

ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

June 14, 2026

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 13

4:30 +Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez
+Joseph and +Bette Wesol
+Louis and +Juliana DaPrato
and the deceased members
of the DaPrato family
+Marge Sanger
+Margaret Maggio
James Anthonee Palattao,
Birthday

Sunday, June 14

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9 AM +Craig Bastek
+Joseph Morgan, Sr
11 AM +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Richard and +Carol Ritter
Zygmunt Family
+Santa Snieg

Monday, June 15

8 AM +Myka Kirsten Medrano

Tuesday, June 16

8 AM Faithful Departed

Wednesday, June 17

8 AM +Robert Masciola, Anniversary
+Patrick Mitchell

Thursday, June 18

8 AM People of the Parish

Friday, June 19

8 AM +Ciriaco Fernandez, Birthday
3 PM Carmen Placencia and Michael
Gigante Wedding

Saturday, June 20

1 PM Daisy Martinez and Armando
Munoz Wedding
3 PM Makayla Franks and Gino
Fornaro Wedding
4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez
+Giovanni Blandino
+Sheila Strabley, Birthday
+Joseph Sweeney
+Gerard Penczak
+Piotr Zdbicke
+Marvine Doyle

Sunday, June 21

7:30 AM +Anibal Cintron
+Richard Robertson
9 AM +Joseph Morgan, Sr.

11 AM +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Al Fang
+Jesus Covarrubia
+Ron McGuire, Anniversary
+Mary Therese McGuire,
Birthday
+Patrick T. Erickson, 1st
Anniversary
+Gino D'Ovidio
+Ron Schofield

Wedding Banns

June 19 Carmen Placencia and
Michael Gigante
June 20 Daisy Martinez and Armando
Munoz
June 20 Makayla Franks and Gino
Fornaro

Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, June 14

11 AM Fr. Paul Cao's Final Mass,
followed by Reception in the
Gym

Tuesday, June 16

7 PM Mother of Perpetual Help
Devotional in the Chapel

Thursday, June 18

4 PM Food Pantry

Bulletin Deadlines

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

June 28 is due on Wednesday, June 17
at 9 AM

July 5 is due on Tuesday, June 23 at 9
AM

Mother of Perpetual Help Society Devotional

The Mother of Perpetual Help Society
invites you to join us for the Mother
of Perpetual Help
Devotional held every
Tuesday evening in the
St. Celestine Chapel. We
pray the rosary at 7 PM
and then the Mother of
Perpetual Help Novena at
7:30 PM. You may join us
for either the rosary or
the novena or both!



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, June 20

4:30 PM Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
Altar Servers Isaac M., Diego M.,
Christian C.
Lector Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.
E. M.s Pat Strabley, Carol
Gutkowski, Barbara
Miller, Ruben
Monterroso, Peggy
O'Donnell, Tom Lepore

Sunday, June 21

7:30 AM Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
Altar Servers Evan V., Elijah V.,
Joseph K.
Lector Florence Smith
E. M.s Minnie Reillo, Maria
Mojek, Mary Kay
Macchione, Ken Doyle,
Joanne Koziol, Mikenna
Doyle

9 AM

Altar Server Presider Fr. Paul Cao
Lector Angeli B.
E. M.s Bonnie Billa
Mary Princivalli, John
Madden, Mary Graf,
Grisel Lopez, Lynn
Loftus, Maryann Dibari
11 AM Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
Altar Servers Sarah P., Cecelia S.,
Macaria T., Lorenzo T.
Gissell Araujo
Lectors Jeanne Chouloute,
E. M.s Mary Sullivan, Doti
Geringer, Kathy
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From the Pastor's Desk: Father Paul Cao

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is with a heart full of profound gratitude, mixed with the natural sadness of parting, that I write this reflection. As has been officially announced, my 13-year tenure as your pastor at St. Celestine and later St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish will come to a close, and I will begin my new leadership assignment at Holy Child Jesus Parish on July 1st.

Thirteen years ago, we began a journey together. Look back at where we started and where we are today. Together, we faced the immense task of bringing communities together, navigating structural changes, and building a unified parish under the patronage of St. Mother Theodore Guerin. From the beginning, my vision for our parish was never simply about organizational maintenance; it was about mission.

A vibrant parish cannot just look inward to care for its own; it must boldly look outward to bring Christ to the world. Because of your faith, your generosity, and your tireless volunteer spirit, we transitioned from a parish of routine to a beacon of active community outreach. Together with our staff, Senior Leadership Team, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and ministry leaders, we worked to ensure that our parish was not just a place we visit on Sundays, but a living, breathing movement of discipleship.

Moments I Will Cherish

When I look back on more than a decade of service here, my

mind overflows with sacred memories:

- Our Sacramental Life: The joy of celebrating Mass and talking with you every weekend, witnessing your marriages, and the profound privilege of walking with you through grief and loss at funerals.
- Our Community Growth: The vibrant gatherings, the shared laughter, the digital expansions that kept us connected, and the beautiful diversity of our community coming together as one family.
- Our Shared Faith: Watching our community step out in faith, embrace change, and grow into a dynamic center of evangelization.

You have allowed me into your lives during your most joyful celebrations and your most vulnerable hardships. For that sacred trust, I am forever grateful. I also want to thank the incredible staff, and the volunteers who have labored alongside me. Any success we achieved, we achieved together.

Embracing the Next Chapter

As I prepare to transition to my next assignment on July 1, I am reminded of the words of our patroness, St. Mother Theodore Guerin:

"We are not called upon to do all the good possible, but only that which we can do."

We have done so much good together, and now it is time for a new chapter to be written—both



in my priesthood and in the life of this parish. A transition in pastoral leadership is an opportunity for renewed energy, fresh perspectives, and continued spiritual growth. I ask that you welcome your new pastor with the same warmth, open-mindedness, and collaborative spirit that you have generously shown me. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin my new assignment, and know that you will remain permanently in mine. Thank you for 13 unforgettable years of faith, fellowship, and love.

May God bless you and your loved ones, and may St. Mother Theodore Guerin continue to guide our steps.

With gratitude,

Fr. Paul

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 14, 2026

Sunday:

Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/
Mt 9:36-10:8

Monday:

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday:

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Sir 48:1-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/
Mt 6:7-15

Friday:

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14,
17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday:

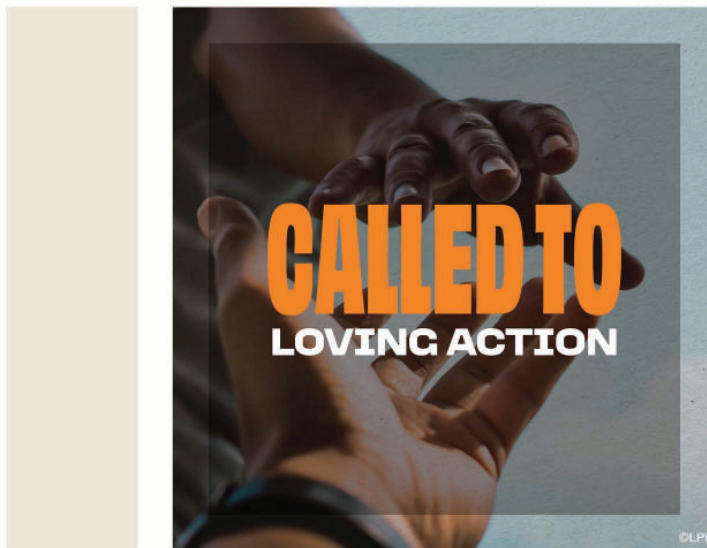
2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32,
33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/
Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is **“moved with compassion” for the crowd, for they were “like sheep without a shepherd.”** (Matthew 9:36) So he calls his disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from his authority and the Spirit's gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (cf. *Lumen Gentium* 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's. Then get to work.

— *Father John Muir*

“Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.”

- Mt 10:6-8

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

God reveals to Moses His intention to make Israel a “treasured possession among all the peoples...a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.” Have you ever received an incredible gift you never saw coming?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches us that as believers, we have been reconciled to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Can you think of a time when you reconciled with a friend or family member?

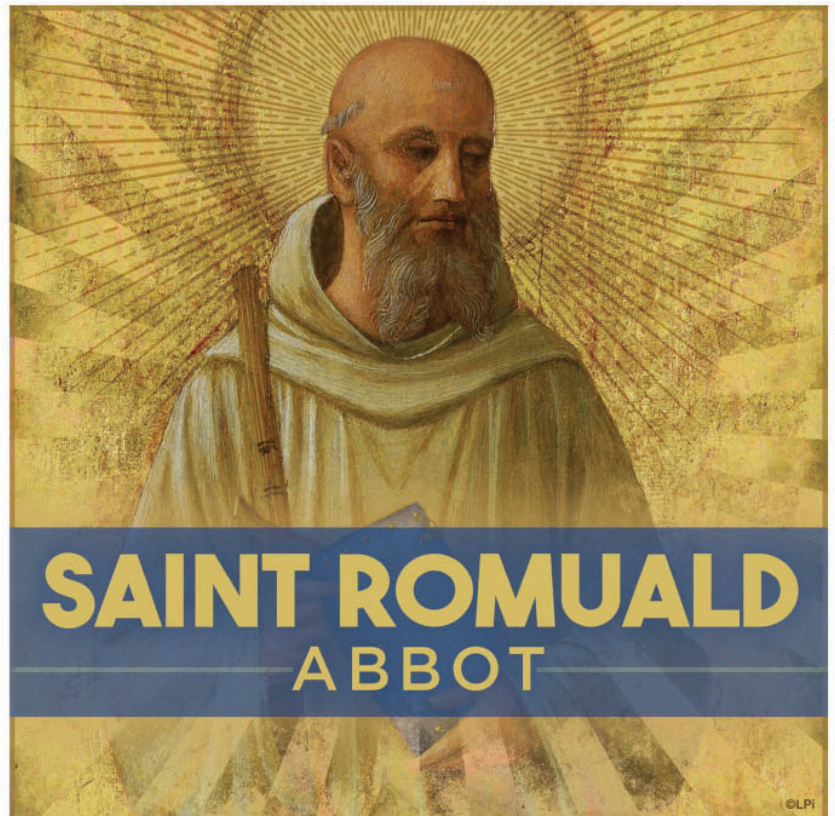
Gospel:

Jesus commissioned his 12 Apostles to carry on his missionary work of healing the sick and exorcising unclean spirits. Do you have a sense of mission for your life?



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Liturgical Life

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Mini Reflection: We often find it hard to love the Church if we find it hard to love a particular priest, a particular bishop. That's the thing about priests and bishops and all the laborers in the field: they are human. They are sinners. Just like you and me.

Laborers

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few."

This excerpt from Matthew's Gospel has become a catchphrase in the modern Church. We give ourselves vertigo with the amount of head-shaking we do over the much-lamented "decline in numbers."

Which numbers, you ask? Well, take your pick — numbers of baptized Catholic children who continue to profess their faith in adulthood, numbers of registered parishioners, numbers of priests ordained each year. All are a fraction of what they were generations ago.

That last one — the priests — that's a particular worry for us, isn't it? So we pray, "Send us laborers, Lord! Make them holy. Make them earnest."

And then we add, in the silence of our hearts: "Make them perfect."

It's no secret that part of the reason the pews are empty is because we often find it hard to love the Church if we find it hard to love a particular priest, a particular bishop, or a particular human representative of the Church.

Because that's the thing about priests and bishops and all the laborers in the field: they are human. They are sinners. Just like you and me.

We must consider this: today's Gospel lists the Apostles whom Jesus sent out in ministry to heal, console, and evangelize, and right at the end — like a record scratch — comes the name of Judas Iscariot, the betrayer. If ever a laborer failed in his work, it was Judas.

And surely, when he did, his fellow laborers were so demoralized and so disenchanting that they considered laying down their tools and leaving the harvest to wither and die.

But they did not, and we must not.

Without cost we have received, and without cost we are called to give.

So we labor on, for the day is drawing to a close, and the threshing time is near.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

A member of my parish was recently arrested for a white-collar crime. I don't approve of what he did, but he is a great neighbor and a nice person. How should I treat someone like him?

Answer:

There is a litany of expressions that fit this situation: Everyone makes mistakes. Hate the sin, love the sinner. Judge not, lest you be judged. All of these proverbs and sayings highlight the fact that we are here to help each other on the way to salvation. Our hope and goal is that everyone grows in grace, drawing closer to God and to the promise of eternal life. Part of that process is our struggle, collectively and individually, with sin. And that is the ugly part. Sin is not nice, pretty, or inviting when laid out for all to see. Nor is it easy for the person caught in the spotlight.

Kindness and support are not the same thing as approval. We recognize that good people can do bad things and in their struggle, they need the help of others. Our kindness is often the flicker of hope that allows someone to face the consequences of sin while focusing on the promise of redemption. Your desire to help and support your neighbor is the response of grace to sin, and the same response of Jesus to us.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. (Ex 19:5)

Psalm:

We are his people: the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)

Second Reading:

But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

Gospel:

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. (Mt 9:36)

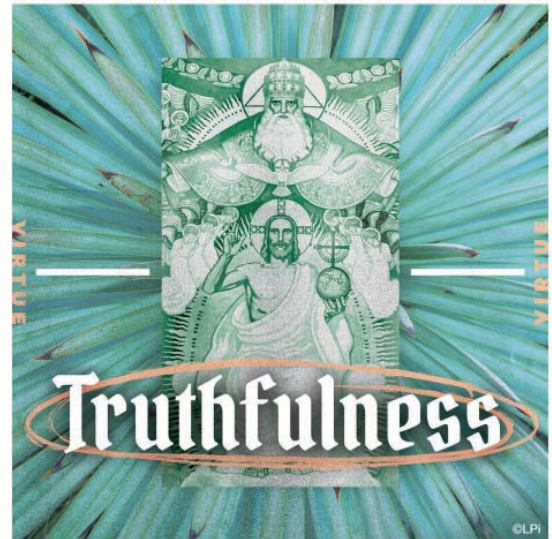
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In his mercy, Jesus sent his Apostles into ministry — and the Apostles are still ministering today. We see them in the sanctuary, in the confessional. They are our priests, sent to shepherd Christ's sheep. This week, let's pray for our shepherds.

Observances for the week of June 14, 2026

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; *Flag Day*
Friday: St. Romuald, Abbot; *World Refugee Day*; *Juneteenth*
Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; *Father's Day*



Virtues, Explained!

God Himself is Truth. Therefore, if we belong to God, we must live truthfully — in small matters and in large ones, so that the witness we bear to the ultimate Truth of God shall always be taken seriously.

Prayer of Discipleship

Dear Jesus,
You've called every soul to yourself, aware of our faults and failures, but also our gifts, perspectives, our talents, and our dreams. As we grow to know you, help us to more fully understand ourselves and, in doing so, to use our unique positions to spread your love to the world.
Amen.



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Nathan Dizonno

Joseph Sanchez

Jonah Espana

Anastasiya Shcherbyak

Jovani Feliciano

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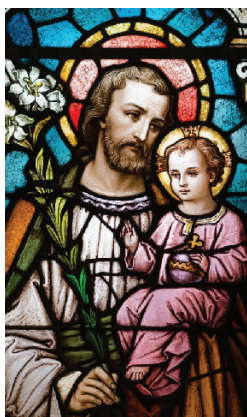


Father's Day Novena

Enroll a special Dad, Grandpa, or father-figure, living or deceased, in the St. Mother Guerin Father's Day Novena. The novena begins on Sunday, June 21. Prayers for the intentions of all enrolled will be offered at Masses for nine days.

Novena cards and envelopes with instructions are available in church and at the Pastoral Center. Return the card in the envelope in the collection basket or to the Pastoral Center by Thursday, June 18. The suggested offering is \$10.

There will also be a special blessing for all fathers on June 21 at all the Masses. All the names of those being honored will be displayed in church and they will all be lifted up in prayer during the novena.



4th of July Parade

Join Fr. Ton and the parish in walking in the Elmwood Park annual Independence Day parade. Line up on Fullerton by the parish bus by Elmwood Park High School. Organizations are invited to bring their banners.

Parish Mass for Couples Married 50+ Years

Anyone married 50 years or more is invited to join us at the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, July 12 for a special blessing. A reception will follow after the Mass. Please call Lynn at 708-453-2555 to register.

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MARRIED IN 1976?

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS?

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on **Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.**

The mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

Please email gwa@archchicago.org or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.

Calendar

- Sunday, June 14: 11 AM **Farewell Mass** for Fr. Paul Cao
- July 4: **Independence Day Parade** in Elmwood Park
- Saturday, July 11: 9 AM **Garage Sale** in the St. Celestine Parking Lot
- Sunday, July 12: 11 AM Mass Blessing for couples married **50 or more years**
- Sunday July 19 11 AM Mass Thank You **Blessing for Sr. Johanna Tremi**
- Sunday, July 26 **Parish Picnic and 11 AM Mass** at Evans Field in River Grove
- Thursday, August 20 St. Celestine School begins
- Saturday, September 12 4—9 PM **Parish Taste**
- Sunday, October 25 **Craft Fair** 8:30 AM in the Gym and Annex



May

Griffin Michael Chybicki
Gracelyn Mae Chybicki
Rocco Rodger Loni
Benicio Noel Mercado
Logan Kai Peppler
Makisig Isla Sanchez

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, * Mary Bartell, Michael Binder, Jacqueline Boshell, Edward Bray, Sue Brink, Brian Cunningham, Ellison Deehr, Elene Dimperio, Cathy Downing King, Cynthia, Eleanor, Tom Ferguson, Michael Garcia, Tammy Garcia, Maciej Gondek, Dorota Gondek, Thomas Gruber, Grace Hensley, Kathy Johl, Adele Johnson, Juliette Jimenez, 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, Gerard Palattao, Aida Rivera, Sarah Rotolo, Kathy Sassolino, Morgan Schlanger, Joseph Serwa, John Sheahan, Mary Skelly, Sue, Brian Swatek, Colleen Schlanger Thomas, Jeffrey Tomek, Judy Virgilio, Lillian Wardzala, Jim Waterloo, Jim Wazorick, Danyll Wolcotte, Nicholas Zych *recently added

Faithful Departed

Theresa Oliver, Virginia Parise

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for June 14, 2026

Matthew 9:36-10:8

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: The selection of the Twelve Apostles. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

CROWDS	SHEEP	FEW
SUMMONED	GAVE THEM	UNCLEAN
CURE	APOSTLES	SIMON
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JOHN	BARTHOLOMEW	THOMAS
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BETRAYED	LEPER	GIVE

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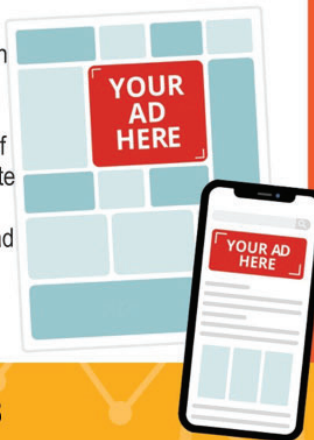
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Mother Guerin High School 50th

Were you a member of the class of 1976, Mother Theodore Guerin, River Grove, Illinois? Do you know someone from that class? It's time for the 50th Reunion! Guerin alum from '76 will meet on a weekend in early October for mass on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. A great time to relive a bit of the past and make a new connection or two. For more information, including dates, email mtgclassof76reunion@gmail.com .

The Vatican Appoints Fr. Stan Chu Ilo as Co-Director of a Global Missionary Initiative

1. The Vatican Dicastery for Evangelization has appointed Rev. Fr. Stan Chu Ilo, priest of Awgu Diocese in Nigeria and currently Senior Research Professor of Theology and World Catholicism at DePaul University in Chicago, as CO-DIRECTOR of a new initiative of the Dicastery entitled THE CHURCH OF THE SHEAVES: EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR MISSION AS GIFT EXCHANGE.

2. In a letter dated May 6, 2026 and co-signed by the Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery, Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle, and the Secretary, Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu, Fr. Stan is expected to co-direct the project which has its roots in the missionary outreach of Pope Francis and its renewed emphasis in the pontificate of Pope Leo.

3. The aim of the initiative is “to strengthen the formation of missionaries who move between the Global South and the Global North. It also seeks to prepare pastoral agents in parishes and dioceses to foster inclusive and vibrant ecclesial communities, where all may feel at home, especially in contexts where rapid migration from rural areas to major cities is reshaping local cultures and increasing social diversity.”

4. Tangible fruits of the initiative will include the development of a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) for the training of missionaries and pastoral agents throughout the world church and “the possible repurposing of underutilized major seminary facilities in Europe, the United States, and Canada as centers of welcome, orientation, ongoing formation, and cultural immersion for priests, religious, and pastoral workers missioned to serve from the Global South.”

5. With this appointment, Fr. Stan will share his time between Rome, the coordinating center for the project, and Chicago where he continues to serve as a senior university research scholar.

6. The project brings together 106 prominent Catholic scholars from several countries of the world.

7. Fr. Stan is the coordinator of the Pan-African Catholic Theology and Pastoral Network (PACTPAN), the largest single continental body of Catholic scholars and pastoral agents. He is a notable contemporary African theologian and has published widely in the fields of theology, Catholic social ethics, African Christianity, ecclesiology, and mission studies.

8. In 2017, he won the Afro-Global Impact Award for his outstanding contributions to theological scholarship. He has studied in Nigeria, Italy, Canada, South Africa, and the UK.

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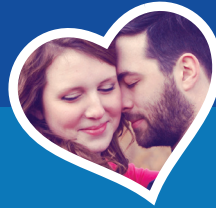
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Masses: See cover. **Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:30 PM at St. Celestine.

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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