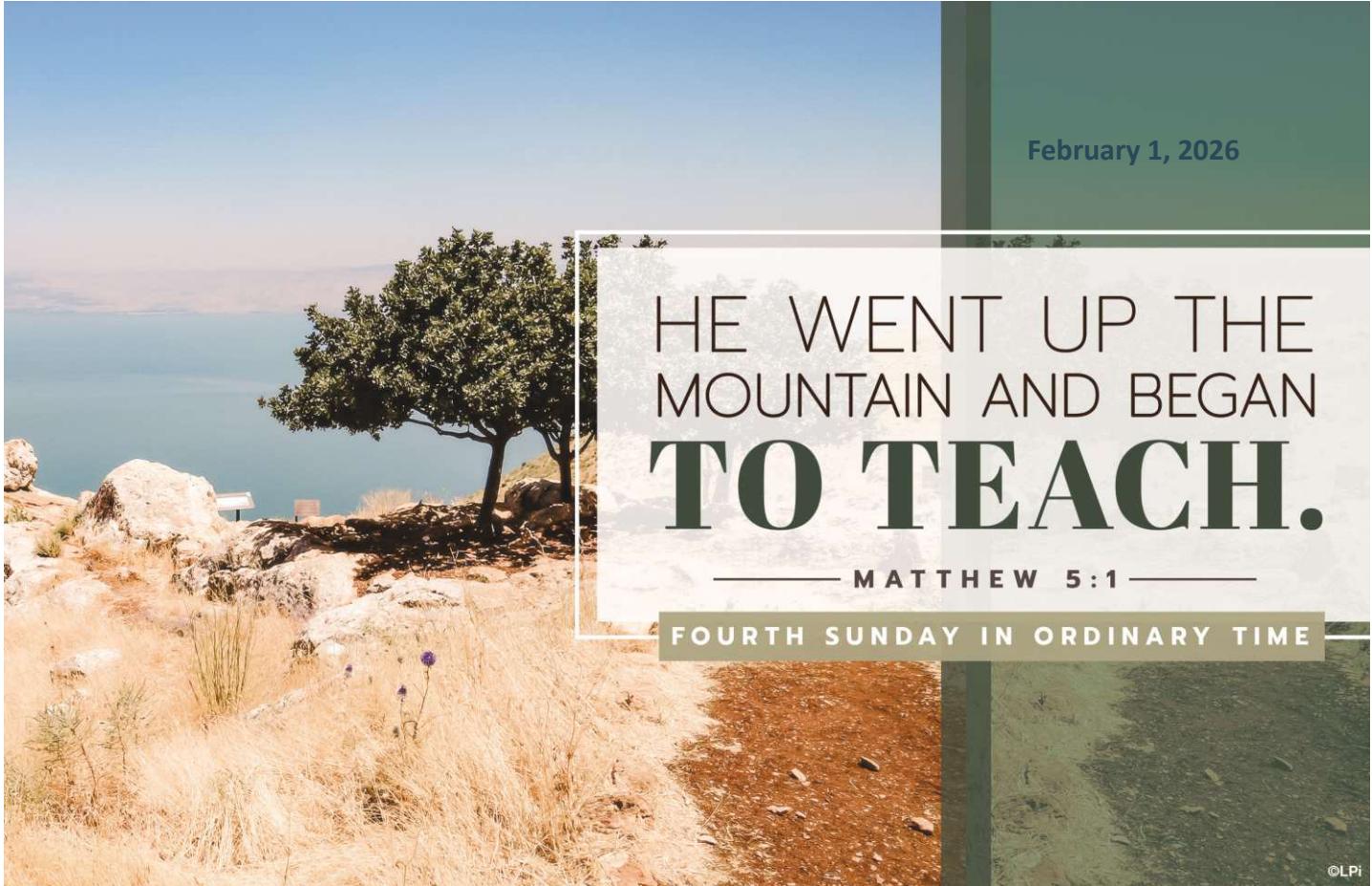




# ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

stguerinparish.org



**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, January 31

#### 4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi  
+Giovanni Saso  
+Giuseppa Zagone  
+Ceal Mueller  
+Marie Brixy, Birthday  
+Felicula Perez

#### 5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Sheila Strabley, 10th Anniversary  
+Dan Miller, Birthday

### Sunday, February 1

#### 7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

#### 9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Richard Saia

#### 11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Frank and +John Kucera  
+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk  
+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo  
Jackie and Elmer Schweitzer, 60th  
Wedding Anniversary

### Monday, February 2

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Janet Viola Nelson

### Tuesday, February 3

#### 8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

Faithful Departed

### Wednesday, February 4

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Cliff Johl, Birthday  
+Daniel Bargi, Birthday  
+Peter Krallitsch, Birthday

### Thursday, February 5

#### 8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

People of the Parish

### Friday, February 6

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Joan Psak

### Saturday, February 7

#### 4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi

#### 5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Cora Dal Cerro  
+Cesar M. Guerrero, Anniversary  
+Kathryn Babiarz

### Sunday, February 8

#### 7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Dorothy Vessini

#### 9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Pietro Fiorentino

#### 11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk  
+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo  
+Cora Dal Cerro, Birthday  
+Attilio Manfredini, Wedding  
Anniversary



### Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Monday, Wednesday, Friday after Mass at St. Celestine  
7:30 AM Tuesday and Thursday before Mass at St. Cyprian  
Second Wednesday of the month 7 PM at St. Celestine



## 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](http://stguerinparish.org).

## Bulletin Deadlines

Please send information to Kim at [khagerty@stguerinparish.org](mailto:khagerty@stguerinparish.org).

**February 15** is due on Wednesday,  
February 4 at 9 AM

**February 22** is due on Wednesday,  
February 11 at 9 AM

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Child Abuse  
1-800-422-4523

National Domestic Violence  
1-800-603-4357

Sexual Assault  
1-888-293-2080

Problem Gambling Hotline  
1-800-522-4700

Poison Control  
1-800-222-1222

Suicide Prevention  
Call or text 988

Elder Abuse  
1-855-800-1409  
[www.AddictionResource.net](http://www.AddictionResource.net)  
1-844-597-0006



## From the Pastor's Desk: Father Paul Cao

### Parish

### Annual Raffle

By this time you should have received your

raffle tickets in the mail. The Annual Raffle is the big fundraiser for our parish and we really count on your support for this raffle. We are asking that each family help in our fundraising efforts by purchasing at least one raffle ticket or the whole packet

if possible. Tickets are \$20 each or 6/\$100. If you cannot buy the whole packet, please consider selling them to your family members, friends, relative, co-workers, and neighbors. I would like to thank those of you who have already purchased the tickets.

We will be drawing the winning tickets on Easter Sunday, April 5, after the 11 AM mass. It is a good chance for you to win the 1st prize of \$5,000, 2nd prize of \$2,000, and 3rd prize of \$1,000. Last year we made close to \$22,000 in profit thanks to your generosity, and I want to thank

those of you who purchased tickets last year. With your continued support, I am sure we will make close to \$25,000 this year! You can drop your tickets and payment to the Pastoral Center or bring them to either church and put them in the collection baskets on Sunday. I would like to thank you for your help in this fundraiser.

May God bless you and your loved ones!

*In prayer,  
Fr. Paul*

## Parishioner Consultation for New Pastor from the Archdiocese of Chicago

Due to Father Paul Cao's decision to seek another assignment in the Archdiocese of Chicago on July 1, 2026, Cardinal Cupich will be appointing a new pastor to St. Mother Theodore Guerin.

The process of selecting that priest involves a great deal of prayer, research, discernment and discussion. One of the important groups in this process is the Priest Placement Board (PPB). This group advises Cardinal Cupich on candidates for pastor based on the talents and skills of the priest-candidates in light of the strengths and challenges of the parishes in the pastor pool. The PPB is composed of nine priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago who serve full-time as pastors or associate pastors, one of the members is retired. The work of the PPB is directed by Fr. Michael Knotek, the Vicar for the Professional and Pastoral Development of Priests who does this work full-time along with the ongoing formation for priests.

Members of the PPB will meet with staff and Finance and Parish Councils at the end of January.

The wisdom from the parishioners is also extremely important in the pastor selection process. To gather that wisdom, a form is available to parishioners to answer the following questions which the staff and lay leadership will also address in their discussions:

- A. What are the strengths of your parish? What is working very well presently?
- B. What are the specific challenges your parish is currently facing?
- C. What current ministries and programs in your parish are vitally important and must continue in order for the parish to remain vibrant and grow?
- D. What programs for parish renewal and evangelization are currently in place at your parish?
- E. What are the specific and unique skills, talents and capabilities needed in your next pastor?

You can fill out the form online this week at <https://forms.office.com/r/zbGdu1tkx5>

or by going to the website, [stguerinparish.org](http://stguerinparish.org), and following the link to the form there. You can also get a mail-in form from the office if you do not want to fill out a form online. All responses are confidential.

The discernment process leads up to a two day meeting in early March of 2026 whereby Cardinal Cupich gathers all of the input from the Parish Consultations and meets with the Vicar General, all the Auxiliary Bishops, the Priests Placement Board members, and other key personnel at the Archdiocese to make his decision about who he will appoint to be the next pastor of St. Mother Theodore Guerin as well as pastors for the other parishes in the pastor pool this year.

Please pray for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to help identify the next pastoral leader of St. Mother Theodore Guerin.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

### Psalm:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Ps 146)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. (1 Cor 1:27)

### Gospel:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt 5:3)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Blessed are the poor, the meek, the persecuted. These are radical words in a world that insists the opposite: blessed are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful. Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have what it takes to be radical?

## Observances for the week of February 1, 2026

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

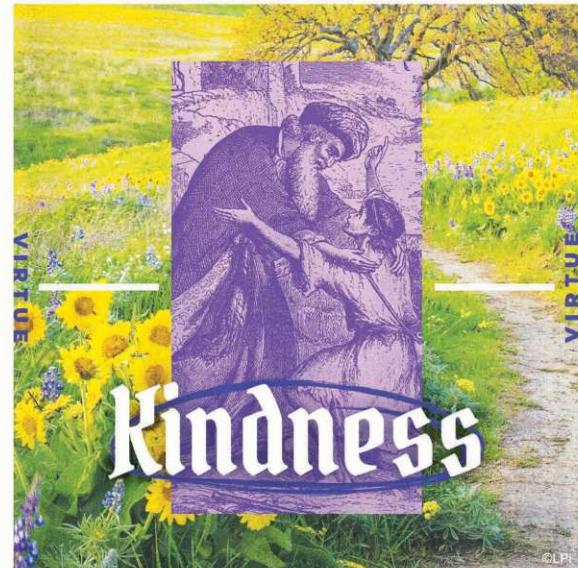
**Monday:** The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

**Tuesday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

**Thursday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

**Friday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day



## Virtues, Explained!

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God, who has adopted us as His own.

## Bless Us, Lord

Jesus,  
You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

### Sunday:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

### Monday:

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### Tuesday:

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

### Wednesday:

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

### Friday:

Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday:

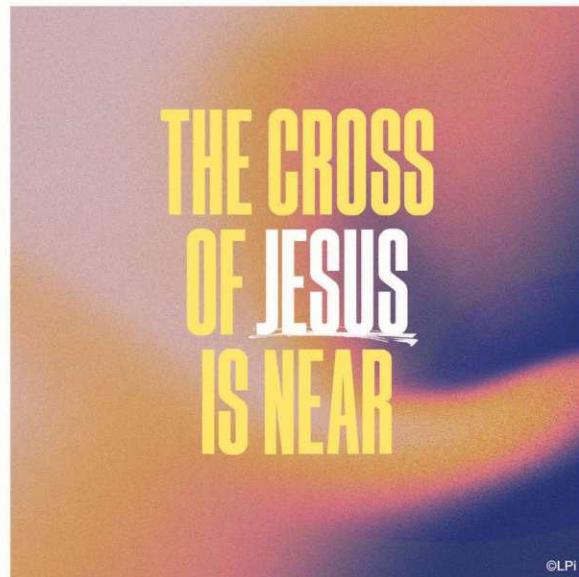
1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

### Next Sunday:

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: **"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad"** (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** How similar we all are in sin. How similar we all are in potential. How different we look to the world. And yet, how wondrous it is that we are all offered the same hope: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven."

### What Stays the Same

Somewhere, there is a monk whose life is very quiet and who devotes long hours to prayer. And somewhere there is a nun, cloistered in a life of contemplation, who speaks very little except to God.

Somewhere, there is a father whose days are filled with noise, who hasn't finished a Rosary in years because he keeps falling asleep. Somewhere there is a mother whose voice is weak with giving direction and offering counsel.

Somewhere, there is a teenage girl with much to say, but few people to listen — fewer, at least, than she would like.

Somewhere there is a woman who holds a positive pregnancy test in one hand and a phone in the other, and somewhere there is a man on the other end of that phone who waits for her to speak.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus utilizes a literary device called anaphora. Both as a reader and a writer, I love anaphora. It's a clean, unfussy way to communicate a point. By repeating the same word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses, you're basically saying the same thing over and over again, just a little bit differently each time. Those small differences tease at your audience's brain, gently highlighting the consistencies.

Discipleship is a lot like anaphora. It's the differences — those little aberrations from person to person, life to life — that so beautifully illustrate what remains the same across the broad spectrum of what it means to live out the Beatitudes.

Me. You. The monk. The nun. The father. The mother. The lonely girl. The man and woman who decided their own future without realizing it. How similar we all are in sin. How similar we all are in potential. How different we look to the world.

And yet, how wondrous it is that we are all offered the same hope: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that?

#### Catholic Life Explained

##### Question:

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

##### Answer:

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.”  
- Mt 5:7-8

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

Zephaniah speaks of a “remnant” of Israel who will live humbly and seek justice. Are there people in your life who live this way?

### Second Reading:

Paul describes members of the Corinthian church as foolish, weak and despised. How would you characterize your faith community?

### Gospel:

Jesus begins his “Sermon on the Mount” with the many ways that people are blessed. What do you consider your biggest blessing?



## Prayer

Dear God, help me love other people the way you want me to.

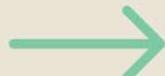
## Mission for the Week

God loves peacemakers. The next time you are tempted to argue with someone, think of ways to get along instead.

## Sharing the Gospel

God sees the loving things you do. When you show kindness to others, especially when they don't deserve it, your kindness will come back to you. When you see others fighting, and you help them get along, you show that you are God's child. When you are gentle, not bossy, you make God smile. Even when it is hard, keep on doing what's right. One day in heaven God will reward you for the good choices you make.

Now color  
the picture!



Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

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## Holy Hour February 6

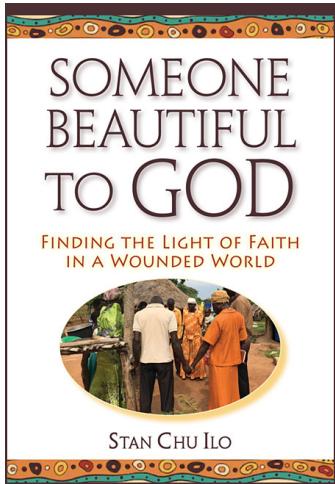
A Holy Hour will take place at St. Celestine Church on Friday, February 6 at 3 PM.

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.

Please join us for this opportunity to pray in the presence of the Lord.



## Fr. Stan Ilo Book Discussion Starts February 4



Some parishioners are interested in reading Fr. Stan Ilo's book, *Someone Beautiful to God: Finding the Light of Faith in a Wounded World* and then inviting Fr. Stan to the final session to discuss the book with us. We will meet on Wednesdays, February 4, 11, and 25 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room at St. Celestine. If you are interested, please email Kim at khagerty@stguerinparish.org or call 708-453-2555 to get your book for class. We will discuss the intro and first chapter January 28.

Taking personal reflection as his starting point, Fr. Stan writes as an

African Catholic priest who has lived and ministered to God's people in Africa, Europe, and North America. "Everywhere I go," he says, "I see the beauty and purpose that give people so much joy and hope when they embrace transformational faith." In addition to having grown up in a typical African village, his theological and biblical studies and pastoral experience and social ministries on three continents have contributed to a treasure-trove of stories about people with robust and expectant faith doing extraordinary things for God.

Fr. Stan invites us to consider three central spiritual insights: Who are you? Where are you headed in life? And how can you find healing from pain and wounds? He offers a Christian vision for looking at the gift and value of life as well as resources, daily spiritual practices, for living a life of beauty and purpose.

We are so blessed to have Fr. Stan as a resident priest here between his many jobs! He is an author, a Professor at DePaul University, and will be teaching in Rome during Lent.

## Parishioner Town Hall Meeting Saturday, February 7 at 10 AM at St. Cyprian Church



Seven years ago, St. Cyprian and St. Celestine were combined into a new parish, St. Mother Theodore Guerin, with one school, St. Celestine, and two churches, St. Cyprian and St. Celestine, as part of the Renew My Church process. The Archdiocese requires us to review the process every five years, and that is going on now. St. Celestine School, with 390 students, is self-supporting and is not part of this review.

In mid-August, Fr. Paul Cao invited parishioners from both sites to meet with a team from the Archdiocese who have guided us in the process of reviewing the state of the parish.

As part of the process, the team has been looking at the history of our parish combination, our ministries, our finances, and has toured all the buildings on both campuses to see how the facilities are used and what repairs need to be made.

We would like to invite all parishioners to a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, February 7 at 10 AM in St. Cyprian Church, where our recommendations will be presented to the parish. After that, Fr. Paul, with the aid of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, will make a decision to present to our Vicar, Bishop José María García-Maldonado and the Archdiocese as to plans for the future of our parish.

# PARISH MISSION

with Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA

## “OUR RESTLESS JOURNEY”

Monday February 23  
Tuesday, February 24

### Fr. Tom is

- ✓ Prior-Provincial Elect of the Augustinians
- ✓ South-sider graduate of St. Rita
- ✓ Teacher, retreat director, preacher
- ✓ Well-known for his talks and retreats
- ✓ Preaches the love and mercy of Jesus

7 PM at St. Celestine Church

3020 N. 76<sup>th</sup> Ct., Elmwood Park, Illinois



St. Augustine said: "You have made us for Yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." We are on a constant "restless" journey towards God, united in mind and in heart. Am I fighting or embracing the journey?



# Disciple Maker Index Survey

St. Mother Theodore Guerin parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

You may remember taking this survey three years ago, and the Archdiocese is asking us to take it again. We should be able to see if there have been changes in the parish since we first took it. This process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in. The DMI is a survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Mother Guerin. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:



- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10–15–minute survey can be accessed through an online link and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

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Safe Environment Office | Office for the Protection of Children & Youth

## Creating Safe Environments for Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults



The Archdiocese of Chicago is committed to creating and maintaining safe environments for children, young people and vulnerable adults in our parishes, schools and community. All clergy, adult employees and volunteers must comply with archdiocesan protocols for the protection of children and vulnerable adults, including:

- Background checks for all clergy, employees and volunteers
- Safe Environment training for adults and youth
- Code of conduct (Archdiocesan Standards of Behavior) that is read and signed annually
- Illinois DCFS Child Abuse & Neglect Tracking System (CANTS) background checks
- Illinois DCFS Mandated Reporter Training
- Ongoing education

Safe Environment requirements are completed through [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org). All clergy, adult employees and volunteers working and/or ministering in parishes, schools and agencies must have Virtus accounts.

## CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING

To report child abuse and/or neglect in Illinois:

**Illinois Department of Children and Family Services**

**Child Abuse Hotline:**

**1-800-25-ABUSE**

To report suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation and self-neglect of an adult age 60 or older or a person with disabilities age 18-59:

**24-hour Adult Protective Services Hotline:**

**1-866-800-1409**

To report child sexual abuse in the Archdiocese of Chicago:

**Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review:**

**1-312-534-5205**

Contact Your Parish or School Safe Environment Administrator

**Andrea Mayer**

708-453-2555

[amayer@stguerinparish.org](mailto:amayer@stguerinparish.org)



## From our friends at St. Giles:

**Surviving Divorce:** Meeting twice monthly on Thursdays at 7:30 PM at Saint Giles Parish (Dore Center, 1025 Columbian Ave, Oak Park). *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. New participants welcome anytime and registration is appreciated. Chris Malagoli, [cvmalagoli@yahoo.com](mailto:cvmalagoli@yahoo.com), 708-912-4378 or Tobin Counts, [atlantacounts@att.net](mailto:atlantacounts@att.net), 678-571-5220. Visit our website for more information: <https://catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/surviving-divorce>



## 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	Justine Kucera	Warren Sarbacker
Michael Binder	Robert Kucera	Kathy Sassolino
Jacqueline Boshell	Larry Lemanski	Morgan Schlanger
Julie Boyce	Bart Masi	Joseph Serwa
Edward Bray	Kathy Mooney	John Sheahan
Sue Brink	George Moskaliuk	Mary Skelly
Elene Dimperio	Sandra Moskaliuk	Julie Spaargaren
Cathy Downing King	Efrem Munoz	Heidi Stringham
Eleanor	Martha Munoz	Sue
Tom Ferguson	James Nasti	Brian Swatek
Patsy Galecki	Larry Nestor	Colleen Schlanger Thomas
Tammy Garcia	Ron Nichols	Donna Toriani
Maciej Gondek	Sr. Louise Noesen	Judy Virgilio
Dorota Gondek	Brendan O'Brien	Robert Virnich
Peter Gonzalez	Sherry Olsen	Lillian Wardzala
Cynthia Guillen	Carolyn Paprocki	Jim Waterloo
Lorry Hartnett	Betty Quartello	Jim Wazorick
Grace Hensley	Sr. Rita Mae	Sue Weber
Karl Humowiecki	Rabitoy	Joshua Wilmes
Renee Iman	Aida Rivera	Danyll Wolcotte
Adele Johnson	Austin Rose	Tamycka Ortega Zapata
Lisa Kostrzeski	Sarah Rotolo	Nicholas Zych

\*recently added

### Faithful Departed

Karolina Sandoval

### 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

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

### Gospel for February 1, 2026

Matthew 5:1-12a

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: Teaching on the mountain. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

MOUNTAIN	DISCIPLES	BLESSED
HEAVEN	MOURN	COMFORTED
MEEK	HUNGER	THIRST
MERCIFUL	SEE GOD	PEACEMAKERS
CHILDREN	OF GOD	PERSECUTED
UTTER	EVIL	REJOICE
BE GLAD	REWARD	GREAT

### EIGHT POINTS

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

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## Parish Weekly Events

### Monday, February 2

6 PM ST CEL Lion, Tiger, Wolf Meetings in the Lower Meeting Room

### Tuesday, February 3

7 PM ST CEL Parents Club in the Annex

7 PM ST CYP Teen OCIA in the Rectory

### Wednesday, February 4

6 PM ST CEL Troop Committee in the Lower Meeting Room

6:30 PM ST CEL Book Discussion in the Fireside Room

### Thursday, February 5

4:30 PM ST CEL Troop 47943 in the Annex

6 PM ST CYP OCIA in the Rectory

### Friday, February 6

3 PM ST CEL Holy Hour in the Chapel

### Saturday, February 7

10 AM ST CYP Town Hall Meeting in the Church

## Save the Dates!

- Saturday, February 7 at St. Cyprian Church at 10 AM: **Parish Town Hall Meeting**
- Wednesday, February 18: **Ash Wednesday**
- Monday, February 23 and Tuesday, February 24: 7 PM at St. Celestine Church, **Parish Mission with Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA**
- Friday February 27 5—7 PM at St. Celestine: **Fish Fry**
- Friday, March 13 5—7 PM at St. Celestine: **Fish Fry**
- Friday, March 27 5—7 PM at St. Celestine: **Pasta Dinner**
- Sunday, April 5: **Easter Sunday**
- Monday, June 8: **Golf Outing at White Pines**
- June 7—12: **Totus Tuus**

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### Saturday, February 7

#### 4 PM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers

Isaac M.  
Diego M.  
Beverly Parylak  
John P. Madden  
Ruben Monterroso

#### 5 PM St. Celestine

Altar Server

Lector  
Eucharistic Ministers

Robert O.  
Joanne Bieschke  
Perlita Domingo  
Mike Miller  
Patricia Rinella  
Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.  
Carol Gutkowski  
Peggy O'Donnell  
Mary Joost

### Sunday, February 8

#### 7:30 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers

Jazmin G.  
Yasleen G.  
Amelia H.  
Joseph K.  
Danny Hesslau  
Minnie Reillo  
Bill Lesch  
Florence Smith  
Michelle Doyle  
Ken Doyle  
Mary Kay Macchione

#### 9 AM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers

David D.  
Marco D.  
Matthew D.

Lector  
Eucharistic Minister

Karen Moretti  
Tony Cannizzaro

#### 11 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers

Macaria T.  
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Brad Wdowiak  
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**St. Cyprian Church** 2601 North Clinton Street, River Grove, Illinois 60171 [stguerinparish.org](http://stguerinparish.org)

**Office Hours:** Monday—Thursday, 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30—8 PM; Friday 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30—5 PM  
Saturday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM; Sunday closed



**Holy Hour:** First Friday of each month at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church.

**Baptisms:** To schedule, contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski at [rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org](mailto: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.

**Rosary:** Second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the chapel at St. Celestine, after the 8 AM Mass Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at St. Celestine, at 7:30 AM before the 8 AM Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Cyprian.

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