GolfOuting, or mail checks payable to St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish and to the attention of Laurie DePillo, St. Mother Guerin Parish, 3020 N. 76th Ct., Elmwood Park, IL 60707.

St. Mother Guerin thanks you for your kind consideration of a donation to our Golf Outing Fundraiser. We are a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible charity. Upon request we can provide our sponsors with a tax receipt for their donation. Please email Laurie DePillo at lauriedepillo@stguerinparish.org when requesting a tax receipt for your donation or if you have any questions. You may also call her at 708-453-2555.

Pray for Them

Sick

Please remember the following people who are seriously ill. If you wish to add a name with the person's permission, please call the parish office. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

Angelo L'Abbate, Michael Binder, Jacqueline Boshell, Julie Boyce, Edward Bray, Sue Brink, Brian Cunningham, Ellison Deehr, Elene Dimperio, Cathy Downing King, Cynthia, Eleanor, Tom Ferguson, Michael Garcia, Tammy Garcia, Maciej Gondek, Dorota Gondek, Grace Hensley, Karl Humowiecki, Kathy Johl, Adele Johnson, Juliette Jimenez, Lisa Kostrzeski, Justine Kucera, Robert Kucera, Larry Lemanski, Bart Masi, Kathy Mooney, George Moskaliuk, Sandra Moskaliuk, Efre Munoz, Martha Munoz, James Nasti, Larry Nestor, Ron Nichols, Sr. Louise Noesen, Carolyn Paprocki, Gerard Palattao, Aida Rivera, Sarah Rotolo, Kathy Sassolino, Morgan Schlanger, Joseph Serwa, John Sheahan, Mary Skelly, Sue, Brian Swatek, Colleen Schlanger Thomas, Jeffrey Tomek, Judy Virgilio, Lillian Wardzala, Jim Waterloo, Jim Wazorick, Danyll Wolcotte, Nicholas Zych
*recently added

Faithful Departed

Mary Ann Partipilo

Military

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Mother of Perpetual Help Society Devotional

The Mother of Perpetual Help Society invites you to join us for the Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional held every Tuesday evening in the St. Celestine Chapel. We pray the rosary at 7 PM and then the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 7:30 PM. You may join us for either the rosary or the novena or both! This beautiful and time-honored devotion is a peaceful opportunity to place our needs, our families, and our parish under the loving care of Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome to come and pray and find comfort, hope and strength through Mary's intercession. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Panzarella Konrath at panzkon@gmail.com.



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Gospel for April 26, 2026

John 10:1-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A: Good Shepherd Sunday. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

NOT ENTER	SHEEPFOLD	A THIEF
THE SHEEP	GATEKEEPER	OPENS
HEAR	CALLS	BY NAME
LEADS THEM OUT	AHEAD OF THEM	A STRANGER
WHO CAME	LISTEN	WHOEVER
COME	GO OUT	TO STEAL
DESTROY	I CAME	ABUNDANTLY

HE CALL HIS OWN

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A S T R A N G E R S P L
W H O E V E R I L G E I
S N E P O M Y L T A E S
Y T B A N A A U D T H T
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Mother Guerin High School 50th Reunion

Were you a member of the class of 1976, Mother Theodore Guerin, River Grove, Illinois? Do you know someone from that class? It's time for the 50th Reunion! Guerin alum from '76 will meet on a weekend in early October for mass on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. A great time to relive a bit of the past and make a new connection or two. For more information, including dates, email mtgclassof76reunion@gmail.com .

Totus Tuus Summer Faith Camp



St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish is hosting a Summer Faith Camp for students June 7—12, 2026 called Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours).

The Totus Tuus camp blends faith formation, daily Mass, and many fun activities. This is the fourth summer that we are hosting this camp. Last year's camp was a lot

of fun and we hope that many more students can join us this year.

The day program is for students entering Grades 1—6 and meets Monday—Friday from 9 AM—2:30 PM June 8—12. The evening program is for students entering Grades 7—12 and meets Sunday—Thursday from 6:30—8:30 PM June 7—11.

The camp is held at St. Celestine.

The cost is \$90 per child for the day program and \$45 per child for the evening program.

Registration forms and online payment options are now available using the link below:
<https://stguerinparish.org/totus-tuus/>

For more information, please contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski, Religious Education, 708-453-2555 ext. 5017 or email rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org.

Looking forward to having many students join us for a week of faith-filled summer fun!



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 2

4 PM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Isaac M., Diego M.
John F. Madden
Maryann Dibari, Ruben Monterroso

5 PM St. Celestine

Altar Server
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Amelia H., Cecelia S.
Danny Hesslau
Perlita Domingo, Mike Miller, Carol Gutkowski, Tom Lepore, Patricia Rinella, Barbara Miller, Peggy O'Donnell

Sunday, May 3

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Joe K., Jazmin G., Yasleen G.
Betty Blonski
Minnie Reillo, Michael Wittrock.
Mary Kay Macchione, Michelle Doyle, Maria Mojek

9 AM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers
Lector
Eucharistic Minister

TBA
Valerie McCluskey
Tony Cannizzaro

11 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers

Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Lana G., Robert O., Sarah P., Marshall M.
Sandro Valdez
Mary Graf, Doti Geringer, Sheila Klich, Mary Joost, Kim Bartell, Leonore Palattao

Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, April 26

11 AM ST CEL Scout Mass
4 PM ST CEL Troop 45400 In the Annex and Lower Meeting Room

Monday, April 27

6 PM ST CEL Bear, Webelo, and AOL meetings in the Lower Meeting Room

Tuesday, April 28

7 PM ST CEL Knights of Columbus in the Annex
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional in the Chapel

Wednesday, April 29

7 PM ST CEL First Communion Practice for 10 AM Mass

Thursday, April 30

7 PM ST CEL First Communion Practice for 1 PM Mass

Saturday, May 2

10 AM ST CEL First Communion Mass
1 PM ST CEL First Communion Mass

Sunday, May 3

9 AM ST CYP May Crowning at Mass
11 AM ST CEL May Crowning and Procession after Mass
12 PM ST CEL Ice Cream Social in the Gym and Annex

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Holy Hour: First Friday of each month at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church. Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion weekly Tuesday nights at 7 PM in the Chapel. **Rosaries:** During the week, before Mass at St. Cyprian, after Mass at St. Celestine, and 7 PM on the second Monday of the month in the Chapel at St. Celestine. **Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional** Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Chapel.

Baptisms: To schedule, contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski at rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org or call 708-453-2555 x 5017. Baptisms take place at 12:30 PM on the second and fourth Sundays monthly at St. Celestine and the third Sunday of the month at St. Cyprian. Baptismal Prep classes take place on most first Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM at St. Cyprian; please call the office to sign up for the class.

Masses: See cover. **Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:30 PM at St. Cyprian and 4 PM at St. Celestine.

Weddings: Engaged couples are encouraged to call a year in advance of a preferred date. The couple must talk to Deacon Mike DeLarco before a wedding date can be reserved. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

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