

ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH



August 9, 2026

HE CAME TOWARD
THEM WALKING ON
THE SEA.

— MATTHEW 14:26 —

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 8

1 PM Jaelynn–Leia Galindo 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

8 AM Monday, August 10
 +Dominick Michi, 5th Anniversary

8 AM Tuesday, August 11
 +Eric Velazquez, Jr., Birthday
 +Eddie Mizejewski
 +Rafael M. Palacio

8 AM Wednesday, August 12
 For the People of the Parish

8 AM Thursday, August 13
 Faithful Departed

8 AM Friday, August 14
 +Fr. Bernard White
7 PM For the People of the Parish

Saturday, August 15

8 AM For the People of the Parish
3 PM Sharon Duncan and Sagon Zaya Wedding
4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
 +Harold Wiemerslage
 +Craig Bastek
 +Joseph Sweeney
 +Joseph and +Bette Wesol
 +Louis and +Juliana DaPrato and the deceased members of the DaPrato family
 +Renee Quartello Inman
 Rev. Paul Cao, Birthday

Sunday, August 16

7:30 AM +Mary and +James Angelico
9 AM +Joseph Morgan, Sr.
 +Norbert and +Hazel Kosinski
11 AM +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
 +Marie McGuire, Anniversary
 +Richard and +Carol Ritter
 +Frank and +John Kucera
 +Anthony Ozuna
 +Chuck Roy, Sr. Birthday
 Pedro Guzman, Sr., Birthday

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 15

8 AM
 Presider Fr. Ton Nguyen
4:30 PM
 Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
 Servers Isaac M., Diego M., Christian C.
 Lector Betty Blonski
 Euch. Ministers Perlita Domingo, Peggy O'Donnell, Bob Broz, Grisel Lopez, Lois DeFelice, Carol Gutkowski

Sunday, August 16

7:30 AM
 Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
 Altar Server Joseph K., Jazmin G., Yasleen G.
 Lector Tim Orr
 Euch. Ministers Bill Lesch, Maria Mojek, Joanne Koziol, Ken Doyle, Mary Kay Macchione, Mikenna Doyle

9 AM

Presider Fr. Ton Nguyen
 Server TBA
 Lector Lois DeFelice
 Euch. Ministers Mary Graf, Daniel LaCour, John Madden, Michael Wittrock, Lynn Loftus, Maryann Dibari

11 AM

Presider Fr. Ton Nguyen
 Servers Lucas R., Sarah P., Macaria T., Lorenzo T.
 Lectors Josaphat Urytskyy
 Euch. Ministers Debra DeSalvo, Jeanne Chouloute, Mary Princivalli, Paulette Maraviglia, Ray Maraviglia, Doti Geringer

Back-to-School and Backpack Blessings

All students returning to school are invited to receive a blessing at all the masses next weekend, August 15 and 16. Please bring your backpacks to the 11 AM Mass where there will also be a special backpack blessing.



Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, August 9

All Masses College Student Blessings

Tuesday, August 11

7 PM Mother of Perpetual Help
 Devotion in the Chapel

Wednesday, August 12

7 PM Rosary with Lena Roy in the Chapel

Thursday, August 13

4 PM Food Pantry

Friday, August 14

6 PM Confessions
 7 PM Vigil Mass for the Assumption

Saturday, August 15

8 AM Mass for the Assumption
 No Confessions
 4:30 PM Students Blessing

Sunday, August 16

All Masses Students Blessing
 11 AM Backpack Blessing

Wedding Banns

August 15

Sharon Duncan and Sagon Zaya

Bulletin Deadlines

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

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

August 30 is due on Wednesday, August 19 at 9 AM

Bus Drivers and Riders

Would you like to help people attend the 9 AM Mass? Several men have volunteered to drive the parish bus to pick up people who need a ride to the 9 AM Mass on Sunday. If you would like to help drive, please call the parish and let Lynn know about your availability. We would like to get enough drivers that we could expand our ministry to the 4:30 PM Mass too. School families, you can earn service hours this way, too.

Would you like a ride to the 9 AM Mass? Call Lynn at 708-453-2555 by Friday each week and we will pick you up at your house.

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PM two Thursdays a month. Check
Weekly Events or website for dates.

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 Is the Source of Christian Joy?**

With an intense, crystal-clear gaze and a confident expression that seems to say, “I know I am well loved. Give me a sign that you care about me.” Suddenly, everyone nearby becomes fully engaged—making funny faces, using hand signals, or creatively communicating just to earn a smile. You know exactly what I mean, right? It’s the unmistakable presence of a child at Mass.

What’s beautiful isn’t just the child’s curiosity—it’s the quiet confidence behind it. That child expects love. They believe, without hesitation, that they are cherished. They don’t have to earn it. They don’t perform for it. They simply receive it as truth. This is the power of unconditional love—the kind that shapes our identity from the very beginning.

Friends, I think this is the source of Christian joy. It begins with the assurance that God loves us and comes to save us. It grows as we learn to trust Him more each day. During my fifteen days of prayer with St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, I was struck by how deeply he lived from that confidence. He knew he was loved by Christ, and that certainty gave him a joyful freedom that nothing in the world could take away.

As we grow older, however, something often changes. I know—surprising, right? The message of conditional love slowly creeps into our hearts. The enemy, who hates the truth that we are loved so deeply that Christ gave His life for us, begins to whisper: “*You’re not enough. You don’t look good enough on social media. You’re not successful enough, fit enough, or put together enough. Maybe if you get that promotion, buy that house, go viral, or finally figure life out, then you’ll be worthy of love.*” When we listen to those lies long enough, we become trapped in endless striving, trying to prove our worth instead of resting in the love God has already given us.

That is why this Sunday’s Gospel is so powerful. In the middle of a storm, the disciples see Jesus walking toward them on the sea. Terrified, they cry out, “It is a ghost!” Then Peter does something ‘crazy.’ He steps out of the boat and begins walking toward Jesus. Peter’s courage does not come from confidence in himself; it comes from confidence in the Lord. He trusts that Jesus loves him and will not abandon him. Even when Peter begins to sink, Jesus immediately reaches out His hand and saves him. Christian joy is not the absence of storms. It is the confidence that Christ is always coming toward us and will never stop reaching out His hand.

As many students prepare to return to school, perhaps this is the message they—and all of us—need to hear: **You are already loved. You are already saved.** Live with joy, and become a transmitter of Christ’s inexhaustible love to those around you. Perhaps we can also ask ourselves: Who are the people and activities that bring me the deepest joy, and why? For me, besides serving the parish sacramentally and pastorally, camping or hiking with friends brings me great joy because we experience the beauty of God’s creation while strengthening our friendship. When life feels dull or uninspiring, I find joy by spending time in our chapel, going to the café shop or taking a quiet walk with the Lord.

I love being a priest.

JMJ,
Fr. Ton Nguyen

Liturgical Life

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" - Mt 14:28-30

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Elijah finds the Lord not in the wind, earthquake or fire, but in a light, silent sound. When or where do you hear God's voice?

Second Reading:

Paul grieves over the unbelief of his fellow Jews. How can you help family members or friends who do not believe in Jesus?

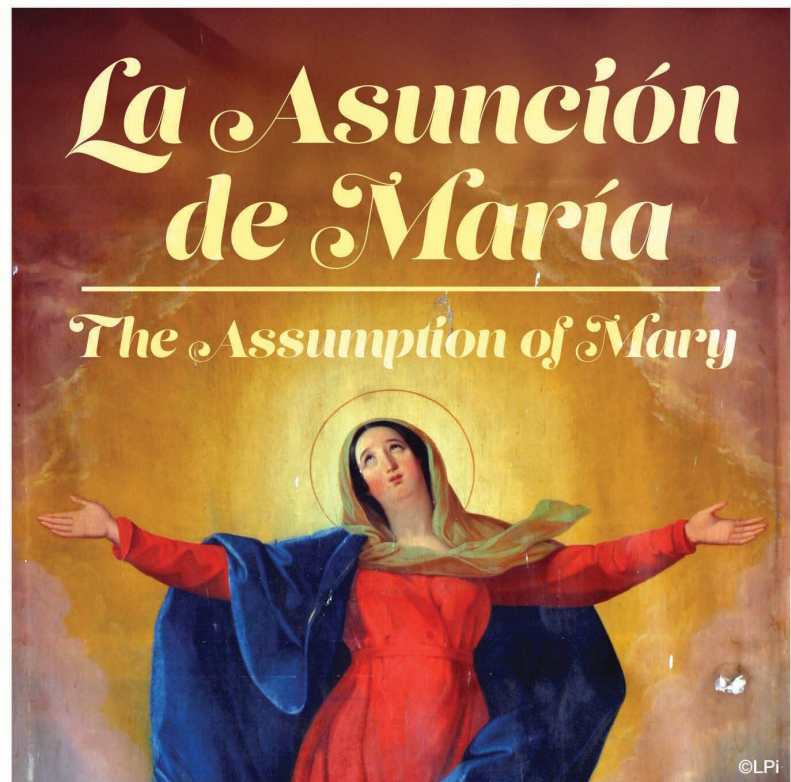
Gospel:

Peter musters the courage to step out onto the water when Jesus calls him. What are some fears the Lord could help you face?



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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Looking for God

What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us?

The first thing the Apostles scream is “Ghost!” when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witnessed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo.

We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid.

“Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck,” reads Psalm 69. “My eyes fail, from looking for my God.”

I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? “Save me, God.” Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? “My eyes fail, from looking for my God.”

It’s never until after the fact — sometimes years after, or decades — that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we call Jesus “the light of the world”?

Answer:

In cultures around the world, light and darkness are chief symbols of good and evil, order and chaos, clarity and confusion, hope and despair. These symbols tap into something essential about the nature of things. God has given us the created world as a gift. His first work, as we see in Genesis 1, is to create *light*, giving meaning and insight to the abyss. It is in the light that the rest of creation comes to be. A gathering darkness emerges in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve hide, shrouding themselves from the sun’s rays and the gaze of God. While God offers a promise of salvation and establishes a covenant with His people, the sense of fog and dim understanding still remains. The Hebrew people repeatedly betray the promises they have made to God, and all around them the nations actively worship idols.

The promise of God is not in vain, however. In John 1, we see a depiction of Christ as primordial goodness, order, clarity, and hope. “*The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world ... this life was the light of the human race*” (John 1: 9, 4). Think of the last sunrise you witnessed (if you could wake up for it!). As you watched the lavender brighten to rose edged with gold, did your heart swell? Did you recall the goodness of the world? Did you feel rekindled hope? Such is the role of Christ in the soul. Such is his coming Incarnate in our world.



*Behold, I am the servant
of the Lord;
let it be done to me
according to your word.*

**Pray the Rosary with
Lena Roy
Wednesday,
August 12 at 7 PM
St. Celestine Chapel
Enter off of 76th Court**

Assumption of Mary

At the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken, body and soul, into heaven.



Friday, August 14: Confessions at 6 PM, Vigil Mass at 7 PM
Saturday, August 15: 8 AM Mass, No Confessions Saturday

There will be a Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption on Friday, August 14 at 7 PM and a Mass for the Assumption at 8 AM on Saturday, August 15. There will be no Confessions on Saturday; they will be offered on Friday at 6 PM.



BAPTISMS

June and July

Enzo Michael Dunlop
Theodore David Kelly
Alex Perez, Jr.
Ella Laura Flanagan
Anthony Michael Flanagan
Joseph Ronald Flanagan

Save the Dates

- Friday, August 14 **Confessions** at 6 PM and **Vigil Mass for the Assumption** at 7 PM
- Saturday, August 15: Feast of the **Annunciation Mass** at 8 AM
- **No Confessions** on Saturday
- Sunday, August 16: **Return to School Blessings** at all Masses, **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*** Book, Bible Study, and Discussion
- Sunday, September 6: **Grandparents Blessings** at all Masses
- Saturday, September 12 4—9 PM **Parish Taste**
- Monday, September 14 6:30 PM in the Chapel **Lectio Divina**
- 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

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.

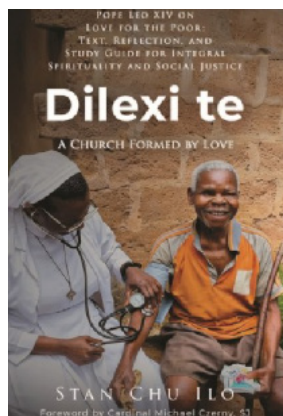
Teen Classes meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 PM beginning on September 22. Adult Classes meet on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 PM beginning on September 24. The Sacraments are celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

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 \$15.

Lectio Divina: Listening to the Voice of Christ

Have you ever wished you could pray more deeply with Sacred Scripture or better recognize God's voice in your daily life?

Join us for Lectio Divina: Listening to the Voice of Christ, a weekly hour of prayer centered on the living Word of God. Through a simple and guided format, we will slowly read Scripture, spend time in silent prayer and reflect together on how the Lord is speaking to each of us through His Word.

No prior Bible study experience is necessary. Whether you are opening the Bible for the first time or have prayed with Scripture for years ... all are welcome to join.

This ministry will be facilitated by Danny Hesslau, parish deacon candidate, who is currently in formation for the diaconate. Together we will learn and grow in one of the Church's oldest and richest traditions of prayer.

When: September 14, 21, 28, and October 5 at 6:30 PM
Where: Chapel
Bring: A Bible, (New American Bible Revised Edition preferred), if you have one.

"Indeed, the word of God is living and effective." Hebrews 4:12

Parish Picnic

Thanks to Men's Club for hosting the parish picnic on Sunday, July 26 at Evans Field in River Grove, and for all the generous organizations and ministries that helped make the day so pleasant. Fr. Ton celebrated an outdoor Mass to start the day off and the kids had a great time with the games.



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 Deehr, 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 Schlander, Joseph Serwa, John Sheahan, Mary Skelly, Michele Soronto, Sue, Brian Swatek, Colleen Schlanger Thomas, Jeffrey Tomek, Judy Virgilio, *Clarence Wagner, Lillian Wardzala, Jim Waterloo, Jim Wazorick, Danyll Wolcotte, Nicholas Zych

*recently added

Faithful Departed

Military

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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

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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 9, 2026

Matthew 14:22-33

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: An unusual walk along the sea. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

BOAT
WENT UP
WAVES
CRIED OUT
AFRAID
WIND
HIS HAND

DISMISSED
BY HIMSELF
TERRIFIED
FEAR
LORD
FRIGHTENED
LITTLE FAITH

CROWDS
PRAY
A GHOST
IT IS I
HE SAID COME
TO SINK
DOUBT

ROUGH SEAS

D	F	D	O	U	B	T	O	S	I	N	K
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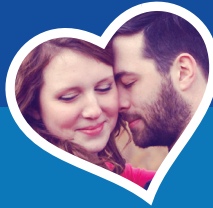
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Food Fest and Entertainment

Saturday, September 12 from 4 to 9 PM

St. Celestine Church 3020 N. 76th Court, Elmwood Park

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: Craig Kamptner, Director of Music

If you attend Mass on the weekend, you have heard Craig Kamptner play the piano and organ so beautifully. Craig has worked for the parish for over 20 years, as a Music Teacher for 28 years at St. Celestine School, and first as the Director of Music for St. Celestine for 12 years, and now St. Mother Theodore Guerin parish for 8 years. Originally from St. John Brebeuf, Craig grew up in Niles, attended Notre Dame High School, and earned his Bachelor's Degree from Concordia University.



Craig runs the Liturgy Committee and makes the decisions for the music for all events at the parish. He is the Choir Director and Music Teacher for the school.

His favorite part of his job is working with people. He loves working and teasing his students.

Craig has been married to Christin for 24 years, and they have two children, Nicholas and Emily. Craig and Christin met when they were both teaching at St. Celestine School. He loves the sun, Florida vacations, looking for alligators on the golf course, watching the Cubs and the Bears and hanging with his family.

