



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian
stguerinparish.org



FEBRUARY 25, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

And he was transfigured
before them, and his clothes
became dazzling white,
such as no fuller on earth
could bleach them.
- Mk 9:2-3

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ST. CELESTINE CHURCH and Parish Office

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

MASSSES
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

MASSSES
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 5 PM, Saturday: 8:30 AM—12:30 PM; Closed Sunday.

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, February 24

4 PM St. Cyprian

+People of the Parish

5 PM St. Celestine

+Anne McCarthy

SUNDAY, February 25

7:30 AM St. Celestine

+Domenica and +Rocky Turzitti

+Celia Samp

9 AM St. Cyprian

+Joseph and +Stella Halinski

+Vincenzo Giustino

11 AM St. Celestine

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk

+Frank Pudlo

+Karen Perri

+Genevieve Kenning

Deceased Members of the

Braglia Family

+Frank McGuire, Birthday

Members of the Carlstrom and

Yagunic Families

+Adelina and +Arnulfo Salinas

+Jacquelyn Gibbons

MONDAY, February 26

8 AM St. Celestine

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, February 27

8 AM St. Cyprian

Faithful Departed

WEDNESDAY, February 28

8 AM St. Celestine

+Fr. Bernard White

THURSDAY, February 29

8 AM St. Cyprian

Faithful Departed

FRIDAY, March 1

8 AM St. Celestine

+Joan Psak

SATURDAY, March 2

4 PM St. Cyprian

+Sgt. Francis Wiemerslage

5 PM St. Celestine

+Helena Gazda, Birthday

Gertrude and Davis Slowik, 50th

Wedding Anniversary

+Vincent Masi

+Gloria Bluj

+Albert Maggio

SUNDAY, March 3

7:30 AM St. Celestine

People of the Parish

9 AM St. Cyprian

+Maria Ocasio Neighbors

11 AM St. Celestine

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk

+Frank Pudlo

+Stanley Kubacki, 15th

Anniversary

+Maria Muralles,

Anniversary

+Jose Soto, Birthday



St. Mother Theodore Guerin

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.

Bulletin Deadlines

Please send in Word or as an editable PDF to Kim at khagerty@stguerinparish.org.

March 10 is due on Wednesday, February 28 at 9 AM

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

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



Children preparing to receive their First Communion in May are blessed at the Family Mass at St. Celestine on February 11.

From the Pastor's Desk: Father Paul Cao



Annual raffle ticket I am sure you have already received your raffle tickets in the mail by this time. This 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. If you cannot buy the whole packet, please consider selling them to your family members, friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors. I would like to thank those of you who have already purchased the tickets. Please help us at this time if you haven't purchased your tickets yet. We will be drawing the winning tickets on Easter Sunday, March 31 after the 11 AM Mass. It is a good opportunity for you to win the 1st Prize of \$5000, 2nd Prize of \$2000, or three 3rd Prizes of \$1000. We give away a total of \$10,000. Last year we made almost \$20,000 in profit. With your continued support, I am sure we will make hopefully close to \$30,000. You can bring your tickets in with your payment to the Pastoral Center or bring them to the churches and put them in the collection baskets on Sunday. I would like to thank you for your help in this fundraiser.

Hearing Loop A hearing loop has just been installed in the four middle sections in St. Celestine Church. The hearing loop is designed to help those wearing hearing aids. How does it work? First of all, it helps clear sound from microphones feeds into the hearing loop amplifier.

Secondly, the loop amplifier drives a current through hidden wires, creating an electromagnetic signal. Thirdly, the t-coil in a hearing aid, cochlear implant, loopbuds, or loop receiver, picks up the signal and converts it back to very clear audio with no background noise or reverberation. If you are wearing a hearing aid, all you do is switch the hearing aid to T-coil. You can call the company Thunder Hearing & Sound at 855-566-7488 or go to their website thunderhearing.com if you need more information. The instruction card is also available in the St. Celestine vestibule. We also have portable headsets available for you to use. Please see Linda our sacristan if you need one.

I would like to thank the Maibusch Family who very generously donated the hearing loop system to St. Celestine Church. Therese Maibusch, has been in our parish at St. Celestine for over 55 years (and in St. Mother Guerin for almost 6) and her husband, Deacon Fred Maibusch, was the first deacon here at St. Celestine. The family would like to donate the hearing loop system in memory of Deacon Fred Maibusch. May he rest in peace! Therese has already used it with her hearing aid and she is very happy with this since she couldn't hear it very well before. She and her family hope that this hearing loop will help those with hearing aids.

Parish mission Please mark your calendar to come for the Lenten Parish Mission on Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5 at St. Cyprian. I am very

grateful that Fr. Dominic Clemente, pastor of St. Edward parish is willing to do it for us. The topic that Fr. Dominic chose for the Lenten Mission is "Become Who You Receive" to help us understand and appreciate the Eucharist in response to the United States of Catholic Conference of Bishops in the "Year of the Eucharist." Fr. Dominic grew up in Elmwood Park. We know him very well. He went to St. Celestine school and was very involved in the youth group. I knew him very well since he came to St. Joseph College Seminary. He is a great speaker and a very dedicated priest. I am sure you will enjoy his two-day mission with us. Please come on these two days so we can deepen our life with the Lord especially in the Eucharist.

Please take the book of Bishop Barron: *This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival* from the back of the church. This is a good book to reflect on during this Lenten season. This book is a little bit hard to understand because it goes deeply into the theological background about the Eucharist. We will have the book discussion to help you understand the book. Thanks to Lois DeFelice who is willing to lead the book discussion. Please check p. 11 of this bulletin for the times and dates.

May God bless you and your loved ones and may the Lenten season help us to be closer to the Lord!

*In prayer,
Fr. Paul*

On Being Old, But Maybe Not

Turning forty didn't bother me. Turning *sixty* didn't bother me. But turning *seventy*? That bothered me. As I told my wife and a few others, there's no getting around it: I'm old. A friend sent me a text with good wishes on my big day. When I asked her how I could possibly be seventy, she said, "I have no idea how that's possible, but I'm sure seventy is the new forty." I thanked her for the thought.

Still, I cling to an adage I read in a running book years ago: we don't quit running when we get old; we get old when we quit running. As such, I'm still out there putting down miles. I'm not as fast as I used to be, but that's OK. As I told my children when they were small—and my student-athletes when I coached grade school track—just stay in the game. No matter what you do in life, just stay in

the game.

And besides, maybe seventy's not that old. I know folks much older than me who are way more active. And since we're talking old, what about Abraham! Today's first reading is the disturbing story of God asking Abraham to sacrifice his son. But a verse earlier, we learn that Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. And later we learn that Abraham died at 175. He's no Methuselah, but he's something.

I've heard it said that we can fend off the aging process by learning new things. Perhaps this weekly column qualifies, for even though I've been writing it for decades, I'm always learning something new. Like that Genesis reading. I said it's disturbing. Actually, it's horrifying—the notion that God would ask Abraham to kill

his son, and that Abraham is all set to do it until God stops him at the final second. Now, I get that this account isn't about killing our children. It's about our relationship with God. The late Fr. Roger Karban goes deeper, though, writing that the passage comes from "an oral tradition written down

in the northern half of the Holy Land in the middle of the 8th century BC." The passage's author was troubled by the pagan practice of sacrificing children to pagan fertility gods. Karban writes that pagans even taunted the Israelites, saying that this proved the pagans were more dedicated to their gods than the Israelites were to Yahweh. In response, the author of today's passage writes a story to show that Israelites obey Yahweh, no matter what. But with God calling the whole thing off, the author is telling Israel that Yahweh is more humane than the pagan deities who demand human sacrifice. Ultimately, he is telling Israel that Yahweh is a God of life.

And later, Karban has this to say about Mark's Transfiguration story in today's Gospel: "Not only is Jesus transfigured, Mark presumes everyone who imitates Jesus's dying and rising is also transfigured. It's possible the evangelist actually began his transfiguration narrative by first reflecting on what happened to him once he dedicated himself to following Jesus...If he's been transfigured in the imitation process, then Jesus also must have been transfigured when he began the process. The link can't be broken. What happens to Jesus happens to us, and vice versa." You know, I've never really looked at either of these readings in this way. And I only just turned seventy. Wow!

Think how much more I'll know when I'm old...

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I know now how devoted you are to God,
since you did not withhold from me your own
beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

Second Reading:

He who did not spare his own Son
but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else along
with him? (Rom 8:32)

Gospel:

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;
from the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.

Observances for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek,
Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and is the first millennial to be beatified. Despite dying of leukemia at age 15, he developed a website that showcases Eucharistic Miracles around the world, demonstrating that holiness knows no age.

Prayer of Trust

Dear Lord,
Your ways confuse me sometimes. Often, I don't fully understand what You are doing. But I believe that You are working in a way that will one day make sense. Until then, keep me close to You, trusting blindly in the ways You lead me. Amen.

Readings for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,
16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday:

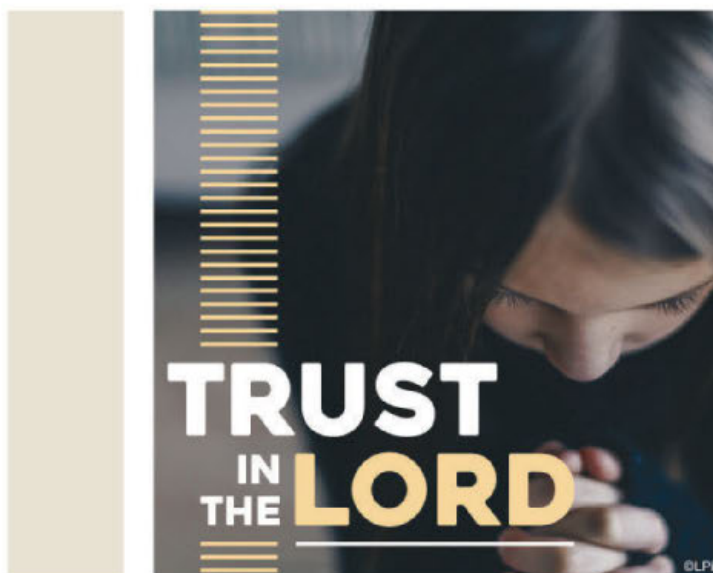
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday:

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9,
10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-
26, 39a, 40-42



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: **"Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."** Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

On the Mountain

Why climb a mountain? "Because it's there," George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain, he restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all his mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain and truth. We struggle and we become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if, perhaps, it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: "Why climb a mountain?"

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory's life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it's all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let's climb it.

"God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am!' he replied." — Genesis 22:1

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

Answer:

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays at 7 PM

March 1 at St. Cyprian

March 8 at St. Celestine

March 15 at St. Cyprian

March 22 at St. Celestine

MISSION Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5 at 7 PM at St. Cyprian with Fr. Dominic Clemente

Confession for those who speak Polish (Polish-speaking priest will be there) Saturday, March 23 3:30—5 PM at St. Celestine

HOLY WEEK

LABYRINTH in the Gym and Annex; Palm Sunday: Noon—5 PM, March 25—28: 5—9 PM, Good Friday, 9 AM—9 PM

Monday, March 25 7 PM Parish Reconciliation Service at St. Celestine

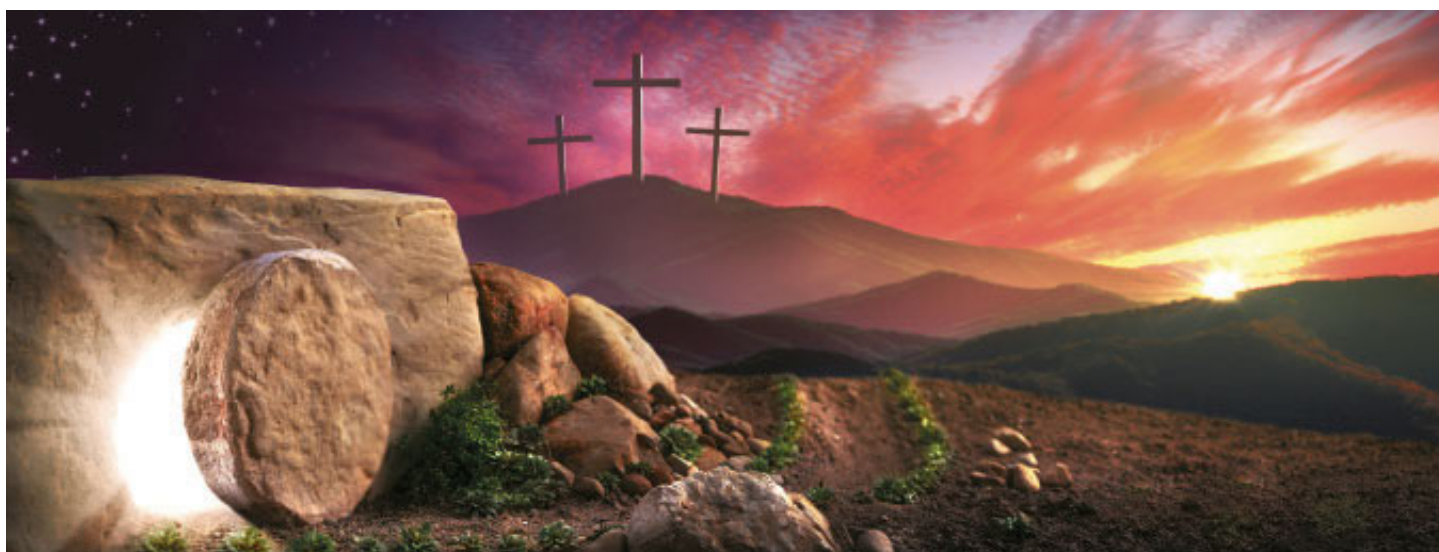
Wednesday, March 27 7 PM Taizé Prayer at St. Cyprian

Holy Thursday, March 28 8 AM Morning Prayer at St. Cyprian
7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Celestine followed by Church Visits

Good Friday, March 29
8 AM Morning Prayer at St. Celestine
3 PM Service at St. Cyprian
7 PM Shadow Stations at St. Celestine

Holy Saturday, March 30
8 AM Morning Prayer at St. Celestine
11 AM Easter Basket Blessing at St. Cyprian
Noon Easter Basket Blessing at St. Celestine
7:30 PM Easter Vigil at St. Celestine

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31 Masses
7:30 and 11 AM at St. Celestine
9 AM and 11:30 AM at St. Cyprian

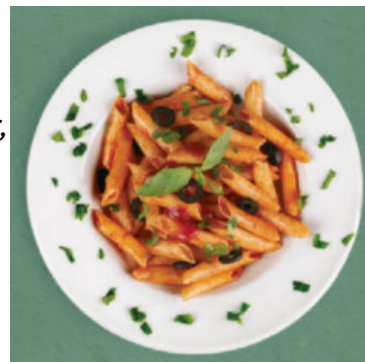


Lenten Pasta Dinners and Volunteers

Join us for Lenten Pasta Dinners from 5 to 7:30 PM in the Annex and Gym at St. Celestine on Fridays: March 8 and March 22.



Dinner includes your choice of one of two pastas, a specialty pasta from a featured restaurant or the house pasta, bread and butter, salad bar, and coffee. Assorted cold drinks will be available for purchase. To go containers will also be available.



Adults: \$10 Students: \$5
Children Preschool and under: Free bowl of in-house pasta

DONATIONS APPRECIATED: We will need baked goods for desserts for the Pasta Dinners. Please drop them off at the Pastoral Center the day before the dinner! We also need: Beverages: 12 oz. cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Diet Sprite and 16–20 oz. bottled waters, and dry goods for salad. Thank you so much!

VOLUNTEERS: The Lenten Pasta Dinners need volunteers to help welcome people, serve the pasta, set up, and clean up. Call the Pastoral Center at 708–453–2555 to sign up.

Holy Hour March 1



A Holy Hour will take place at St. Celestine Church on Friday, March 1 at 3 PM. Please join us to pray the Divine Mercy prayers and in Adoration.



St. Celestine School children watch Fr. Paul as he leads prayers as last year's blessed palms are burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday, March 1 at 7 PM at St. Cyprian. Each Friday in Lent we will be praying the Stations; it will alternate at each church.

There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on Jesus's journey to Calvary. The object of the Stations is to help us to make in spirit, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death, and this has become one of the most popular of Catholic devotions. It is carried out by passing from Station to Station, with certain prayers at each and meditation on the various incidents.

PLEASE JOIN ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL PARENTS CLUB FOR...



**Saturday
March 2nd**

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

**Elmcrest Banquets
7370 Grand Ave
Elmwood Park, IL 60707**

It's a night out for St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish!

Guests 21 years and older will enjoy an **OPEN BAR** and **DINNER**, including appetizers, soup, salad, main course, and a sweets table!

ENTERTAINMENT includes music, classic game show fun, dancing, raffle baskets, split the deck, silent auction, and so much more!

Come as you are OR dress as your favorite game show host or contestant!

TICKETS \$70 PER PERSON

Early Bird Specials before February 15th:
Tickets \$65 per person OR Table of 10 for \$600!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ # of Guest Tickets: _____

Cash or Checks payable to
St. Celestine Parents' Club

Total \$: _____

Teacher Tickets!

Helps us invite the SCS
Faculty & Staff to attend!

Many of our SCS faculty
& staff have donated to
our silent auction, and we
would like to say Thank
You by inviting them to
Game Show Night!

Round up your ticket by
\$10, \$20 or more to
contribute to the
SCS Faculty & Staff
ticket pool!

Newly Baptized

We welcome our newly-baptized! Here is a list of those baptized in our parish in January.

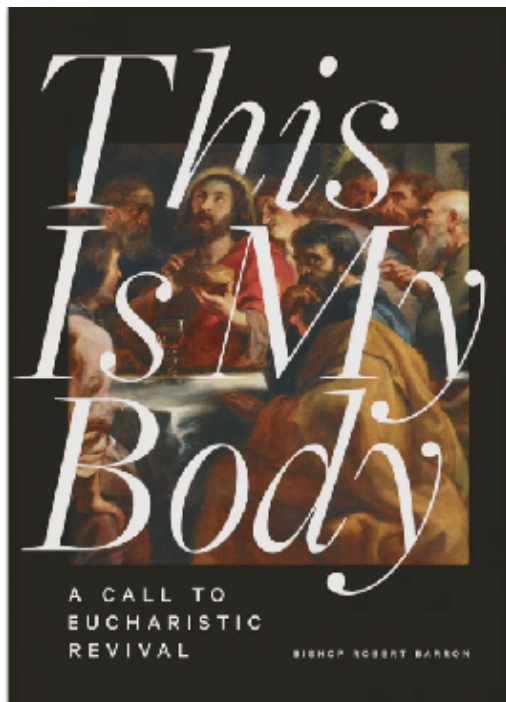
- Daniella Mila Pellegrino
- Gabriel Isaac Rodriguez
- Jacob Angel Santana

The following have received a
blessed PRAYER BLANKET:

Michael, Eileen, Nancy, Maria,
Parvis, Linda, Debbie, Kathryn,
Dorothy, Gerri, Anita, Gina, Letty,
Mary, John, Sabrina, Frank,
Anthony, Benjamin, Gerry, Dee,
Jackie, Katie, Elene, Catherine,
Carol, Gary, John, Thor, Marlene,
Dwight, Gene, Nancy, Mitch, Julie,
Eric, Magdalena, Caleb, Michael,
Carrie, Adrienne, Margaret, Sally,
Ash, Joanne, Carl, Tammi, John,
Pam, Ann, Linda, Patricia, Dennis,
Lolita, Martin, Soco, Lois, Herbie,
Dominick, Iris, and Steph.

We pray for them and for all
of the sick.

This is My Body Book Discussion



During Advent we were invited to read Bishop Barron's book *This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival*. For Lent we would like to invite you to a weekly book discussion led by Lois DeFelice in which we will look more deeply at the Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood through this book.

This group will meet on Thursdays either after 8 AM Mass at St. Cyprian or at 6:30 PM at St. Celestine in the Fireside Room. Discussions will take place February 29, March 7, 14, and 21.

Books will be available for you with a suggested donation of \$2.00.

For Week 2 February 29, please read pages 26–51 and think about these questions:

How does the Sacred Liturgy, the Mass, restore unity?

What is the importance of sacrifice in restoring communion?

Join us whether or not you have read the section; we hope to have a lively discussion!

Parish Mission March 4–5: Become Who You Receive

Join us on Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5 for the Parish Lenten Mission at St. Cyprian Church at 7 PM. This year the speaker will be Fr. Dominic Clemente.



Fr. Dom is currently serving as Pastor of St. Edward Parish. He was born and raised on the Northwest Side, Baptized at St. William Parish, attended St. Celestine Parish and School, St. Patrick High School, and Triton College before entering St. Joseph College Seminary that was at Loyola University in Chicago.

Even though Fr. Dom's high school dream was to be a Broadway Producer he always felt God calling him to priesthood since he was in seventh grade. While he didn't always want to answer the call, it was something that stuck with him while growing up. He attributes his call to the witness of good priests in his home parish who made the priesthood look exciting and attractive. After Fr. Dom began college he started thinking and praying about priesthood more and more and eventually decided to enter the college seminary, St. Joseph. With a B.A. in Philosophy, Fr. Dom moved on to the University of St. Mary of the Lake/ Mundelein Seminary in August 2012, where he studied for his Masters in Divinity (M.Div.). He was ordained in 2016.

It's a joy for Fr. Dom to return to the neighborhood and preach this mission on the Eucharist. You can always follow Fr. Dom on social media @frdominicclemente and his website, frdominic.com.

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.

Angelina Alongi	Amelia Miglio
Therese Anello	James Nasti
Grace Baldessara	Larry Nestor
Paula Biegalski	Ron Nichols*
Alexandra Bradish	Sister Louise Noesen
Edward Bray	Mary Guidi O'Malley
Ray Brownlee	Brendan O'Brien
James Burger	Carolyn Paprocki
Iris Cardona	Robert Paprocki
Genaro Colin	Manny Perez
Betty Corbett	Adrienne Pudlo
Mary Daly	Sister Rita Mae Rabitoy
Mary Davister	Marilyn Robertson
Elene Dimperio	Richard Robertson
Eleanor	Austin Rose
Jim Eller	Rock Sarbacker
Ricardo Encarnado	Warren Sarbacker
Patsy Galecki	Kathy Sassolino
Tammy Garcia	Kelly Schlanger
Baby Brendan Haro	Morgan Schlanger
Grace Hensley	Joseph Serwa
Kathy Johl	Heidi Stringham
Adele Johnson	Judy Virgilio
Greg Komendanchik	Lillian Wardzala
Justine Kucera*	Jim Wazorick
Larry Lemanski	Sue Weber
Karen Lins	Joshua Wilmes
Carol Sheahan Marrero	
Emily Matos	*recently added
Angela McClain	

Faithful Departed

Mitchell Fry	Tracy Hermann
Thomas Mayer	Anthony Camarda
Pasqual Milano	James Flosi

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 Negrón	Marines
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Gospel for February 25, 2024

Mark 9:2-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Second Sunday of Lent, Cycle B: The change on the mountaintop. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PETER	JOHN	LED THEM UP
HIGH	MOUNTAIN	BEFORE THEM
CLOTHES	WHITE	BLEACH
ELIJAH	MOSES	RABBI
IT IS GOOD	LET US	THREE
A CLOUD	VOICE	LISTEN TO
SON OF MAN	RISEN	THE DEAD

IT IS GOOD

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

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Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, February 25

12 PM ST CEL Troop 41395 in the Lower Meeting Room
Troop 42724 in the Annex
Troop 40202 in the Lunchroom

Monday, February 26

4 PM ST CEL Athletics in the Gym
6 PM ST CEL Troop 47130 in the Annex
7 PM ST CYP Parish Mission in the Church

Tuesday, February 27

4 PM ST CEL Athletics in the Gym
7 PM ST CYP Parish Mission in the Church
Teen OCIA in the Rectory

Wednesday, February 28

4 PM ST CEL Athletics in the Gym
7 PM ST CEL Boy Scouts in the Lunchroom

Thursday, February 29

8:30 AM ST CYP Book Study in the Church
6:30 PM ST CEL Book Study in the Fireside Room
7 PM ST CYP OCIA in the Rectory

Friday, March 1

3 PM ST CEL Holy Hour in the Church
4 PM ST CEL Athletics in the Gym
7 PM ST CYP Stations of the Cross in the Church

Saturday, March 2

10 AM ST CEL Special Religious Education in the Gym and Annex

Tax Letters

If you need a year-end contribution letter for your taxes with your donations to St. Mother Guerin parish for 2023, please call the Pastoral Center at 708-453-2555 to request one. It will be mailed to you in a few days or you can come in and pick it up.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 2

4 PM St. Cyprian

Lector
Eucharistic Minister

Bev Parylak
Nancy Krzys

5 PM St. Celestine

Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Nick Kaspar
Peggy O'Donnell
Perlita Domingo
Pat Strabley
Lynn Loftus
Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.
Patricia Rinella
Mary Kay Macchione

Sunday, March 3

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Florence Smith
Larry Skelly
Minnie Reillo
Maria Mojek
Bill Lesch
Ken Doyle
Michelle Doyle

9 AM St. Cyprian

Lector
Eucharistic Minister

Bonnie Billa
Tony Cannizzaro

11 AM St. Celestine

Lector
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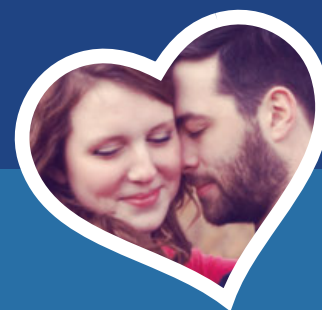
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Office Hours: Regular Hours (August 21—May 28):

Monday—Thursday, 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30 PM—8 PM
Friday, 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30 PM—5 PM
Saturday, 8:30 AM—12:30 PM Closed Sunday



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

Baptisms: To schedule at St. Celestine contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski at rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org or call 708-453-2555 x5017; contact Mary Krewer to schedule at St. Cyprian; mkrewer@stguerinparish.org or 708-453-2555 x5018. 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 4:15 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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