



# 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](http://stcelestineschool.org) 708-453-8234

**OFFICE HOURS**

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

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

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 3**

**4 PM ST. CYPRIAN**

+Carl and +Rose Rossi

**5 PM ST. CELESTINE**

+Frank and +John Kucera

**Sunday, January 4**

**7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE**

+Marcy Krzysko

+Angela Castronovo, Birthday

**9 AM ST. CYPRIAN**

+William Hoeflich

+Josephine Hoeflich

**11 AM ST. CELESTINE**

+Frank McGuire, Anniversary

+Frank Pudlo

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk

**Monday, January 5**

**8 AM ST. CELESTINE**

+Arlene Banko

**Tuesday, January 6**

**8 AM ST. CYPRIAN**

Faithful Departed

**Wednesday, January 7**

**8 AM ST. CELESTINE**

+Godofredo Millan, 40th Day

Anniversary

**Thursday, January 8**

**8 AM ST. CYPRIAN**

People of the Parish

**Friday, January 9**

**8 AM ST. CELESTINE**

+Fr. Bernard White

**Saturday, January 10**

**4 PM ST. CYPRIAN**

+Carl and +Rose Rossi

+Judy Heuser

+Ceal Mueller

**5 PM ST. CELESTINE**

+Nestor Aboltivo Arenga, 17th

Anniversary

+Dorothy Vessini

**Sunday, January 11**

**7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE**

People of the Parish

**9 AM ST. CYPRIAN**

+William Hoeflich

+Josephine Hoeflich

+Richard Saia

+Craig Bastek

**11 AM ST. CELESTINE**

+Attilio Manfredini, Anniversary

+Frank and +John Kucera

+Mieczyslaw Milkowski, Anniversary

+Leonardo Garcia

+Frank Pudlo

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk



## St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

Welcome! If you are new to our churches or just visiting, please introduce yourself. We are happy to share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not home to you, we are open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. We invite you to become a part of our parish. Register by calling the parish office at 708-453-2555 or online on our website, [stguerinparish.org](http://stguerinparish.org).

## Bulletin Deadlines

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

**January 18** is due on Wednesday,  
January 7 at 9 AM

**January 25** is due on Wednesday,  
January 14 at 9 AM

## Save the Dates!

- Sunday, January 18 at noon in the gym: **Bags Tournament**
- 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**
- June 7—12: **Totus Tuus**



## 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



## Feast of the Epiphany House Blessing

Using chalk blessed at Mass, write on the outside of your house or inside the front entrance above the door:

**20 + C + M + B + 26**

while saying, *"May Christ bless this house."*

CMB stands for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for "Christ bless this house" or for the names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The + represents the cross, and the numbers at the beginning and end show the year of the blessing.

You can pray the Our Father together and end with this prayer: *"Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect Your love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen."*

## Fr. Stan Book Club

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 starting on Wednesdays, January 21, 28, and February 4 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room at St. Celestine. If you are interested, please email Kim at [khagerty@stguerinparish.org](mailto:khagerty@stguerinparish.org) or call 708-453-2555 by January 15 so we can order enough books.

Taking personal reflection as his starting point, Stan Chu Ilo, 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 March.

## 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.

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.



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

### Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

### Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations  
as it has now been revealed  
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:  
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body.  
(Eph 3:5-6)

### Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

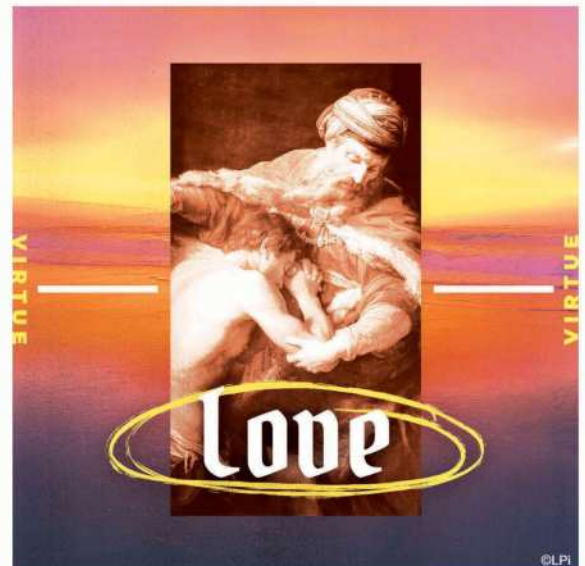
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

## Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

**Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord  
**Monday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop  
**Tuesday:** St. André Bessette, Religious  
**Wednesday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
**Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord



## Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of love seeks the good of the other, a reflection of the love of God who created us for this very purpose. In practicing this virtue, we express the fullness of our identities as sons and daughters of God. In true Christian love, we find freedom.

## Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,  
It was You who inspired the Magi  
to follow the star to find You.  
Inspire us to seek You, as well.  
Bless our homes and families this  
season, make them places where  
we can encounter You through  
prayer and community.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

### Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### Monday:

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

### Tuesday:

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/  
Mk 6:34-44

### Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/  
Mk 6:45-52

### Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/  
Lk 4:14-22a

### Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/  
Lk 5:12-16

### Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and  
9b/Jn 3:22-30

### Next Sunday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/  
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— *Father John Muir*



Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."  
- Mt 2:1b-2

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

Isaiah prophesies a coming of age when the glory of the Lord would shine upon Israel and their hearts would throb with joy. Can you share an experience that brought you deep joy and happiness?

### Second Reading:

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Holy Spirit revealed to him that all believers in Jesus (Jew and Gentile alike) were coheirs and members of the same body. Have you ever felt like an outsider who was welcomed by others?

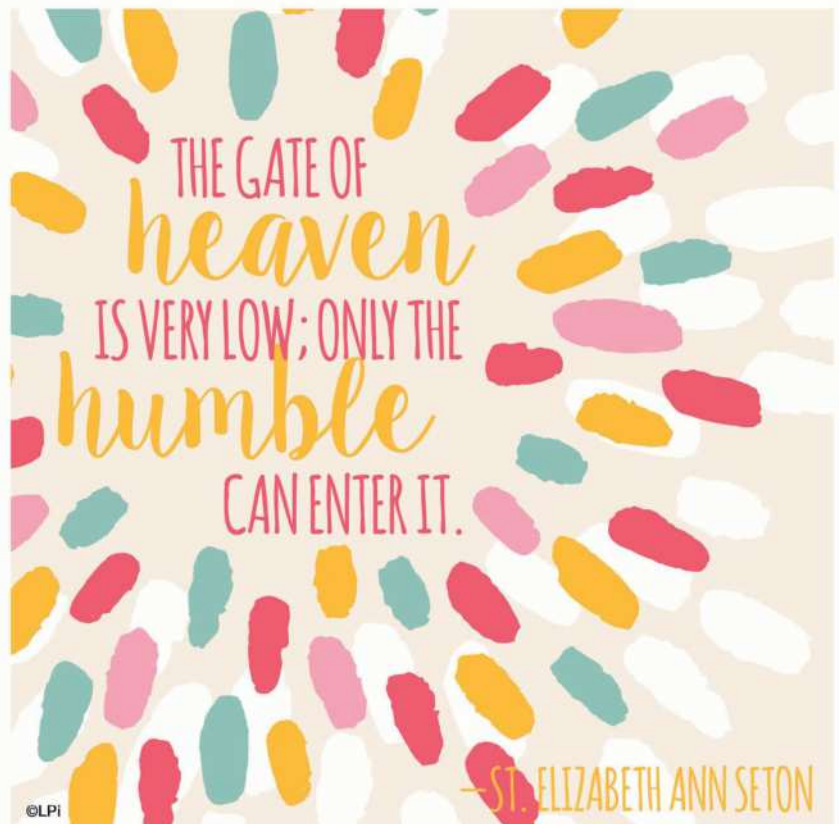
### Gospel:

In the story of the birth of Jesus, Matthew contrasts the fear and concern of King Herod with the joy and praise of the Magi. What feelings does the season of Christmas evoke for you?



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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you — tell you to chase? Point to it. And go forth.

### The Stars We Follow

Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, “I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough.” Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking “the newborn king of the Jews,” yes, but did they understand who he was? *What* he was? I don’t see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don’t know how many of them there were. We don’t know their religion. We don’t know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you— tell you to chase?

Point to it. And go forth.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men... who were they?

### Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There’s a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men *magoi*. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean “magician,” but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We’re not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says “the east.” History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts “from afar” at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.



### Prayer

Lord, I offer you my words, my actions, and my thoughts.

### Mission for the Week

I will remember that each day of my life is a gift.

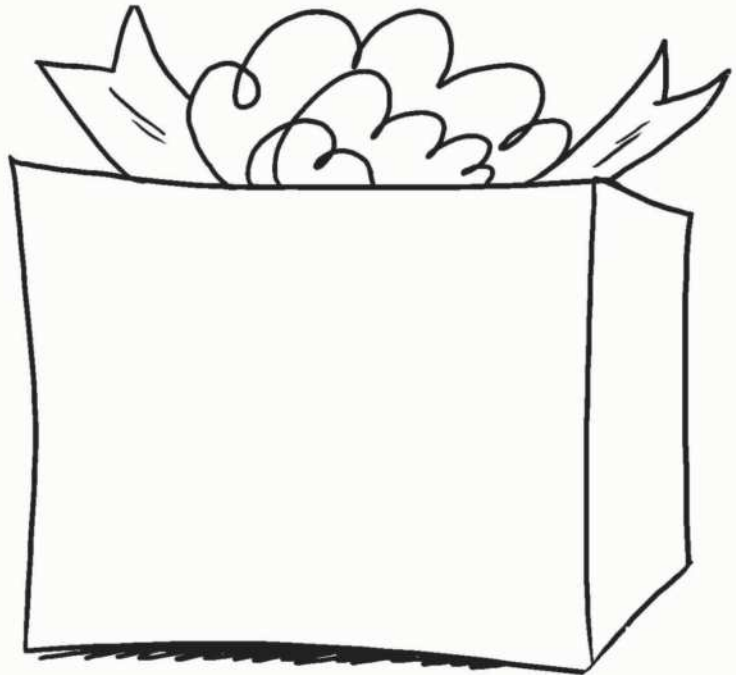
### Sharing the Gospel

It may be hard to find the star in the east, but God will always show you how to find him. Bow before the altar of God and give the baby Jesus three presents of your own. For gold, share your goodness with others. For frankincense, send your prayers up to God for yourself, your family, and your friends. For myrrh, follow God's words like a sweet perfume.

Now color  
the picture!



Inside the box, draw a gift that you would like to get some day!







# 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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## The Chosen Adventures



There is a new cartoon series on Amazon Prime called *The Chosen Adventures*. Each episode is about 10 minutes long, and follows 9 year old Abby and her best friend Joshua, who meet Jesus of Nazareth in Capernaum around 30 AD. *Adventures* was developed by one of the writers of the TV series *The Chosen*, and it features the voices of many cast members, including Jonathan Roumie as Jesus.

This is the kind of screen time parents can get behind. This series combines the wisdom of the Bible with stories kids will love, and it has certainly been well-received by the bulletin editor's 11, 10, and 8 year old grandchildren who kept asking to watch just one more episode.

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# BAGS TOURNAMENT

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Sunday, January 18th 2026

11AM Blind Draw

12PM Tournament Start

Located in the gym



**Cash Bar  
Split the POT**

For more information contact:

Nicole DiMaggio at  
[athleticdirector@stcelestineschool.org](mailto:athleticdirector@stcelestineschool.org)

**\$30  
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- NFL Wildcard Games

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purchased in the  
Parish Office**



**\*\*Must be 21 years and older to attend**



# 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. Other events this week:

## Sunday, January 25

- Early Childhood Information Session 9:30 AM
- Family Mass 11 AM Students who come in uniform and check in with their teacher at Mass will receive an out of uniform pass.
- Open House 12—2 PM Come see all of the amazing, exciting, and interesting things happening at St. Celestine School!

## Monday, January 26 – The Future's Looking Bright!

- Students dress in clothes related to their future careers.
- Alumni and guests come to speak about their careers.

## Tuesday, January 27 – We Are Family!

- Cards for seniors will be created in Art classes.
- Students will attend an all school mass with their special person.
- Students and their invited guests will enjoy snacks after Mass in the gym.

## Wednesday, January 28 – We Rock Around the Clock!

- Students who ordered will have pizza lunches thanks to Parents Club.
- Students will dance to music from over the decades at a sock hop in the gym.
- Students can dress like their favorite decade.

## Thursday, January 29 – We are the Champions!

Students will participate in an all school game morning dressed in Celtic spirit wear or their favorite sports team attire, sponsored by the 8th graders.

## Friday, January 30 – We're Having the Time of Our Lives!

- Students will enjoy an afternoon movie wearing PJ's or cozy clothes and bringing their own pillows, blankets, and movie snacks.
- Special lunch for our DEDICATED and AMAZING staff.



Did you know?

- Our first school opened on October 1, 1936.
- Portable partitions six feet high were placed in the church building to divide it into four classrooms.
- Folding chairs with detachable arms were used as desks.
- Ninety-one children registered for the first four grades and special catechism classes were established for all school children of the other four grades.
- The Adrian Dominican Sisters opened the school.

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

### Faithful Departed

Louis Nervoso

### Military

Col. Stephen Acosta	Marines
Staff Sgt. Lawrence G. Campbell	Air Force
Senior Airman Cory McCambridge	Air Force
Lt. Col. Peter Anderson	Army
Sgt. Kenneth G. DiCristifano	Army
Spec Michael Migliorisi	Army
Pvt. John Cerrone	Marines
PFC Paul J. Lagoda	Marines
PFC Sophia M. Garcia	Marines
Lt. Robert Reynolds	Army
Staff Sgt. Alberto Boy	Marines
Staff Sgt. Natalie Borrini	Air Force
Cpl. Brian Macaluso	Marines
Lnc. Cpl. Meghan Jennings	Marines
Lnc. Cpl. Michael Casanave	Marines
Pvt. Nicolas Casanave	Marines
ABEAN Melanie Hodges	Navy
PFC Vincent Negron	Marines
Pvt. Matthew Meyer	Army
Master Sgt. Scott A. Cross	Air Force
Dario Rodriguez	Air Force
Ensign Devon Zych	Coast Guard
Lnc. Cpl. Andrew D. Nordlie	Marines
Luis N. Burciaga	Army

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for January 4, 2026

Matthew 1:1-12

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, Cycle A: the Magi's search. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

HEROD	THE EAST	CHIEF PRIESTS
PEOPLE	INQUIRED	JUDEA
PROPHET	JUDAH	NO MEANS
LEAST	RULERS	CHILD
FOUND HIM	ENTERING	MARY
OFFERED	GIFTS	GOLD
FRANKINCENSE	MYRRH	DREAM

### THREE GIFTS

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 H A D E R I U Q N I L N  
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Lnc. Cpl. Jake Kola	Marines
Airman Kaden Turocy	Air Force
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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



## Parish Weekly Events

### Tuesday, January 6

6 PM ST CEL OLG Meeting in the Annex  
7 PM ST CYP Teen OCIA in the Rectory

### Wednesday, January 7

6 PM ST CEL Troop Committee Meeting in the Lower Meeting Room

### Thursday, January 8

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

### Friday, January 9

5 PM ST CEL Girl Scout Lock In

### Saturday, January 10

10 AM ST CEL Special Religious Education in the Gym and Annex  
3 PM ST CEL Men's Club Open Gym



## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, January 10

#### 4 PM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers	Isaac M. Diego M.
Lector	John F. Madden
Eucharistic Ministers	John P. Madden Ruben Monterroso

#### 5 PM St. Celestine

Altar Server	TBA
Lector	Joanne Bieschke
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Strabley Barbara Miller Bob Mitchell, O.F.S. Peggy O'Donnell Mike Miller Tom Lepore Patricia Rinella

### Sunday, January 11

#### 7:30 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers	Jazmin G. Yasleen G.
Lector	Sandro Valdez
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Kay Macchione Ken Doyle Florence Smith Maria Mojek TBA TBA

#### 9 AM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers	David D. Marco D. Matthew D.
Lector	Gissell Araujo
Eucharistic Minister	Anthony Cannizzaro

#### 11 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers	TBA
Lector	Lynn Loftus
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**Office Hours:** Monday—Thursday, 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30—8 PM; Friday 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30—5 PM  
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**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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