

ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian stguerinparish.org



ST. CELESTINE CHURCH and 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

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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 27

4 PM St. Cyprian

- +Giovanni Saso
- +Giuseppa Zagone

5 PM St. Celestine

- +Dan Miller, Birthday
- +Marion Ziaja, Anniversary

SUNDAY, January 28

- 7:30 AM St. Celestine
 - +Celia Samp
 - +Karen Perri

9 AM St. Cyprian

People of the Parish

11 AM St. Celestine

- +Gina McLinn, Birthday
- +Frank Pudlo
- +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
- +Elena Suarez
- +Max Enriquez
- Mary Guidi O'Malley
- +Virginia Grzemala and +Gloria Guidi
- +Valerie Bakis
- +Joe Guidi

MONDAY, January 29

8 AM St. Celestine

- +Adelwisa Medrano
 - +Fernando Medrano

TUESDAY, January 30

8 AM St. Cyprian

Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, January 31

8 AM St. Celestine

+Felicula Perez

THURSDAY, February 1

8 AM St. Cyprian

Faithful Departed

FRIDAY, February 2

8 AM St. Celestine +Joan Psak

SATURDAY, February 3

4 PM St. Cyprian

People of the Parish

5 PM St. Celestine

- +Leona Fenlon, Birthday +Sheila Strabley, 8th
 - Anniversary

SUNDAY, February 4

7:30 AM St. Celestine People of the Parish

9 AM St. Cyprian

+William Hoeflich

11 AM St. Celestine

- +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
- +Frank Pudlo
- +CK Keating-Johnson
- +Peter Krallitsch, 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.

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

February 10 due on Wednesday, January 31 at 9 AM **February 17** due on Wednesday, February 7 at 9 AM **February 24** due on Wednesday, February 14 at 9 AM

From the Pastor's Desk: Father Paul Cao

Reconciliation This Saturday, January 27, and next Saturday, February 3, 72 students from the School and Religious Education Program at St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish will receive their First Reconciliation. This is their first time coming to seek God's love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and I hope they will come again as many times as they need it, in order to continue to experience God's love and forgiveness in their own lives. I would like to thank Ruthanne Swiatkowski, our Director of Religious Education, and the teachers and catechists who have taught and prepared our students for the Sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers as they are preparing to receive their First Communion in May.

First

I would like to highly encourage the parents please cooperate with us by bringing your children to Mass every Sunday in order for them to understand and participate more fully in the Eucharist. There is no point in letting your children receive communion if they don't know what is going on during the Eucharist and Whom they are receiving. Parents, you are the

first educators of your children and as Pope Francis said: "Do not forget that the greatest inheritance that you can give your children is faith."



National Catholic Schools

Week This Sunday, at the 11 AM Mass, we will kick off National Catholic Schools Week. This usually starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." focuses on the important spiritual, academic, and societal contributions provided by a Catholic education firmly rooted in the Truth of the Gospel.

The success of our school rests primarily with the generous and hardworking individuals who diligently go about every day fulfilling the vision of Catholic education. This great team of collaborators is headed by our principal, Sheila Klich. Alongside her stands a faithful group of committed teachers, teacher's aides, support staff, room parents, members of Parents Club,

School Board, committees, volunteers, and all of the good, caring people who I have probably neglected to mention. Our parish is indebted to them for all they do!

I also would like to thank the parents of our school children who see Catholic education as a value and who are financially able to make the sacrifice to send their children to St. Celestine School. Please bring them to church every Sunday to worship and praise our Almighty God.

In prayer, Fr. Paul

On Centering Ourselves and Exorcising Demons

Bishop Barron speaks often of the importance in our lives of "right praise." He says that if we center ourselves in the Christ, then everything else will take care of itself. But the problem for most of us is that we let other things take up our center. And maybe these other things in and of themselves are good things, but when we make them paramount—when we let them take over our lives—we lose our way.

The good bishop gave a
Lenten homily about this a few
years ago, building his words
around the Gospel story of
Jesus cleansing the temple.
First incorporating St. Paul's
exhortation that our bodies
are temples of the Holy Spirit,
Barron posited consequently
that "the true dwelling place
of God is not in a building
in Jerusalem, it's in the very
bodies of the followers of
Jesus." Then Barron cycled

back to Jesus in the temple that day with his whip of cords. "If your life, your body, yourself, is meant to be a temple where God is praised," Barron maintained, "that means that every aspect of vour life is meant to be turned toward the Lord, is meant to be dedicated to him...your mind, your will, your heart, your body, your sexuality, your family life, your friendships, your entertainment...everything in you is meant to be a living sacrifice of praise unto the Lord." Then Barron proceeded to the next logical point of his argument...

"OK, what if we would allow Jesus right now with his whip of cords into the temple of our bodies? What would happen? Think of a kind of spring housecleaning..." It's not quite springtime, but Bishop Barron's point is well-taken. And the bishop's Lenten homily from

> years ago comes to mind now as I consider today's Gospel, which is entitled in my Book, The Cure of a Demoniac. Makes me think of my own demons. and Bishop Barron suggests we all have them.

As he explained

in a recent reflection on this passage, "What God intended from the beginning is that our hearts be temples of his presence." Great! But instead, per Barron, Jesus "finds that the temple of our heart is filled up with all sorts of things that are not the divine power. Money, worldly success, the esteem of others, sexwhatever it is, it has now taken the place that rightfully belongs to God. Therefore, when Christ comes into your life, he will always have a cleansing role to play."

And talk about having a cleansing role to play! We had water in our basement on a recent rainy Tuesday. A plumber fixed the problem (tree roots), but not before I threw a lot of stuff away. Clutter, primarily, and again, the notion of cleansing comes to mind. Bishop Barron is right. We all have our demons, our sinful ways. But perhaps they are akin to the old boxes in my basement. Even if we don't see them every day, they haunt us. We may even take comfort in knowing we can turn to them when we feel the need.

But Jesus's way with demons ("Come out of him!") is more forthright. I told myself I'd declutter the basement when I retired four years ago, and I'm still working on it. Mostly, because I'm not. When we turn our sinful demons over to the Christ, though—I mean, really turn them over—he'll send them packing. And quite possibly, before the next raindrop falls.

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin.

and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him." (Dt 18:18)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord,

so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

Gospel:

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite him into our hearts, asking him to cleanse the darkness he finds there.

Observances for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday: St. John Bosco, Priest

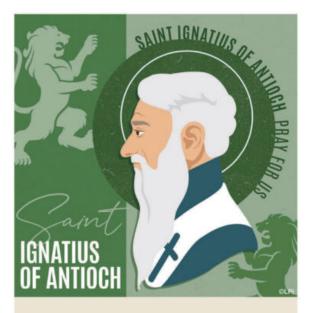
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord,

World Day for Consecrated Life

Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;

St. Ansgar, Bishop

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Ignatius of Antioch, a bishop of Antioch in the first century, was a direct disciple of the apostle John. Despite being thrown to the lions and martyred in Rome's Colosseum for his faith, his teachings and hope for Christian unity live on as early examples of Christian theology.

Prayer for the Youth

Dear Lord,

Be with our young people this week and always — keep them in Your care. Help them to form godly friendships, speak the truth, and know You in the personal way that will challenge, shape, and guide them. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday:

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday:

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

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:

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

Saturday:

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

Next Sunday:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

- Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

What Have You to Do with Me, Jesus of Nazareth?

Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

"Would we have to go to school?" they ask me.
"Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want?
Would we get older?"

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — Why? How? — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don't know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: "What do you want?"

"What have you to do with us. Jesus of Nazareth?"

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: "What do you want with me?"

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95:7

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

Answer:

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilt: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Moses taught the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him to teach them the Lord's commands. But he also forewarned about false prophets. How can we avoid listening to false prophetic voices?

Second Reading

Paul expresses his desire for the Corinthian believers to be free of anxiety so they can focus their attention and energies on Jesus. What distracts you from the Lord?

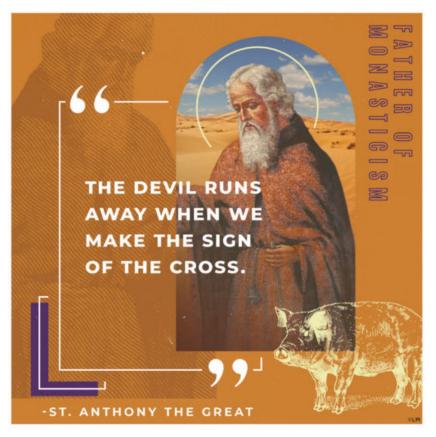
Gospel Reading

Mark informs us that early in Jesus's public ministry his "fame spread" quickly throughout Galilee because of his powerful deeds, such as the healing of the demonpossessed man in today's reading. Is there something or someone in your life that you pray Jesus would heal?



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St. Mother Guerin Parish St. Celestine School

OPEN HOUSE

Catholic Schools Week!

Early Childhood Information Session for PreK-1st Grade families 10:30-11 AM.

Join us at the 11 AM Mass, **January 28** to "kick-start" our celebration which will be followed by a School Open House for all grades.

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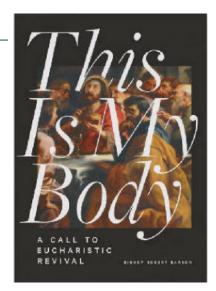
Please encourage friends and family who may be considering Catholic education for their children to visit the school.

To register, please bring an original birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, if applicable, and a \$100 registration fee per family.

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 7 PM at St. Celestine. On February 8 we will have an introductory gathering to give an overview of the study questions and a breakdown of pages to read. The actual discussions will take place February 22, 29, March 7, 14, and 21. Join us whether or not you have read the book as we will be going over particular passages each week which will be listed in our weekly bulletin.



Reserving Space

Organizations must request the use of parish, school, and parking lot space before scheduling a meeting or event. Each organization should have one designated representative to fill out requests.

A **Facility Request Form** is available online at https://stguerinparish.org/facility-request/. Our Business Manager, Laurie DePillo, will get back to you as soon as she can during regular business hours after she receives your request. Most organizations submit their yearly requests for space during the summer, (please note: facilities are not scheduled during the summer) but if your organization wants to request additional space, try to **request at least three** weeks in advance.

Please do not schedule an event unless you have received approval for the space. After you receive approval, if a room set up is needed a **Meeting Room Set Up Form** must be completed at least **two weeks in advance.** Forms are at the Pastoral Center. Laurie will approve the set up form and get it to maintenance.

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Pray for Them

Sick

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for January 28, 2024

Mark 1:21-28

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: Jesus and the demons at Capernaum. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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Parish Weekly Events

Monday, January 29

4 PM ST CEL Athletics in the Gym

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

3:05 ST CEL Children's Choir in the Church

4 PM ST CEL Athletics in the Gym

Thursday, February 1

4 PM ST CEL Athletics in the Gym 4:30 PM ST CEL Troop 47219 in the Lower

Meeting Room

4:30 PM ST CEL Troop 45703 in the Annex

7 PM ST CYP OCIA in the Rectory

Friday, February 2

3 PM ST CEL Holy Hour in the Church 4 PM ST CEL Athletics in the Gym

Saturday, February 3

10 AM ST CEL Special Religious Education in

the Gym and Annex

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 3 4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider Fr. Ron Navoy
Lector Bev Parylak
Eucharistic Minister Nancy Krzys
5 PM St. Celestine

Presider Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Betty Blonski
Pat Strabley
Perlita Domingo
Mary Joost
Bob Broz
Peggy O'Donnell
Barbara Miller

Tom Lepore

Fr. Moises Navarro

Sunday, February 4

7:30 AM St. Celestine
Presider

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Brad Wdowiak Minnie Reillo Bill Lesch Florence Smith Mikenna Doyle Larry Skelly Michelle Doyle

Fr. Moises Navarro

9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider Fr. Fil Ngwila
Lector Bonnie Billa
Eucharistic Minister Daniel LaCour

11 AM St. Celestine

Presider Lector

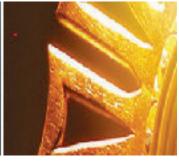
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Debra De Salvo Julie McGuire Kim Bartell Ray Maraviglia Paulette Maraviglia

Holy Hour February 2





A Holy Hour will take place at St. Celestine Church on Friday, February 2 at 3 PM. Please join us to pray the Divine Mercy prayers and in Adoration.

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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 x 5017; contact Mary Krewer to schedule at St. Cyprian; mkrewer@stguerinparish.org or 708–453–2555 x 5018. 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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