

ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH



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."

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

3020 North 76th Court, Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS (through August 23)

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

MASSES Monday through Friday 8 AM

Saturday Mass 4:30 PM (Reconciliation 3:30 PM)
Sunday Masses 7:30, 9, and 11 AM

ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 1

4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez
+Sarah Dwyer–Yep, 25th Anniversary
+Joan Corbett Czaga, 15th Anniversary

Sunday, August 2

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9 AM +Linda Papesh
+Joseph Morgan, Sr.
+Rafael M. Palacio

11 AM +Frank and +John Kucera
+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Angelina Alongi
+Patricia Lindahl
+Helena Golab
+Jozefa Powrozek
+Edward Deles

8 AM **Monday, August 3**
Faithful Departed

8 AM **Tuesday, August 4**
+Elizabeth White Lowrey, 16th Anniversary

8 AM **Wednesday, August 5**
+Marylyn Robertson, Birthday

8 AM **Thursday, August 6**
People of the Parish

8 AM **Friday, August 7**
+Joan Psak

Saturday, August 8

1 PM Jaelynn–Leia Galino Quinceañera
4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi

Sunday, August 9

7:30 AM +Sabatino and +Concetta DiCianno, Anniversary
+Nick DiCianni

9 AM +Joseph Morgan, Sr.

11 AM +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Eddie Mizejewski
+Stanislawa, +Thomas, and +Frank Ufir
+Frank and +John Kucera
+Aurora Covarrubias
+Anthony Ozuna

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 8

4:30 PM
Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
Servers Evan V., Elijah V., Peighton V.
Lector Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.
Euch. Ministers Perlita Domingo
Pat Strabley
Anna Petras
Peggy O'Donnell
Barbara Miller
Maria Mojek

Sunday, August 9

7:30 AM
Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
Altar Server Joseph K.
Lector Brad Wdowiak
Euch. Ministers Florence Smith
Joanne Koziol
Michael Wittrock
Ken Doyle
Mikenna Doyle
Lynn Schmidt

9 AM

Presider Fr. Ton Nguyen
Server Nickolas F.
Lector Bonnie Billa
Euch. Ministers Lynn Loftus
John Madden
Mary Graf
Daniel LaCour
Maryann DiBari
Lois DeFelice

11 AM

Presider Fr. Ton Nguyen
Servers Christian C., Marshall M.
Lectors Sandro Valdez
Euch. Ministers Ester Lingo
Mary Princivalli
Leonora Palattao
Kathy Iversen–Jaroch
Skip Marcucci

Parish Weekly Events

Tuesday, August 4

4 PM Organization Day at the School
7 PM Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion in the Chapel Tuesday,

Wednesday, August 5

7 PM Baptismal Prep Class in the Fireside Room

3 PM Friday, August 7

Holy Hour in the Chapel

Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9

All Masses College Students Blessing
Annual Cooperative Mission

School Organization Day

Organization Day is Tuesday, August 4, from 4–7 PM. This is when parents receive classroom assignments, important school paperwork, and the opportunity to get involved with various parish and school organizations. School begins on August 20, 2026! If you have not registered and are interested in St. Celestine School, please call the school office at 708-453-8234.

Bulletin Deadlines

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

August 16 is due on Wednesday, August 5 at 9 AM

August 23 is due on Wednesday, August 12 at 9 AM

Wedding Banns

August 15

Sharon Duncan and Sagon Zaya

Holy Hour August 7



A Holy Hour will take place at St. Celestine Church on Friday, August 7 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.

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Baptisms and Baptism Preparation Classes: Contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski, x5017. Baptisms are at 12:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Class held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 PM.

Masses and Reconciliation: see cover.

Weddings: Please call a year in advance of preferred date and talk to Deacon Mike DeLarco before a wedding date can be reserved. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

Holy Hour: First Friday of each month at 3 PM

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Chapel.

Rosary: Second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the chapel and after the morning masses.

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From the Administrator's Desk: Fr Ton Nguyen**What Are We Truly Hungry For?**

I was waiting at a red light when a man suddenly rushed toward me and gave me a big hug. I froze for a moment, wondering, *"Do I know this person?"* Then he smiled and said, "Father, it's Tony from Catholic Charities!"



Immediately, I remembered him. At Cathedral, a group of volunteers and I served dinner every Thursday and Friday at Catholic Charities. Over time, we came to know many of our guests by name, and they became more than faces in a line—they became friends. That joyful surprise reminded me that sometimes the deepest hunger we have is not simply for food, but to be seen, remembered, and loved.

This Sunday's Gospel begins with Jesus withdrawing by boat to a deserted place. He was looking for a little quiet. Did He find it? Well, the crowds heard where He was going and hurried after Him on foot. Imagine making that journey without air conditioning, bottled water, or comfortable shoes! Why would they go to such lengths? What were they truly hungry for?

St. John Vianney, whose feast we celebrate this week, once said, "When the heart is pure and simple, it cannot help loving, because it has discovered the source of love, which is God." Those crowds had spent their lives searching for happiness in many places— catching more fish, buying more land, or building bigger barns. Yet when they encountered Jesus, they discovered something their hearts had been longing for all along.

Does this sound familiar? Why does a baby cry when adults are busy talking? Why do teenagers sometimes react so strongly? Why do parents work so hard to provide a better life? Why are people willing to squeeze into huge crowds and sit in traffic for hours just to attend Lollapalooza? Behind all these questions pointing to the fact that we all hunger for something more. We long to be loved, understood, forgiven, accepted, and to know that our lives have meaning. Family, work, success, friendships, and entertainment are all good gifts, but they cannot fully satisfy the deepest hunger of the human heart. As St. Augustine reminds us, *"Our hearts are restless until they rest in You."* Every human hunger ultimately points us toward God.

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for August is for evangelization in the city. He invites us to pray that, amid the anonymity and loneliness of urban life, we may discover new ways to proclaim the Gospel and build authentic community. Perhaps evangelization begins with something very simple: noticing the hunger in another person. A listening ear, a word of encouragement, a shared meal, or an invitation to Mass may become the moment someone discovers that Christ has been searching for them all along.

Speaking of food... mark your calendars for our **Taste of St. Mother Theodore Guerin** on Saturday, **September 12!** Bring your family, friends, and neighbors—and come hungry. We'll take care of at least one kind of hunger together.

I love being a priest.
JMJ, Fr. Ton Nguyen.

Liturgical Life

Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday:

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday:

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,
29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over--twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children. - Mt 14:19c-21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Observances for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday:

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday:

St. John Vianney, Priest

Wednesday:

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Thursday:

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday:

St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

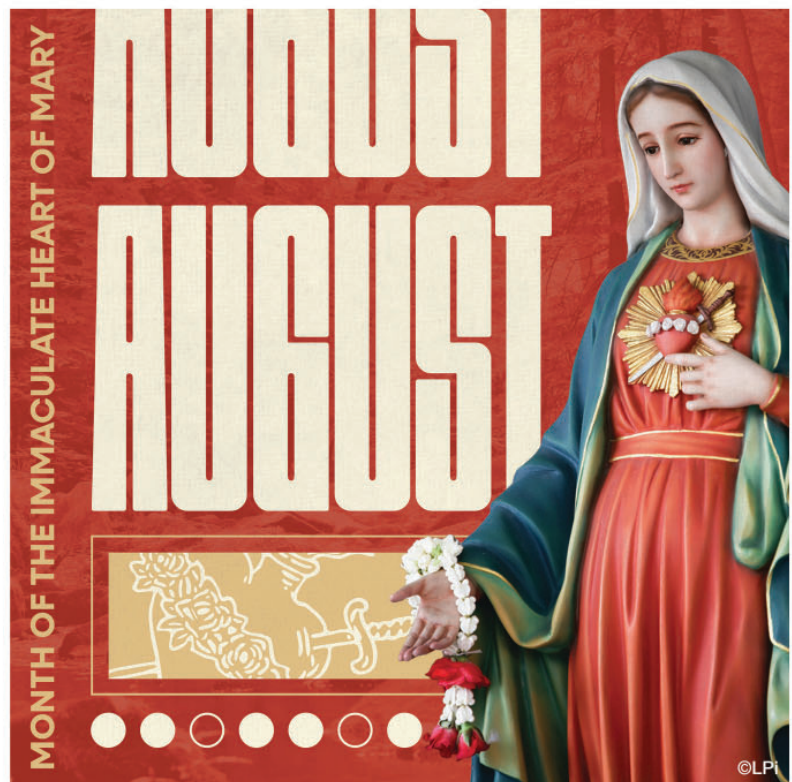
Saturday:

St. Dominic, Priest

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel:

Moved with pity for the crowds, Jesus healed the sick among them and fed thousands with only five loaves and two fish. Can you think of a time when someone showed compassion toward you?



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Miracles We Don't See

"Why aren't there miracles anymore?"

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sundance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says.

"His heart was moved with pity," we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

Answer:

The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' *human* nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary *Theotokos*. Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God.

Women's Club

It is with deepest gratitude that the 2025–2026 officers of the St. Mother Guerin Women's Club extend their heartfelt appreciation to all the women who so generously supported the mission efforts of the Women's Club "To support each other as Catholic women and develop spiritually and socially through service to others."

Whether it was by attending monthly meetings, special club or parish events, our women were able to socialize and support one another, while contributing to our parish and to others in need through some of the following activities:

- Monetary donation to our parish Food Panty
- Gift cards for our parish Giving Tree
- Christmas cards for nursing homes and veterans hospitals
- Flower distributions for Mother's Day
- Scholarship for graduating young lady who will be attending a Catholic high school
- Special Service Award for a graduating young lady who will be continuing her religious education studies in preparation for Confirmation
- Blankets and cards of hope for "Phil's Friends—an organization providing Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer"
- Monetary donation to "The Daughters of the Sacred Heart"—a mission school in Tanzania sponsored by Fr. Fil Ngwila from the collection of vases
- Winter Coat Drive
- Hats and gloves for our community

Without the support and participation of our ladies, we wouldn't have been able to accomplish all that we were able to do so again, many, many thanks to all who helped make our year successful! Looking forward to seeing you in September!

Thank You

The St. Mother Guerin Women's Club extends their heartfelt appreciation to Belmont Funeral Home for their many years of donating flowers to us, enabling us to honor the moms of our parish for Mother's Day.

Our deepest appreciation to Quasthoff's Floral Shop for their monetary donations presented to the St. Mother Guerin Women's Club in support of our parish Vase Collection. The money collected went to support The Daughters of the Sacred Heart Mission School for Girls in Tanzania.

Save the Date

- Tuesday, August 4: 4–7 PM **Organization Day** at the School
- Sunday, August 9: Blessings for **College Students**
- Friday, August 14 **Confessions** at 6 PM and **Vigil Mass** at 7 PM for the Assumption
- Saturday, August 15: Feast of the **Annunciation Mass** at 8 AM
- No Confessions on Saturday
- Sunday, August 16: **Return to School Blessings, Backpack Blessing** at 11 AM Mass
- Thursday, August 20 **St. Celestine School** begins
- Wednesday, September 2 and 9 at 6:30 PM with Fr. Stan **Dilexi te: A Church Formed by Love** Bible Study and Discussion
- Sunday, September 6: **Grandparents Blessings** at all Masses
- Saturday, September 12 4–9 PM **Parish Taste**
- Sunday, September 20: **Catechetical Sunday**
- Sunday, October 25 **Craft Fair** 8:30 AM in the Gym and Annex
- Tuesday, November 17: Watch **The Chosen Season 6** after 8 AM Mass on Tuesdays



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Tuesday, August 4th
4:00 – 6:00 pm

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Religious Ed and Catechist Openings!

The St. Mother Guerin Religious Education Program helps our students build their connections to God through prayer, incorporate God into their everyday lives, and recognize opportunities to enhance their relationship with God. We welcome children to learn about Jesus, the Catholic faith and prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation.

Religious Education is offered to students in Grades 1—8 who during the week attend a public or home school setting. Students meet at St. Celestine School twice a month on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Classes start September 19.

Registration for the 2026—2027 school year is available online. The link to register online is: <https://stguerinparish.org/religious-education/> and registration forms are also available in the St. Celestine Pastoral Center.

Also, if you would like to help as a catechist, please contact our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Ruthanne Swiatkowski at 708-453-2555 x 5017 or rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process by which adults explore the Catholic faith and ordinarily become members of the Church.

The program consists of several months of instruction in the teachings, beliefs, customs, and practices of the Catholic faith. Those who complete the process receive the sacraments, usually Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, or a combination of those, at Easter.

WHO IS THE OCIA INTENDED FOR?

- Adults and teens who have never been baptized.
- Adults and teens who have been baptized in another Christian denomination.
- Adults and teens who were baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation.

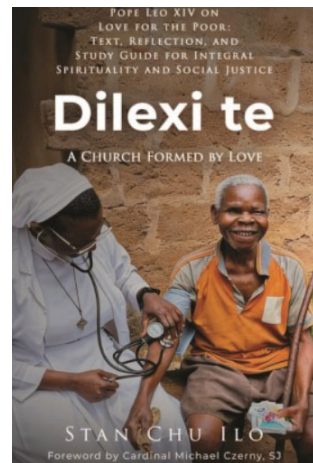
Teen Classes meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 PM beginning on September 22. Adult Classes meet on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 PM beginning on September 24. The Sacraments are celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

Please contact our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Ruthanne Swiatkowski at 708-453-2555 x 5017 or email rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org for more information.

Mother Guerin High School 50th

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.

Study with Fr. Stan Ilo



Now that Fr. Stan has been called to the Vatican by Pope Leo to be the co-director of a new initiative of the Dicastery called The Church of the Sheaves: Equipping the Saints for Mission as Gift Exchange, his time at the parish is more limited. Despite that, he would like to lead a study of the Pope's apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi te: (I Have Loved You)* on Wednesdays, September 2 and 9, October 7 and 14, and November 11 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room.

Most of us have no idea what an apostolic exhortation is, and often magisterial documents are read only by theologians or clergy, while the laity remain untouched by their transformative potential. Father Stan says that *Dilexi te* belongs to the whole People of God, that it is not a document for the shelves of seminaries but for the hearts of believers.

He should know, because he wrote the official commentary for the Vatican.

We will read Fr. Stan's book, *Dilexi te: A Church Formed by Love* which contains the full text of the Exhortation and a biblical study and guide for a parish group.

We will order the book, so please call the parish to reserve your book and your spot in the study! The phone number is 708-453-2555 and the cost of the book is \$20.

Visiting Missionary

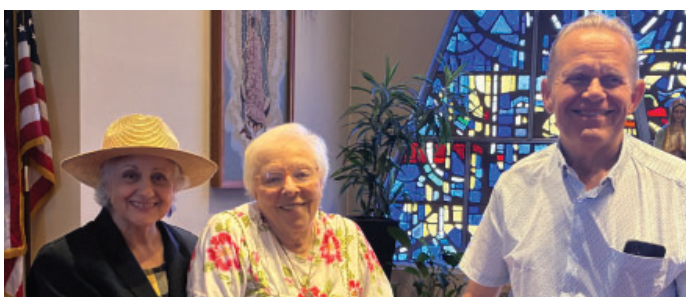
Fr. Naveen Borlakunta V.C, a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India will be in our parish on Aug. 8 and 9 weekends to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will share his missionary experience at all the Masses next weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India in 1904, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India and in East Africa and in Peru. Please visit their web site, www.vincentians.in to learn more about them.

The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. Please keep Fr. Naveen and all the Vincentian Missionaries in your prayers.

Thank You to Sister Johanna

We thanked Sr. Johanna Trembl, SSSF, for her many years of service to the parish, especially through the Food Pantry, at the July 19 11 AM Mass. Danny Hesslau, our future deacon, gave a beautiful reflection. Thank you, Sister, and enjoy your time at the Motherhouse!



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, Edward Bray, Sue Brink, *Mary Coronado, Brian Cunningham, Ellison Deeher, Elene Dimperio, Cathy Downing King, Tom Ferguson, Michael Garcia, Tammy Garcia, Maciej Gondek, Dorota Gondek, Thomas Gruber, Grace Hensley, Rachel Hindery, Kathryn Knipp, Kathy Johl, Adele Johnson, Juliette Jimenez, Lisa Kostreski, Justine Kucera, Robert Kucera, Larry Lemanski, Bart Masi, Kathy Mooney, George Moskaliuk, Sandra Moskaliuk, Efrem Munoz, Martha Munoz, James Nasti, Larry Nestor, Ron Nichols, Gregory Olsen, Carolyn Paprocki, Gerard Palattao, Aida Rivera, Sarah Rotolo, Kathy Sassolino, Morgan Schlanger, Joseph Serwa, John Sheahan, Mary Skelly, Michele Soronto, Sue, Brian Swatek, Colleen Schlanger Thomas, Jeffrey Tomek, Judy Virgilio, Lillian Wardzala, Jim Waterloo, Jim Wazorick, Danyll Wolcotte, Nicholas Zych

*recently added

Faithful Departed

Eleanor Masciola, John Pritzen, Andrew G. McCandless, Kathryn Valles

Military

Col. Stephen Acosta, Marines; Staff Sgt. Lawrence G. Campbell, Air Force; Senior Airman Cory McCambridge, Air Force; Lt. Col. Peter Anderson, Army; Sgt. Kenneth G. DiCristifano, Army; Spec Michael Migliorisi, Army; Pvt. John Cerrone, Marines; PFC Paul J. Lagoda, Marines; PFC Sophia M. Garcia, Marines; Lt. Robert Reynolds, Army; Staff Sgt. Alberto Boy, Marines; Staff Sgt. Natalie Borrini, Air Force; Cpl. Brian Macaluso, Marines; Lnc. Cpl. Meghan Jennings, Marines; Lnc. Cpl. Michael Casanave, Marines; Pvt. Nicolas Casanave, Marines; ABEAN Melanie Hodges, Navy; PFC Vincent Negron, Marines; Pvt. Matthew Meyer, Army; Master Sgt. Scott A. Cross, Air Force; Dario Rodriguez, Air Force; Ensign Devon Zych, Coast Guard; Lnc. Cpl. Andrew D. Nordlie, Marines; Luis N. Burciaga, Army; PFC Rudy De La O, Marines; Jose Flores, Jr., Air Force; Carmelo Flores, Air Force; AB Ethen N. Ortiz, Air Force; Lnc. Cpl. Michael Joshua Barajas, Marines; Sgt. Cody Krawczyk, Army; Lnc. Cpl. Jake Kola, Marines; Airman Kaden Turocy, Air Force; A1C Rhian Frnzn Vengua, Air Force; Private Nicholas Drust, Jr., Army; Private Jesse J. Mendoza, Army; Lnc. Cpl. Edward Romano, Jr., Marines; A1C Jose Manuel Lagunas, Jr., Air Force; A1C Jordied Velez-Rosado, Air Force; Pvt. Noah Wardisiani, Army; Capt. Montgomery Smith, Air Force

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HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS?

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on

Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

The mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

Please email gwa@archchicago.org or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for August 2, 2026

Matthew 14:13-21

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: Five loaves and two fish. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JESUS
DESERTED
ON FOOT
VILLAGES
TWO FISH
HEAVEN
TWELVE

WITHDREW
PLACE
TOWNS
BUY FOOD
ORDERED
BROKE
WOMEN

BOAT
CROWDS
SICK
FIVE LOAVES
THE GRASS
ALL ATE
CHILDREN

FIVE AND TWO

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K	V	S	E	G	A	L	L	I	V	I	P
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R	O	J	E	S	L	J	O	H	C	K	A
B	O	R	R	W	A	S	D	W	O	R	C
U	F	N	D	E	T	R	E	S	E	D	E
Y	N	A	D	E	E	W	G	H	J	O	N
F	O	N	A	W	R	E	O	E	V	G	E
O	H	C	O	L	I	E	S	F	H	L	V
O	N	M	L	L	Y	U	D	N	I	T	A
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Secular Franciscan Order

"The Mass has ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord." How do we do that? Since 1959, members of the St. Juliana Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order have sought to follow the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi by "going from Gospel to life and from life to Gospel." If following the Rule of St. Francis might interest you, the SFO fraternity at St. Juliana meets once each month. For more information or just to visit, please contact Bob Mitchell at robertpmitchell1@gmail.com.

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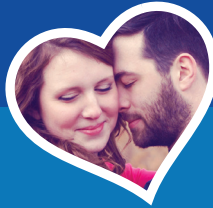
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American, Filipino, Italian, Mexican, Polish, and Vietnamese food

Raffles (Win a 65 inch TV!), music, fun for kids!

CAN YOU HELP?

The parish is seeking donations for our upcoming fundraiser, the Parish Taste, on Saturday, September 12. This has always been a wonderful community-building event, and we hope you will be a part of it in some way.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you give a few hours of your time to helping at the Taste? We'll need people to help set up, to clean up and take down the tables and chairs, and to staff the food booths. Call the parish office to volunteer.

BEVERAGE DONATIONS NEEDED

Please drop beverage donations in the back of the church or at the Pastoral Center. Beverages needed: 12 ounce cans of Coke, Diet Coke, or Sprite and 16–20 ounce bottles of water.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Do you want to donate to the Taste? We will recognize donors of \$100 with signs at the Taste, on the website, on Facebook and Instagram, and in the bulletin. You can choose to help subsidize one of the food booths, entertainment, the drinks, the raffles, or provide other needed supplies or donate where it is needed. Contact our Business Manager, Laurie DePillo, for more information, at 708-453-2555 or email lauriedepillo@stguerinparish.org.

BAKERS NEEDED

We need cookies, bars, and cupcakes for the Sweets Table at the Taste. Please bring your donations to the Pastoral Center on Friday, September 11 by 5 PM or on the day of the Taste by noon. Thank you so much! Questions about desserts? Call Lynn Schmidt for more information at 708-453-2555 or email lschmidt@stguerinparish.org.

GIFT CARDS NEEDED

We are looking for gift cards to be donated for use in the raffle baskets for the Taste. You may drop them off in the collection basket at church or at the parish office.

Parish Staff Spotlight: Lynn Schmidt

If you call or come into the parish office you will probably be greeted by Lynn Schmidt. Lynn is an Administrative Assistant and works at the reception desk. Lynn has worked for the parish for over 20 years. Originally from Maternity BVM, she attended Prosser High School and received her Associates Degree from Wright Community College.

Lynn is known for her kind manner and hospitality, and you can see her working at all the parish events, especially the Craft Fair, Lenten Dinners, Taste, and Golf

Outing. Her favorite part of her job is working with and helping people however she can.

She has been married to Bob for 32 years, and they have two children, Alex and Nick, and a future daughter in law, Kate. She loves her cat Scoobs, the Beatles, cooking, trying to crochet, and having her family help out at parish events.

