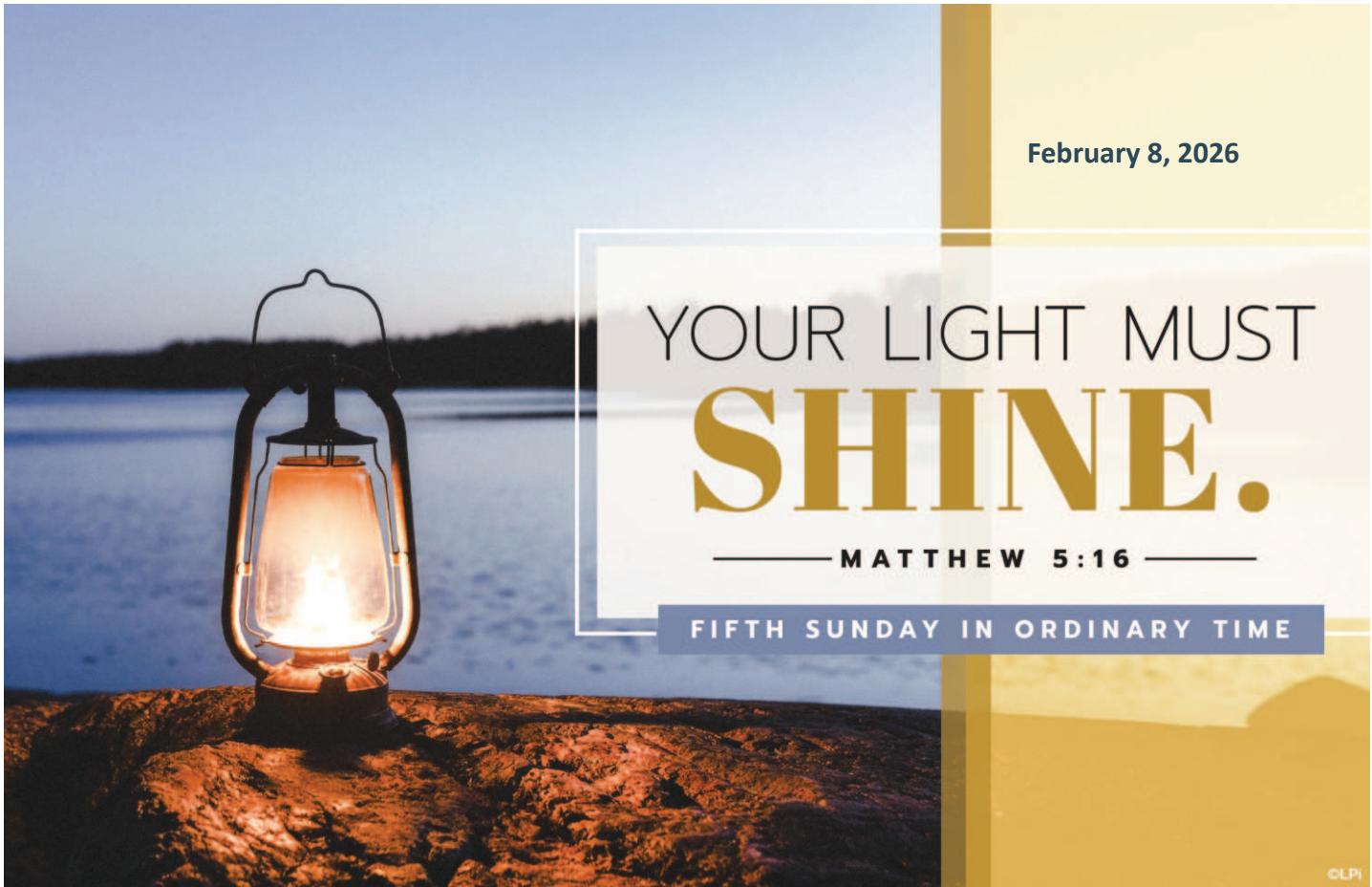




# ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

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

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

#### MASSES

**Saturday** 5 PM  
**Sunday** 7:30 AM  
11 AM  
**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** 8 AM

**Reconciliation** Saturday 4—4:45 PM



**ST. CYPRIAN CHURCH**  
2601 North Clinton Street  
River Grove, Illinois 60171

#### MASSES

**Saturday** 4 PM  
**Sunday** 9 AM  
**Tuesday and Thursday** 8 AM

**Reconciliation** Saturday 3:30—3:50 PM

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

#### OFFICE HOURS

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

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

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, 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

+Thomas Mayer

#### 11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk

+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo

+Cora Dal Cerro, Birthday

+Attilio Manfredini, Wedding Anniversary

### Monday, February 9

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Carl Braack

+Robert F. Lyons

+Cristyna G. Correa

### Tuesday, February 10

#### 8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Anna Retelskyj, Birthday

### Wednesday, February 11

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Fr. Bernard White

### Thursday, February 12

#### 8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Emily Solomon, Birthday

### Friday, February 13

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Alice and +Bonifacio Bernardi

### Saturday, February 14

#### 4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi

+Joe Guidi

#### 5 PM ST. CELESTINE

Deceased members of the Bellipanni family

+Marge Mattio

+Joseph and Bette Wesol

+Louis and +Juliana DaPrato and deceased members of the DaPrato family

+Lana Patterson

+Jim Flosi

+James E. McCarthy, Birthday

+Mariann Kaiser, Birthday

Carol Gutkowski, Birthday

### Sunday, February 15

#### 7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

#### 9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Craig Bastek

+Mary Gannon

+Joseph McGrath

+Timothy Carlson

+Laura Felde

+Karen Euse

+Ann Cannon

+Angela DeFrenza

+Domenico DeFrenza

+Rita Cooper

+Barbara Moran

#### 11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk

+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo

+Jeanne Palumbo

+Richard and +Carol Ritter



## 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).

Need help? Many services are provided by **Catholic Charities**. Call 312-655-7700 or go to [catholiccharities.net](http://catholiccharities.net).

Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
1-833-234-6343

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

## Bulletin Deadlines

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

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

**March 1** is due on Wednesday, February 18 at 9 AM

**March 8** is due on Wednesday, February 25 at 9 AM

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

**Parish Annual Raffle** I would like to thank Cardinal Cupich for joining us two weeks ago to celebrate the 90th anniversary of St. Celestine School and to kick off Catholic Schools Week. It was wonderful to see the church packed, despite the poor weather that Sunday.

In a special way, I want to thank our principal, Sheila Klich, as well as all our teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication in keeping our school strong and vibrant. I am very proud of our school, and we are truly blessed to have such a prominent educational institution in our area.

Thank you to all the parents of our students for your support and the sacrifices you make to send your children to our school. I encourage you to bring your children to church every Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist and deepen our faith in Jesus Christ. As Pope Saint John Paul II said: "The family that prays together, stays together."

### Annual Catholic Appeal

This weekend, we kick off the

Archdiocese of Chicago's Annual Catholic Appeal. Many of you have already received a mailing from Cardinal Cupich regarding this year's theme: "Together We Bring Light." As the Cardinal noted in the brochure, this theme is rooted in the Gospels and speaks to the deep needs of our world. Our world is often shrouded in darkness—the darkness of war, violence, poverty, and hunger, but also the darkness of sin and ignorance of the Gospel. Our contributions to the Appeal enable funded ministries and services to be that light, allowing us to walk alongside our brothers and sisters on our journey of faith.

This weekend, I will speak at

all Masses to ask for your generous support. Through this Appeal, we join Christ in His great work by supporting low-income parishes and schools, religious education, Catholic Relief Services, and the development of our priests, among many other worthy



programs.

Our parish goal this year is \$41,453. Once we reach this goal, 100% of any additional funds will return to our parish to help fund our own needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those who did not receive a mailing or haven't had time to respond, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

May God bless you and your loved ones!

*In prayer,  
Fr. Paul*



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your wound shall quickly be healed. (Is 58:8)

### Psalm:

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (Ps 112)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,  
proclaiming the mystery of God,  
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.  
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you  
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:1-2)

### Gospel:

"You are the light of the world.  
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.  
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel  
basket." (Mt 5:14-15)

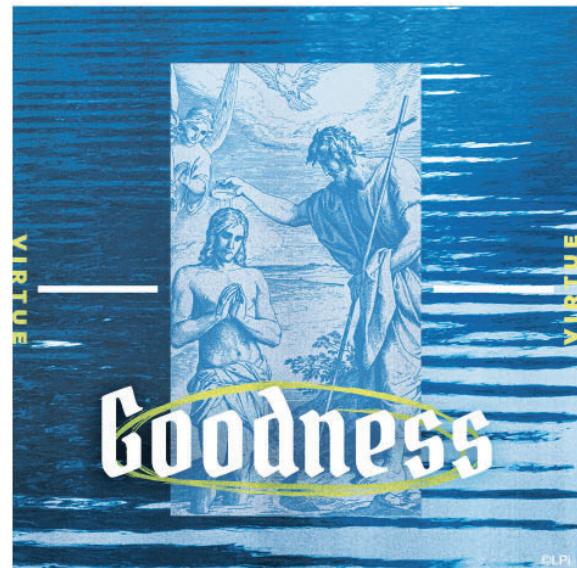
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Salt without flavor is no longer salt. Light  
that illuminates nothing is no longer light. As  
Christians, we must be what we have been  
made to be. So think about it, carefully: what  
stands between you and being who you were  
made to be?

## Observances for the week of February 8, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Marriage Day
- Tuesday:** St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Wednesday:** Our Lady of Lourdes
- Saturday:** Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;  
Valentine's Day
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Virtues, Explained!

In baptism, the Holy Spirit gives us the sanctifying grace of justification — the ability to grow in goodness through an increase in moral virtue (CCC 1266). Baptism, therefore, disposes us toward goodness.

## Blessing of Mission

Bless us on our way, O Lord.  
Share with us as we share with others.  
Heal us as we help others to heal.  
Provide for us as we open our hands in charity.  
Every gift comes from You.  
You are at the heart of all that is good.  
Share that goodness with us today, abundantly.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

### Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

### Saturday:

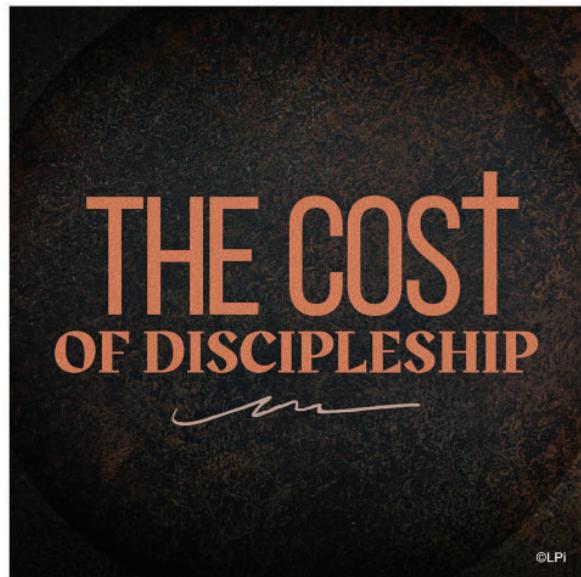
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

### Next Sunday:

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: **"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden"** (Matthew 5:14).

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. The greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

### Be Salty

I want you to close your eyes. Are they closed? (I'm serious.) Okay. Now think of the greatest saint in history.

I don't care who you're thinking of. It's going to be different for everyone. Just think of that person. Think of his or her life. And answer the question: Why is he or she a great saint?

You're all thinking of different people, but the answer is the same for everyone. And it's not "Because he did great things for God" or "Because she sacrificed everything she had for the poor." Those answers show evidence of the reason. But the reason is something more.

The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. God brought holiness about within them because (ding ding ding! Here's the answer!) the greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

Not who they wanted to be. Not who they thought they should be. Who they were meant to be.

Simply put, they gave themselves to God. All of themselves. Flaws and all. And God took them, in their totality, and said: "Now watch this."

Just imagine if salt was ashamed of being salty. Imagine if it looked at the sodium content on its nutrition label and thought, "That's embarrassing," and decided it was going to stop being salt. Well, great. Now it's just a box of tiny rocks.

Wouldn't it have been better for the salt to trust the baker using it?

There is a plan for each of us. There is a path to holiness for each of us. This path doesn't bypass our flaws or our weaknesses; it incorporates them. It transforms them. It fulfills them.

So be salty. Be who you were meant to be.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Are near-death experiences real?

### Answer:

There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of this. While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other ways.

On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called near-death or out-of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the person, they experience something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## SPONSORS

### THE 71st ANNUAL CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

SUNDAY March 1, 2026

St. Celestine Annex (off Parking Lot)  
(Catered by Harrington's)  
3020 N. 76<sup>th</sup> Court  
Elmwood Park, IL 60707

DOORS OPEN 2:00PM – DINNER SERVED AT 3:00 PM

MUSIC - Raffles - SPLIT THE POT

TICKET PRICE – \$55.00

CONTACT WALT GALIGA @ 773-230-2818 for Reservations

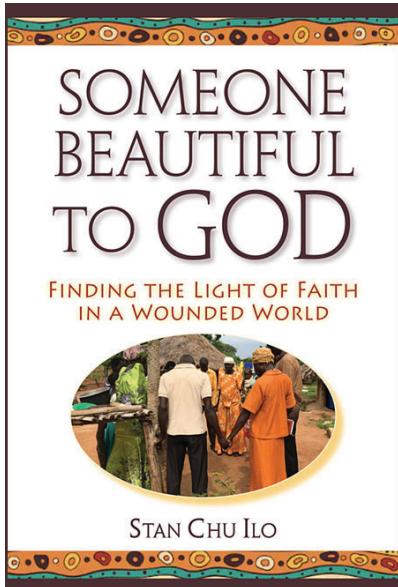
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PLEASE ADVISE WHEN PAYING FOR TICKETS**

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**PLEASE BRING A DONATION FOR THE RAFFLE!  
A WEBER GAS GRIDDLE WILL BE RAFFLED !!!!!!!**

## Fr. Stan Ilo Book Discussion Continues



Some parishioners have started reading and discussing Fr. Stan Ilo's book, *Someone Beautiful to God: Finding the Light of Faith in a Wounded World*. We will be inviting Fr. Stan to discuss the book with us at a later date. We will meet on Wednesdays, February 11 and 25 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room at St. Celestine. You can pick up a book at the Pastoral Center and join the conversation. If you are interested, please email Kim at khagerty@stguerinparish.org or call 708-453-2555 to get your book for class. We will be discussing Chapter 2 on February 11.

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.

## 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 on the website, [stguerinparish.org](http://stguerinparish.org), starting February 18 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. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

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.

Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection 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



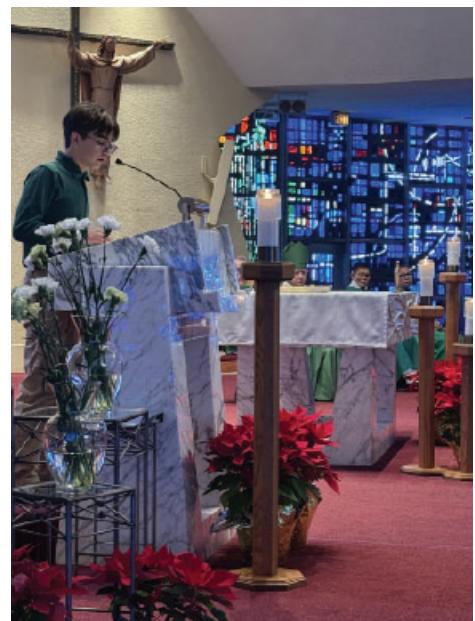
St. Augustine said: "You have made us for Yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." We are on a constant "restless" journey towards God, united in mind and in heart. Am I fighting or embracing the journey?



## Catholic Schools Week Mass with Cardinal Cupich Celebrating 90 years of St. Celestine School

Almost 1,000 people ignored the snow and cold weather to crowd into St. Celestine Church on January 25 for a mass to start Catholic Schools Week and in honor of the 90th Anniversary of St. Celestine School. The parish was very welcoming to Cardinal Cupich who was the presider at the Mass with our pastor, Fr. Paul. Mrs. Klich, the principal, Mrs. Rocchi, former principal, alumnae, and many teachers, past and present, were there. There were many servers and the readers and the Children's Choir sounded beautiful. Cardinal Cupich said he was hoping to come back in 10 years for the 100th anniversary of our parish school. He stopped in the Open House at the school to visit with the students and check out the Celtic merch. Thanks to all who helped with this wonderful event!





## 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, Brian Cunningham\*, Elene Dimperio, Cathy Downing King, Eleanor, Tom Ferguson, Tammy Garcia, Maciej Gondek, Dorota Gondek, Lorry Hartnett, Grace Hensley, Karl Humowiecki, Kathy Johi\*, Adele Johnson, Lisa Kostrzeski, Justine Kucera, Robert Kucera, Larry Lemanski, Bart Masi, Kathy Mooney, George Moskaliuk, Sandra Moskaliuk, Efrem Munoz, Martha Munoz, James Nasti, Larry Nestor, Ron Nichols, Sr. Louise Noesen, Carolyn Paprocki, Sr. Rita Mae Rabitoy, Lucia Ramirez\*, Aida Rivera, Sarah Rotolo, Kathy Sassolino, Morgan Schlanger, Joseph Serwa, John Sheahan, Mary Skelly, Sue, Brian Swatek, Colleen Schlanger Thomas, Donna Toriani, Judy Virgilio, Robert Virnich, Lillian Wardzala, Jim Waterloo, Jim Wazorick, Danyll Wolcott, Nicholas Zych

\*recently added

### Faithful Departed

Cynthia Guillen, Carl Liture

### 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

### Save the Dates!

- 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**

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

### Gospel for February 8, 2026

*1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 / Matthew 5:13-16*

Following is a word search based on the Second and Gospel readings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: the power of Christ's teachings. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

WORDS	WISDOM	EXCEPT
JESUS CHRIST	CRUCIFIED	TREMBLING
POWER	THE SALT	EARTH
NO LONGER	THROWN OUT	UNDERFOOT
LIGHT	A CITY	BUSHEL
STAND	GIVES	HOUSE
SHINE	BEFORE	FATHER

### PARABLE WISDOM

A	N	T	P	E	C	X	E	A	R	T	H
N	J	O	W	O	R	D	S	H	E	T	L
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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](mailto:robertpmitchell1@gmail.com).

## Parish Weekly Events

### Monday, February 9

5:30 PM ST CEL Troop 47130 in the Annex  
6 PM ST CEL Bear, Webelo, AOL in the Lower Meeting Room  
7 PM ST CEL Athletic Committee in the Lunchroom

### Tuesday, February 10

6:30 PM ST CEL Knights of Columbus in the Annex  
7 PM ST CYP Teen OCIA in the Rectory

### Wednesday, February 11

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

### Thursday, February 12

3 PM ST CEL Troop 47441 in the Annex  
4 PM ST CEL Troop 45488 in the Lower Meeting Room  
4 PM ST CEL Food Pantry  
5 PM ST CEL Troop 47362 in the Annex  
6 PM ST CYP OCIA in the Rectory  
6:30 PM ST CEL Good Grief Meeting in the Fireside Room  
6:30 PM ST CEL Boy Scouts Committee in the Lower Meeting Room

### Saturday, February 14

9:30 AM ST CEL Religious Education in the School  
10 AM ST CEL Special Religious Education in the Annex and Gym  
1 PM ST CEL Men's Club Open Gym



Buy or turn in your tickets in the office or drop the tickets and payment in the collection basket.

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, February 14

#### 4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider Fr. Paul Cao  
Altar Servers Isaac M. , Diego M.  
Lector John F. Madden  
Eucharistic Ministers Anna Petras, Ruben Monterroso

#### 5 PM St. Celestine

Presider Fr. Fil Ngwila  
Altar Server Robert O., Axel R., Evan V., Elijah V., Peighton V.  
Lector Sylvia Stacey  
Eucharistic Ministers Barbara Miller, Pat Strabley, Bob Mitchell, O.F.S., Mike Miller, Patricia Rinella, Tom Lepore, Peggy O'Donnell

### Sunday, February 15

#### 7:30 AM St. Celestine

Presider Fr. Fil Ngwila  
Altar Servers TBA  
Lector Betty Blonski  
Eucharistic Ministers Minnie Reillo, Michelle Doyle, Florence Smith, Maria Mojek, Michael Witrock, Ken Doyle

#### 9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider Fr. Paul Cao  
Altar Servers David D., Marco D., Matthew D.  
Lector Lois DeFelice  
Eucharistic Minister Tony Cannizzaro

#### 11 AM St. Celestine

Presider Fr. Paul Cao  
Altar Servers Christian C., Sarah P., Andrea R., Marshall M., Lana G.  
Lector Jackie Schweitzer  
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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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