



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

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January 18, 2026

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:29 —

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

3020 North 76th Court
Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
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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
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MASSES

Saturday 4 PM
Sunday 9 AM
Tuesday and Thursday 8 AM

Reconciliation Saturday 3:30—3:50 PM



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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 17

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Giovanni Saso
+Josephine Hoeflich
+Ceal Mueller

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Eddie Mizejewski
+Mary Olsen
+Joseph and +Bette Wesol
+Louis and +Juliana DaPrato and the
deceased members of the DaPrato
family
+Peter and +Rosemarie Dalo,
Anniversary
+Romulo V. Domingo, Anniversary

Sunday, January 18

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Pierluigi Fiorentino

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Richard and +Carol Ritter
+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo, Birthday
+Sal Lena, 14th Anniversary
+Alice Maestranzi
+Geneva Cardello
+James Osborne, Anniversary

Monday, January 19

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

Medlyn Ayap, Birthday

Tuesday, January 20

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

Faithful Departed

Wednesday, January 21

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Officer Michael Ceriale, Birthday
+James Z. Hantkiewicz, Birthday

Thursday, January 22

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Beth Hagerty, Birthday
+Mary Jane Brennan, Anniversary

Friday, January 23

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Fr. Bernard White

Saturday, January 24

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Giovanni Saso
+William Hoeflich
+Ceal Mueller
+Joseph Sweeney
5 PM ST. CELESTINE
+Alan Knipp
+Marion Ziaja, Anniversary

Sunday, January 25

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Geraldine Lustro
11 AM ST. CELESTINE
+Patricia Lindahl
+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo
+Edgar C. Hopp, Birthday



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.

Bulletin Deadlines

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

February 1 is due on Wednesday,
January 21 at 9 AM

February 8 is due on Wednesday,
January 28 at 9 AM

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, 708-912-4378 or Tobin Counts, atlantacounts@att.net, 678-571-5220. Visit our website for more information: <https://catholiccommunitiesfo oakpark.org/surviving-divorce>



From the Pastor's Desk: Fr. Paul Cao

St. Celestine School 90th anniversary Next Sunday January 25, Cardinal Cupich will be the principal celebrant at the 11 AM mass to kick off the 90th anniversary of St. Celestine School. I am very grateful that the Cardinal will be joining us as we mark this millstone for our school, which has been a cornerstone of faith and education in the Chicago and Elmwood Park communities since 1936.

The school's history is a testament to the growth of our community:

- 1930: St. Celestine Parish was formally established on September 26.
- 1936: The school officially opened its doors on October 1, 1936, with 91 children enrolled in the first four grades.
- The Early "Classrooms:" In the early days, the church building was divided by six-foot-high portable partitions to create four classrooms. Folding chairs with detachable arms served as the students' desks.
- 1947: To keep up with the post-war population boom, the permanent school building was constructed and opened

in September 1947 with 650 students.

Everyone is invited to participate in celebrating this 90th anniversary. I hope this significant celebration will bring together our entire school and parish community, including our students, alumni, faculty, and all faithful parishioners.

We should be proud of our school! With nearly 400 students enrolled this year, it remains the strongest school in the area. Let us come together next Sunday at the 11 AM mass to ask the Lord to continue to bless St. Celestine school as we honor nine decades dedicated to the mission of Catholic education.

Food Pantry I would like to recognize and thank Sr. Johanna Trembl for her many, many years of faithful service running our Food Pantry. She has helped us be sure that people are not going hungry in our neighborhood. In Matthew 25:35 Jesus says, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." Sr. Johanna has helped us live out this instruction and we are so grateful for her service. Michelle Doyle will



be taking over the administration of the Food Pantry, and it will continue to be open two Thursdays a month to serve our community. Thanks to Michelle and the Food Pantry volunteers for continuing this ministry.

May God bless you and your loved ones!

*In prayer,
Fr. Paul*

Stewardship

December

Sunday envelopes	\$53,089.94
Electronic	\$ 6,739.77
Total:	\$59,829.71

Christmas Collection \$33,905.41

Thank you for your generosity!



Welcome Back Ladies ~ Don't Forget...
St. Mother Guerin Women's Club Meeting
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026 – 7 PM
Annex of St. Celestine ~ Doors open at 6:30 pm
Reunite with Friends, Enjoy light refreshments,
Share Up-coming events.
Hope to See You!

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.

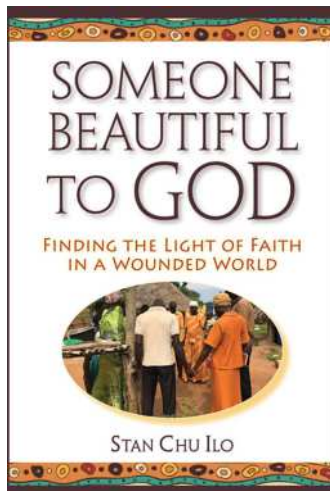
We would like to invite all to a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, February 7 at 10 AM in St. Cyprian Church, where our recommendations will be presented to the parish. After that, Fr. Paul, with the aid of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, will make a decision to present to our Vicar, Bishop José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

11 AM Mass with Cardinal Cupich January 25 for Catholic Schools Week and St. Celestine School's 90th Anniversary

Cardinal Blase Cupich will preside at the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, January 25 as we kick off the 2026 Catholic Schools week and the celebration of the 90th anniversary of St. Celestine School. All parishioners are invited to attend this mass. There will also be an Open House 12–2 PM in the school so you can come see all of the amazing, exciting, and interesting things happening at St. Celestine School!



Fr. Stan Ilo Book Discussion



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, January 28, February 4 and 11 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 by January 15 so we can order enough books. 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.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.
(Is 49:6)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

Gospel:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world." (Jn 1:29)

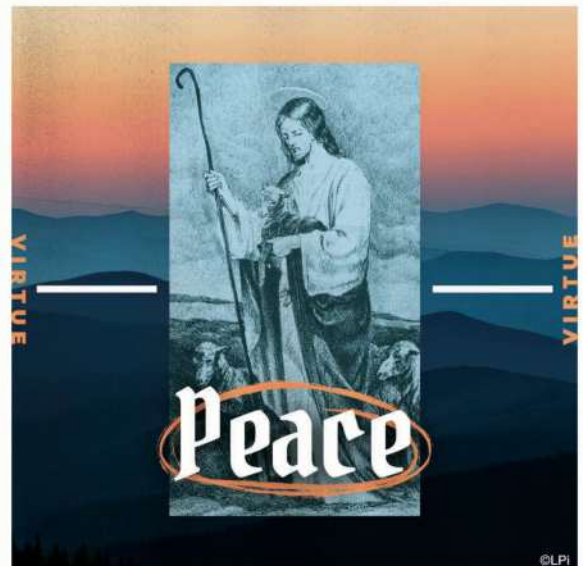
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show others who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and everywhere, let us do the same.

Observances for the week of January 18, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
St. Sebastian, Martyr
Wednesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children
Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Saturday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Virtues, Explained!

Our modern Catholic understanding of peace is derived from the Hebrew concept of *shalom*, or wholeness, and refers not just to an absence of violence but to a personal reconciliation with one's Creator.

Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,
Bless and anoint us today. You are
our Father and guide.
Remind us of our identity in You:
loved, called, and equipped for
mission.
Bless us as we journey, giving us
strength for each day and grace
in each step.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-
11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,
17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34).** That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: John the Baptist recognizes Jesus when he sees him, though there is nothing extraordinary-looking about him. This is how Jesus comes to us today: veiled in the ordinary. He is in the people who are easiest to miss, the easiest to ignore, the easiest from whom it is to turn away.

Behold the Lamb

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

Be honest. When the priest or deacon read this line from the Gospel today, did your brain finish it with: "Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb"? (Mine did. And then I almost blurted out: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed." Because it's Sunday morning, and I'm tired.)

We hear the words of John the Baptist every Sunday in the *Agnus Dei*. If you have been Catholic since childhood, the words of this rite are probably ingrained in your memory, like a groove worn across a wooden floor by the scratching of an often-used chair. That's the beautiful thing about our liturgy: it gets inside of you, and it doesn't leave. I've never met a Catholic, however long-fallen-away, who did not recall the responses of the Mass.

When the priest says or chants the *Agnus Dei*, he is showing us the Host — the most ordinary-looking thing you ever did see. Nothing interesting about it whatsoever. Nothing that would make a person give it a second glance.

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus when he sees him, though there is nothing extraordinary-looking about him. There is nothing that would make a person give Jesus a second glance, if that person expected redemption to come in a loud, aggressive show of power.

And this is how Jesus comes to us today: veiled in the ordinary. He is in the people who are easiest to miss, the easiest to ignore, the easiest from whom it is to turn away.

Consider what the world could look like, if an instinct to love and reverence those people were as deeply ingrained in us as the beautiful words so easily on our lips: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How many times a day can a person receive communion?

Answer:

To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church's Code of Canon Law. Here we read, "One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates ..." (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day.

Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase "within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates" is important. It means a) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass and b) we have to be participants in that celebration — we can't simply show up "in time" for communion.

So, when would this rule apply?

For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations. Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919).

We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" - Jn 1:29-30

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah teaches that God chose Israel to reveal His glory and bring salvation to the world. Why do you think God uses people to do His will?

Second Reading:

Paul opens his letter to the Corinthians with a plea for unity and holiness of all believers. Where do you see your faith community unified and holy?

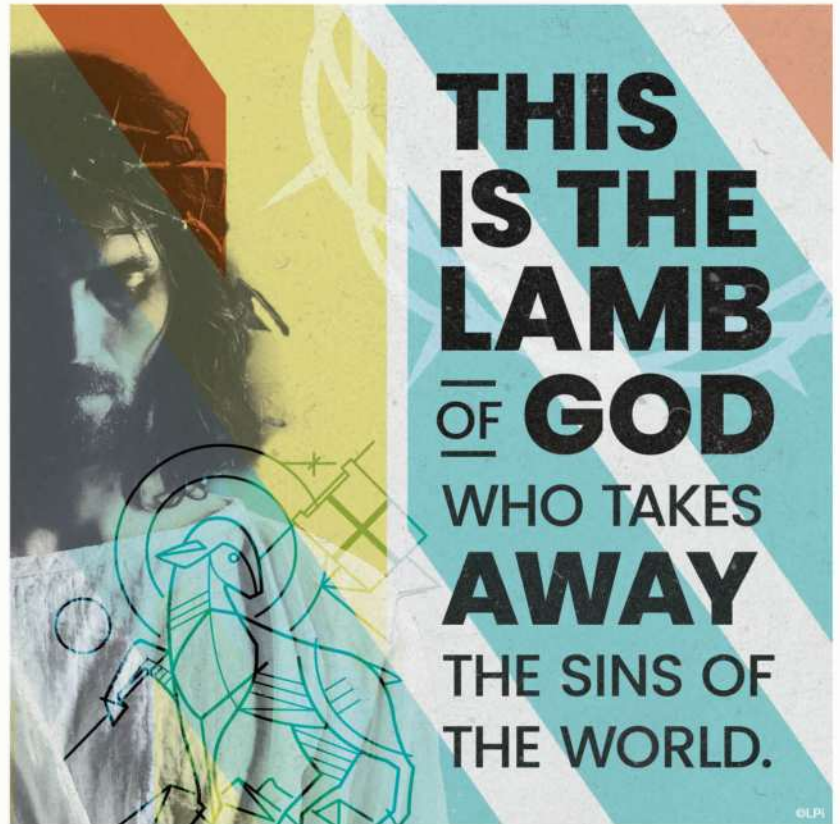
Gospel:

John the Baptist testifies to others that Jesus is the Son of God who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. With whom do you talk about Jesus?



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Prayer

Lord, I will be a good disciple by learning and sharing your words.

Mission for the Week

I will ask someone to read the Bible to me every day.

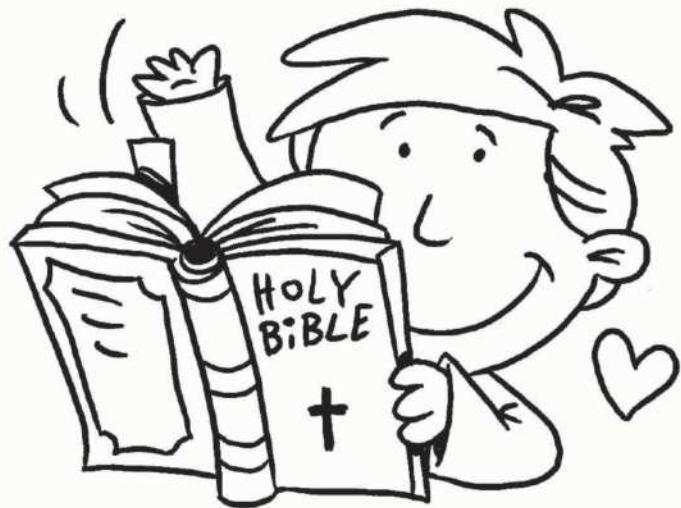
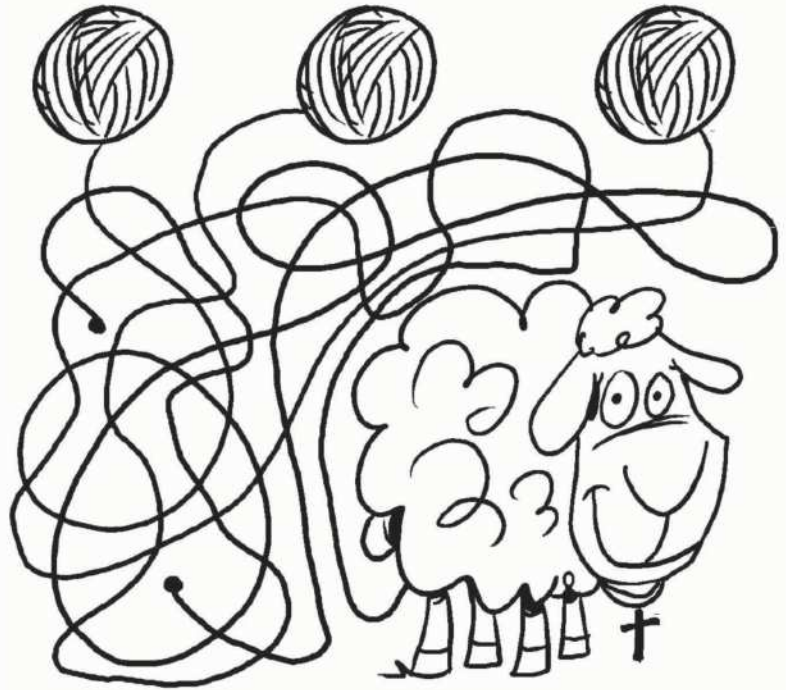
Sharing the Gospel

John the Baptist told everyone that Jesus was the Son of God. He told them the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus and remained on him as the Scriptures said. Jesus taught his disciples and others. He healed people to show his power as the Son of God. God wants you to be his disciple. He wants you to be a good example of a loving child of God.

Now color
the picture!



Which ball of yarn leads to the Lamb of God?





St. Celestine Catholic School

*A Place Where All Are Welcome To
Believe, Achieve And Succeed!*

2025–2026 School Year

Dear Parishioners, Alumni and Friends,

From the very youngest grades, our students are creating and constructing knowledge with technology tools to foster skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, and computational thinking.

Your gifts to St. Celestine have made a great impact on our school and the programs we offer our students including iReady, STEAM activities, coding and design, classroom technology and applications, digital citizenship instruction, 1:1 Chromebooks & iPads, technology center, Google Workspace, programming, technology clubs, interactive displays that make the classroom more engaging, and much more.

We are grateful to you for your continued support of gifts and prayers to our annual fund. Because of you, we are a thriving school community and able to offer cutting-edge technologies to our students in addition to the many educational and spiritual experiences, athletic programs and clubs we offer them.

As you know, technology is constantly being upgraded but with your continued support you will help us keep it state-of-the-art for all the children to benefit this school year. Technology costs, as with so many other costs, continue to rise. Your support now is more important than ever!

Gifts to the annual fund directly support the 1:1 technology initiative which provides iPads and Chromebooks as well as other hardware, network infrastructure, security, software applications and licensing for over 550 devices throughout the school. We thank you for supporting the annual fund and more importantly for helping us prepare our children for their future.

Sincerely

Sheila Klich, Principal



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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
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Karl Humowiecki	Rabito	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

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
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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 January 18, 2026

1 Corinthians 1: 1-3 / John 1: 29-34

Following is a word search based on the Second and Gospel Readings for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PAUL
JESUS
CORINTH
LORD
RANKS
SPIRIT
HAVE SEEN

APOSTLE
SOSTHENES
GRACE
LAMB OF GOD
WATER
LIKE A DOVE
TESTIFIED

CHRIST
CHURCH
PEACE
TAKES AWAY
ISRAEL
BAPTIZE
SON OF GOD

PAUL AND JOHN SPEAK

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Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, January 18

12 PM ST CEL Bags Tournament in the Gym and Annex

Monday, January 19

6 PM ST CEL Men's Club in the Staff Room

Tuesday, January 20

7 PM ST CYP Teen OCIA in the Rectory

Thursday, January 22

4 PM ST CEL Food Pantry

4:30 PM ST CEL Troop 47943 in the Annex

6:30 PM ST CEL Women's Club in the Annex

6 PM ST CYP OCIA in the Rectory

Saturday, January 24

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

1 PM ST CEL First Reconciliation in the Church
Pinewood Derby in the Gym

Sunday, January 25

9:45 AM ST CEL Girl Scouts in the Lower Meeting Room

11 AM ST CEL Scout Mass, Family Mass with Cardinal
Blase Cupich

12 PM ST CEL School Open House

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Save the Dates!

- Sunday, January 25 at 11 AM at St. Celestine: 90th anniversary celebration of St. Celestine School **Mass with Cardinal Cupich**
- Friday, January 30 in the gym: **Bingo**
- Saturday, February 7 at St. Cyprian Church at 10 AM: **Parish Town Hall Meeting**
- Wednesday, February 18: **Ash Wednesday**
- 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**
- June 7—12: **Totus Tuus**

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 24

4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider

Altar Servers

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

5 PM St. Celestine

Presider

Altar Server

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Ron Navoy

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Anna Petras

Fr. Paul Cao

TBA

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Barbara Miller

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Mike Miller

Bob Broz

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Mary Joost

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Sunday, January 25

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Presider

Altar Servers

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Paul Cao

Nickolas Farmer

Andy Johnson

Minnie Reillo

Bill Lesch

Maria Mojek

Ken Doyle

Florence Smith

Larry Skelly

9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider

Altar Servers

Fr. Fil Ngwila

David D.

Marco D.

Matthew D.

Lois DeFelice

Michael Wittrock

Lector

Eucharistic Minister

11 AM St. Celestine

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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 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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