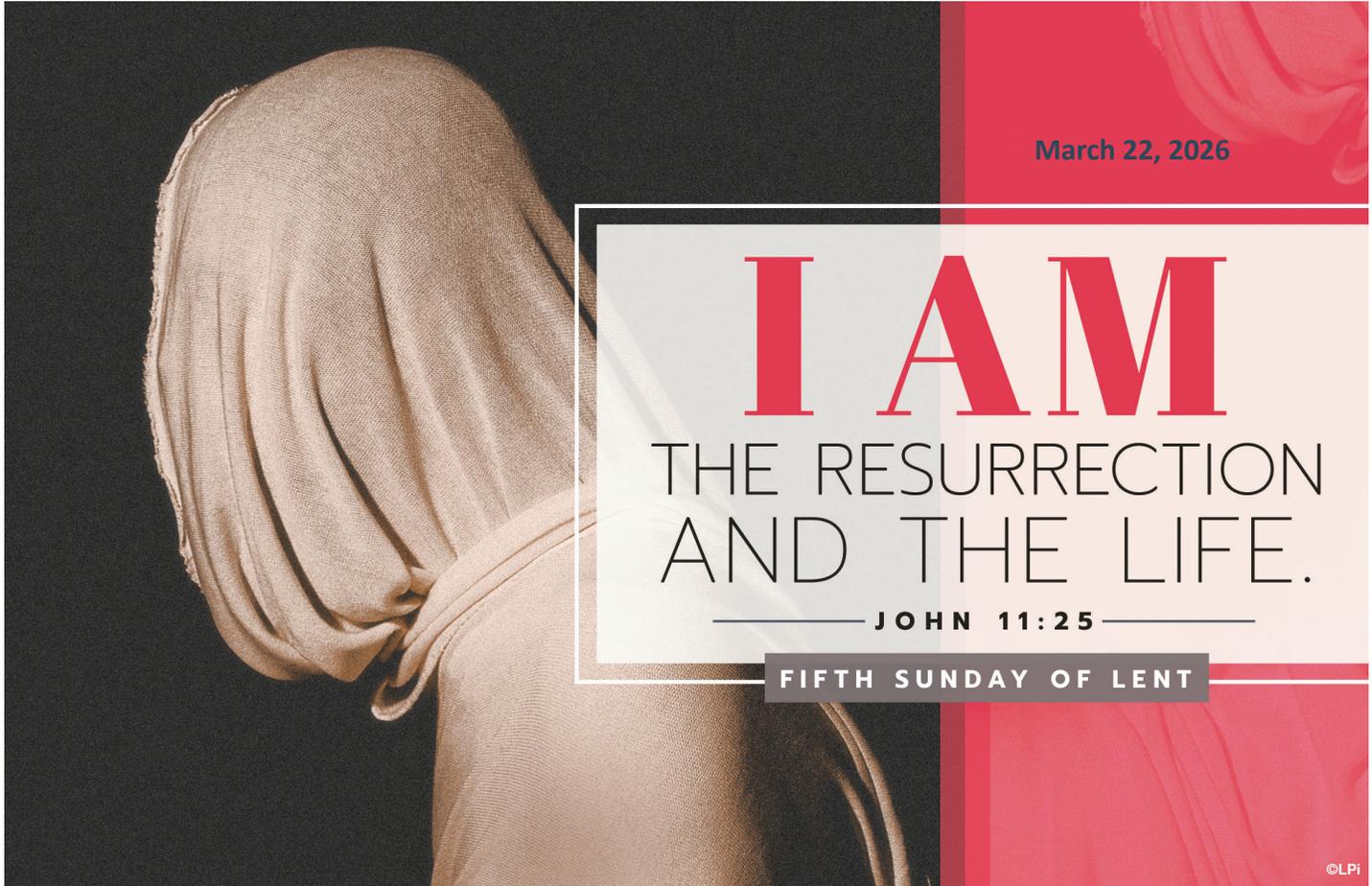




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Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM to noon and 12:30 to 8 PM; Friday: 8:30 AM to noon and 12:30 to 5 PM;
Saturday: 8:30 AM-12:30 PM; Sunday: closed.

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, March 21

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez
+Joe Guidi, 3rd Anniversary

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Emelia Moreno
+Josephine Gutkowski, Birthday
+Edel M. Guerrero, Anniversary
Deceased members of the Bellipanni Family

Sunday, March 22

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Santo Pate, 1st Anniversary

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Andrea Trupiano
+Joseph Morgan, Sr.
+Maria Natividad–Orosco
+Sebastian and +Rosalia Cannizzaro
+Richard and +Betty Saia

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo
+Rick Sciacotta, Birthday
+Marianna and +Edward Milkowski, Anniversary
+Lucjan Milkowski, Anniversary
Jackie and Elmer Schweitzer, 60th Wedding Anniversary
+Vito Vavalle, 2nd Anniversary

Monday, March 23

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Dean Anthony Katsaros

Tuesday, March 24

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

Faithful Departed

Wednesday, March 25

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Fr. Bernard White

Thursday, March 26

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

People of the Parish

Friday, March 27

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Frances R. Campagna

Saturday, March 28

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez
+Jesus Moreno
+Kerry Sieck, 2nd Anniversary

+Josephine Gutkowski, Anniversary
+Gertrude Gutkowski, Birthday and Anniversary

Sunday, March 29

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Elaine Szyszka, Anniversary

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Geraldine Lustro

+Joseph Morgan, Sr.

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo
+Lillian Swiatkowski, Anniversary

Disciple Maker Index

From the Archdiocese:

St. Mother Theodore Guerin parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. This process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in. The DMI is a survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Mother Guerin.

The 10–15–minute survey can be accessed through an online link on the website, stguerinparish.org, or through this one: <https://survey.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/p57dg8> until March 29 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

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



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.

- April 5** is due on Tuesday, March 24 at 9 AM
- April 12** is due on Tuesday, March 31 at 9 AM
- April 19** is due on Wednesday, April 8 at 9 AM

Stewardship

February

Sunday envelopes	\$33,059.13
Electronic	\$6,910.20
TOTAL	\$39,969.33

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
the one who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel:

"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."
(Jn 11:25-26)

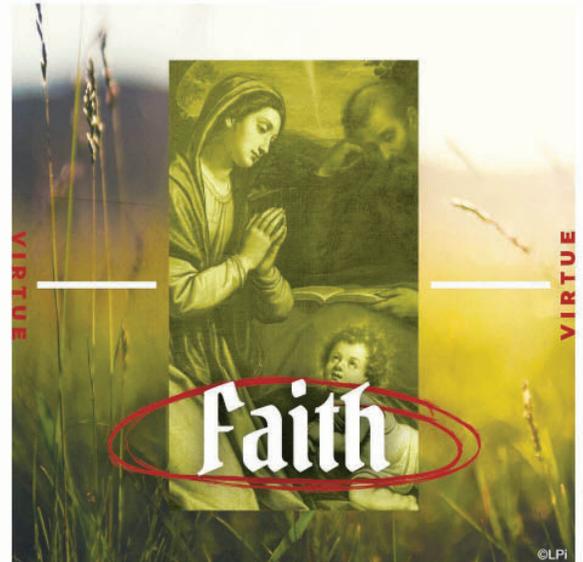
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus calls into the tomb.
These same words he cries into the depths
of our hearts. "Come out!" God is calling you.
Come out from the sleep of your indifference.
Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out!

Observances for the week of March 22, 2026

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;
Holy Week begins



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of faith is "man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man." (CCC 26). Faith is encouraged by the complementary virtues of hope and love, and through the gift of understanding our faith grows and strengthens.

Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore
our hope.
Where we feel imprisoned, break
our chains.
Where we feel discouraged, bring
us light.
Where the ground feels dry,
break through with life anew.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

Sunday:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,
33b-45

Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-
62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday:

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-
24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or
27:11-54



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: **"Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43)** The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, **"Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).**

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

What Lazarus Wanted

"It must be so crazy, being God," one of my friends said in high school. "Does it feel like playing The Sims all day? Just making people do stuff because you want to see what happens?"

I think we all sometimes fall into this warped manner of thinking about God's omnipotence. It's understandable, to a degree. The flimsiness of our own agency in this world, our real ability to impact or change anything ... well, it all feels especially puny when you put it next to the power of the Creator. "Oh God, thy sea is so great," goes the old fisherman's prayer. "And my boat is so small."

But today, in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, we are reminded that God is all about giving us agency.

Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. His intention was clear: to foreshadow his own passion, death and resurrection, and to exhibit the closeness of God to those who mourn. "This illness is not to end in death," he tells his companions. "But is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." (John 11:4)

So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

I think the answer has to be that this was something Lazarus agreed to. Perhaps not in an explicit way, for he didn't know the mind or the plans of God. But in his friendship with Jesus, in the strength of his faith and the depth of his devotion to God, in every prayer he ever uttered — "Lord, let your will be done" — he was agreeing to it. Over and over, in what he said and what he did, Lazarus, beloved friend of Christ, said, "Lord, I love you. Lord, use me."

In this last full week of Lent, let us say it with him: "Lord, I love you. Lord, use me."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why is the Vatican sometimes called the "Holy See?"

Answer:

A little background in ecclesiology will help explain why we call the Vatican the Holy See. The Church is very structured and organized in its hierarchy. A diocese is a geographic area governed by a bishop appointed by the Pope. Each diocese is further broken down into parishes, which have pastors who represent the bishop in his teaching authority.

The diocese of Rome has a particular role in the Church because of its importance and antiquity. The Pope is head of the Church because he is the Bishop of Rome. Every bishop has a seat or throne, which is the symbol of his teaching authority and is located in the cathedral of each diocese. The Latin word for seat is "sedes." So each diocese can be referred to as a "see." Most people think that St. Peter's is the cathedral of Rome, but St. John Lateran Basilica is actually the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome. This is where the Pope's seat or throne as Bishop of Rome is found. So, the Holy See is a reference to the chair of Peter, the Pope's Chair.

And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." - Jn 11:43-44

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear from the prophet Ezekiel the Lord's promise to raise His people from the dead. What gives you hope in this promise?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches that the Holy Spirit dwells in those who believe in Jesus and that same Spirit will raise our mortal bodies from the dead. How should this impact the way we live our lives today?

Gospel:

Despite her grief over the death of Lazarus, Martha believes that Jesus is the resurrection and the life, the Son of God. How has this season of Lent strengthened your faith in Jesus?



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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 27 at 7 PM at St. Celestine

LENTEN DINNER Friday at 5 PM at St. Celestine
March 27 Pasta Dinner

CONFESSIONS in Polish available at St. Celestine Saturday,
March 28 from 3:30 to 4:30 PM

HOLY WEEK

LABYRINTH March 29—April 3 in the Gym and Annex at
St. Celestine from Palm Sunday—Good Friday.
Palm Sunday, March 29, Noon—5 PM; March
30—April 2: 4—9 PM, and April 3, Good Friday
9 AM—9 PM

Monday, March 30
7 PM Parish Reconciliation Service at St. Celestine

Wednesday, April 1
7 PM Taizé Prayer at St. Cyprian

Holy Thursday, April 2
8 AM Morning Prayer at St. Cyprian
7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper at
St. Celestine, followed by Church Visits

Good Friday, April 3

8 AM Morning Prayer at St. Celestine
3 PM Service at St. Cyprian
Divine Mercy Novena begins after service
7 PM Shadow Stations at St. Celestine

Holy Saturday, April 4

8 AM Morning Prayer at St. Cyprian followed by
Divine Mercy novena
11 AM Easter Basket Blessing at St. Cyprian
Noon Easter Basket Blessing at St. Celestine
7:30 PM Easter Vigil at St. Celestine

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5 Masses

7:30 AM at St. Celestine
9 AM at St. Cyprian
11 AM at St. Celestine
11:30 AM at St. Cyprian

3 PM Divine Mercy Novena at St. Cyprian

Divine Mercy Novena

continues Monday, April 6 through Saturday, April 11 at
3 PM at St. Cyprian
Sunday, April 12 at 3 PM at St. Celestine Holy Hour to
end the Divine Mercy novena



PASTA DINNER MARCH 27 5-7 PM

St. Celestine Gym and Annex

Adults \$15
\$7 for students



Adults pick 3 of 4 entrees: house pasta, guest restaurant pasta, pizza, and salad bar; with bread, coffee, and dessert. Students pick two entrees and dessert.

Pasta Dinner March 27

We will host our last parish Lenten Dinner with a Pasta Dinner on Friday, March 27 from 5 to 7 PM in the Annex and Gym at St. Celestine.

Dinner includes your choice of three of the four entrees: a house pasta, a restaurant pasta, pizza slice, and a salad bar, with bread and butter, coffee, and dessert. Students may choose two entrees and a dessert. Assorted cold drinks and beer and wine will be available for purchase. To go containers will also be available.

Adults: \$15
Students: \$7 (two entrees and dessert).

BAKERS NEEDED:

We will need baked goods for the desserts. Please drop them off at the Pastoral Center on the Thursday before the dinner. We also need: 12 oz. cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Diet Sprite and 16–20 oz. bottled water. Cash or checks made out to St. Mother Guerin Parish are helpful for purchasing the paper supplies.

Thank you to all our volunteers who made the first two dinners so successful!



“Laff-a-Lympics”

Don't Forget Ladies ...

St. Mother Guerin Women's Club Meeting
THURSDAY, March 26, 2026 – 7 PM

Annex of St. Celestine ~ Doors open at 6:30 pm

Go For the Gold – “Laff-a-Lympics”

Let's have a little Fun – After enjoying some light snacks and taking care of Club Business

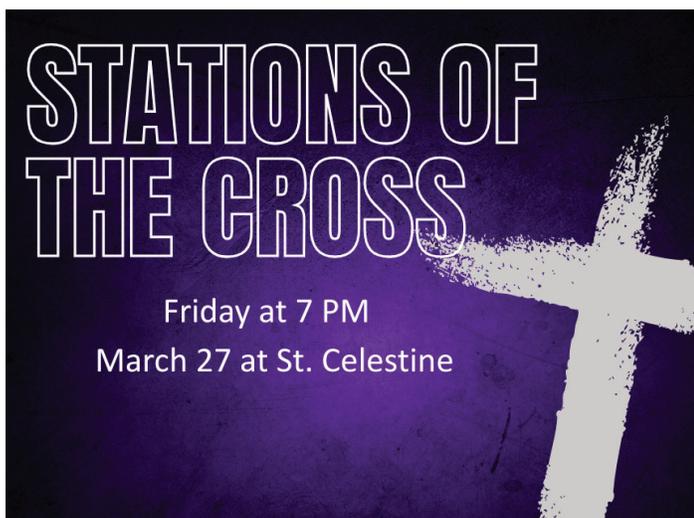
Come on out ~ Hope to See You!



Holy Thursday Church Visits

We will be visiting five churches on Holy Thursday, April 2 after the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The churches have not been finalized but at this point we will try to include Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Peter or St. Martin, Old Saint Pat's, St. Mary of the Angels, and St. Hyacinth. We will leave immediately after the Holy Thursday evening Mass of the Lord's Supper around 8 PM and return to the St. Celestine parking lot by midnight.

This year we have a large comfortable bus (complete with bathroom) that seats 50. The cost is \$25 each for the bus, and this includes a tip for the driver. Please call the office at 708-453-2555 to reserve your spot.



Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, in Darien, Illinois (in the southwestern suburbs), on April 17-19, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, email reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

Experience the Labyrinth during Holy Week

We invite all parishioner/visitors to stop by our Labyrinth/Meditation Room in the Annex and Gym at the St. Celestine location during Holy Week. To enter, please park in the parking lot and enter through the Annex door. It will be open to the public starting Palm Sunday from Noon-5 PM, Monday-Thursday 4 PM-9 PM and Good Friday 9 AM-9 PM.

You will enter into the information area where a volunteer can explain how to use the Labyrinth/Meditation Room. You can also take time to watch a video, read some books or try one of our many finger/hand labyrinths.

The actual Labyrinth is set up in the gym. You will need to remove your shoes before stepping on the labyrinth because it is made of canvas and shoes can be a hazard on it. Some people prefer to just sit in the room for quiet, reflection time. There are also different environment displays that can be used as reflective areas. You can decide how you want to use the room.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



Would you like to be a part of the Labyrinth/Meditation Room? We are looking for volunteers who would be available for taking down the Labyrinth/Meditation Room on Good Friday at 9 PM in the Annex at St. Celestine Church. If you would like to help, please leave your name and phone number at the Pastoral Center (708-453-2555).

Also, if you are VIRTUS trained we are looking for people to do one and a half hour shifts during the school day in Holy Week. Please let us know if you're available in the daytime hours.

Welcome all Ladies - WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO



Celebrating the Chinese "Year of the Horse"



Sunday, April 12, 2026

12:30 PM to 3:30 PM St. Celestine's Annex / Gym

\$ 20.00 per person

\$ 20.00 includes: Meal, non-alcoholic beverages, dessert and BINGO.

- Meal Options:
- 1 - Beef and Broccoli with fried rice and egg roll
 - 2 - Chicken Kow (mixed veggies) with fried rice and egg roll
 - 3 - Vegetarian (all vegetables) with white rice and egg roll



Bring your **White Elephant Gift** wrapped or hidden in a gift bag.
 Gift must be worth minimum of \$5; new or gently used
 Ask yourself: "Is this something I would like to get?"
 Any extra gifts you bring will earn you an extra bingo card for each gift.

Bring some cash - "Race to the Finish" countdown \$5 per ticket

Last 3 tickets pulled win the cash prizes

Split the deck games \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5 - throughout the event

Purchase your tickets soon! No tickets sold after March 27. Get your tickets at the Women's Club meeting on 3/26, at the Pastoral Center before 3/26, or by contacting Darlene at 708-805-2639. This is sponsored by the St. Mother Guerin Women's Club.

Meet the Author April 15



We will meet with Fr. Stan Ilo, author of *Someone Beautiful to God: Finding the Light of Faith in a Wounded World* on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room at St. Celestine. He will answer questions about the book and sign copies. We do have extra books at the the Pastoral Center if you want to read it on your own or gift it to someone. They are available for \$20. Please join us!

Mother of Perpetual Help Society Devotional

We, a local Mother of Perpetual Help Society, warmly invite the parishioners of St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish to join us for the Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional, to be held weekly in the St. Celestine chapel. Every Tuesday, we will pray the rosary at 7 PM followed by the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 7:30 PM. Feel free to join us for either the rosary or the novena or both! This is a wonderful hour of prayer to offer to our Blessed Mother.

This beautiful and time-honored devotion is a peaceful opportunity to place our needs, our families, and our parish under the loving care of Our Blessed Mother. Whether you have prayed this novena for years or are new to it, all are welcome to come, pray, and find comfort, hope, and strength through Mary's intercession. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Panzarella Konrath at panzkon@gmail.

St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

BINGO NIGHT

Join us for an evening of fun, concessions, raffles, and cash prizes!

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

\$25 TO PLAY

8 REGULAR AND
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Doors open at 5:30 PM,
games start at 6:30 PM.
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\$200 special games

Must be 21 to play

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Parish **GOLF** Outing

JUNE 8, 2026 \$125/golfer



Our annual Golf Outing will take place on Monday, June 8 at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville with registration at 8 AM and a shotgun start at 9 AM. \$125/per person or \$500 for a foursome includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch on the course, and a BBQ dinner in the clubhouse. Great raffles and door prizes! Businesses and organizations are invited to sponsor a hole. Go to stguerinparish.org and click on Golf Outing to register.

stguerinparish.org

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ I would like to reserve _____ foursome(s) @ \$125/golfer* (includes 18 holes, carts, lunch and dinner).

*Total due for 1 foursome = \$500

_____ I would like reservations for _____ golfer(s) @ \$125/golfer (includes 18 holes, carts, lunch and dinner).

_____ I would like reservations for _____ guest(s) @ \$50/guest for dinner only.

_____ I don't golf, but would like to sponsor a hole for \$100.

_____ I would like to make a cash or raffle donation.

Raffle donation: _____

Golfer #1 _____ Golfer #2 _____

Golfer #3 _____ Golfer #4 _____

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Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

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_____ Hole-in-One: \$250.00: Logo on entrance banner at outing, lawn sign, recognition in our church bulletin, recognition on our parish website, in addition to recognition on our parish's social media.

_____ Eagle: \$200.00: Lawn sign, recognition in our church bulletin, along with recognition on our parish website.

_____ Birdie: \$150.00: Lawn sign and recognition in our church bulletin.

_____ Tee Off: \$100.00: Lawn sign with your name at designated hole.

Pay online at www.givecentral.org/GolfOuting, or mail checks payable to St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish and to the attention of Laurie DePillo, St. Mother Guerin Parish, 3020 N. 76th Ct., Elmwood Park, IL 60707.

St. Mother Guerin thanks you for your kind consideration of a donation to our Golf Outing Fundraiser. We are a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible charity. Upon request we can provide our sponsors with a tax receipt for their donation. Please email Laurie DePillo at lauriedepillo@stguerinparish.org when requesting a tax receipt for your donation or if you have any questions. You may also call her at 708-453-2555.

Pray for Them

Sick

Please remember the following people who are seriously ill. If you wish to add a name with the person's permission, please call the parish office. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

Angelo L'Abbate, Michael Binder, Jacqueline Boshell, Julie Boyce, Edward Bray, Sue Brink, Brian Cunningham, Ellison Deehr, Elene Dimperio, Cathy Downing King, Eleanor, Tom Ferguson, Tammy Garcia, Maciej Gondek, Dorota Gondek, Lorry Hartnett, Grace Hensley, Karl Humowiecki, Kathy Johl, Adele Johnson, Lisa Kostrzeski, Justine Kucera, Robert Kucera, Larry Lemanski, Bart Masi, Kathy Mooney, George Moskaliuk, Sandra Moskaliuk, Efrem Munoz, Martha Munoz, James Nasti, Larry Nestor, Ron Nichols, Sr. Louise Noesen, Carolyn Paprocki, Sr. Rita Mae Rabbitoy, Aida Rivera, Sarah Rotolo, Kathy Sassolino, Morgan Schlanger, Joseph Serwa, John Sheahan, Mary Skelly, Sue, Brian Swatek, Colleen Schlanger Thomas, Judy Virgilio, Robert Virnich, Lillian Wardzala, Jim Waterloo, Jim Wazorick, Danyll Wolcotte, Nicholas Zych

*recently added

Faithful Departed

Maria Vernola, Lucia Ramirez

Military

Col. Stephen Acosta, Marines; Staff Sgt. Lawrence G. Campbell, Air Force; Senior Airman Cory McCambridge, Air Force; Lt. Col. Peter Anderson, Army; Sgt. Kenneth G. DiCristifano, Army; Spec Michael Migliorisi, Army; Pvt. John Cerrone, Marines; PFC Paul J. Lagoda, Marines; PFC Sophia M. Garcia, Marines; Lt. Robert Reynolds, Army; Staff Sgt. Alberto Boy, Marines; Staff Sgt. Natalie Borrini, Air Force; Cpl. Brian Macaluso, Marines; Lnc. Cpl. Meghan Jennings, Marines; Lnc. Cpl. Michael Casanave, Marines; Pvt. Nicolas Casanave, Marines; ABEAN Melanie Hodges, Navy; PFC Vincent Negron, Marines; Pvt. Matthew Meyer, Army; Master Sgt. Scott A. Cross, Air Force; Dario Rodriguez, Air Force; Ensign Devon Zych, Coast Guard; Lnc. Cpl. Andrew D. Nordlie, Marines; Luis N. Burciaga, Army; PFC Rudy De La O, Marines; Jose Flores, Jr., Air Force; Carmelo Flores, Air Force; AB Ethen N. Ortiz, Air Force; Lnc. Cpl. Michael Joshua Barajas, Marines; Sgt. Cody Krawczyk, Army; Lnc. Cpl. Jake Kola, Marines; Airman Kaden Turocy, Air Force; A1C Rhian Frnzn Vengua, Air Force; Private Nicholas Drust, Jr., Army; Private Jesse J. Mendoza, Army; Lnc. Cpl. Edward Romano, Jr., Marines; A1C Jose Manuel Lagunas, Jr., Air Force; A1C Jordied Velez-Rosado, Air Force; Pvt. Noah Wardisiani, Army; Capt. Montgomery Smith, Air Force

Calendar

- Friday, March 27 5—7 PM at St. Celestine: **Pasta Dinner**
- Sunday, April 12 12:30 PM **White Elephant Bingo** in the Gym
- Wednesday, April 15: **Book Study and Signing** with Fr. Stan Ilo
- Friday, April 24: 5:30 PM **Bingo** in the gym at St. Celestine
- Sunday, May 17: 11 AM Mass celebrating the **25th Anniversary** of Ordination for Father Paul Cao
- Sunday, June 7: **Closing Mass** at St. Cyprian

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for March 22, 2026

John 11:1-45

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday in Lent, Cycle A: The illness of Lazarus. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

SISTERS	IS ILL	HEARD
ILLNESS	JESUS	MARTHA
LAZARUS	DISCIPLES	JUDEA
LORD	BEEN HERE	NOT HAVE DIED
YOU ASK	WILL RISE	LAST DAY
NEVER DIE	BELIEVE	JEWS
STONE	LOUD VOICE	LET HIM GO

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- Sunday, June 14: 11 AM **Farewell Mass** for Fr. Paul Cao
- June 7—12: **Totus Tuus**
- Monday, June 8: **Golf Outing at White Pines**
- July 4: **Independence Day Parade** in Elmwood Park
- Saturday, September 12 4—9 PM **Parish Taste**

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. Visit our website for more information: <https://catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/surviving-divorce>

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 28

4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider	Fr. Paul Eruva
Altar Servers	TBA
Lector	Beverly Parylak
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Petras

5 PM St. Celestine

Presider	Fr. Paul Cao
Altar Server	Axel R., Amelia H., Christian C., Lana G.
Lector	Danny Hesslau
Eucharistic Ministers	Perlita Domingo, Mike Miller, Mary Joost, Barbara Miller, Bob Mitchell, O.F.S., Tom Lepore, Peggy O'Donnell

Sunday, March 29

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Presider	Fr. Paul Eruva
Altar Servers	Jazmin G., Yasleen G., Joe K.
Lector	Andy Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers	Minnie Reillo, Maria Mojek, Bill Lesch, Michelle Doyle, Mary Kay Macchione, Ken Doyle

9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider	Fr. Fil Ngwila
Altar Servers	David D., Marco D., Matthew D.
Lector	Valerie McCluskey
Eucharistic Minister	Tony Cannizzaro

11 AM St. Celestine

Presider	Fr. Paul Cao
Altar Servers	Robert O., Andrea R., Marshall M., Nickolas F., Cecelia S., Lucas R. Sandro Valdez
Lector	Sandro Valdez
Eucharistic Ministers	Skip Marcucci, Kathy Iversen-Jaroch, Mary Graf, Ray Maraviglia, Paulette Maraviglia, Mary Princivalli

Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, March 22

11 AM ST CEL	Scout Mass
4 PM ST CEL	Troop 45400 in the Lower Meeting Room and Annex

Monday, March 23

5 PM ST CEL	Troop 47219 in the Annex
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Tuesday, March 24

7 PM ST CEL	Knights of Columbus in the Annex
	Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional in the Chapel
7 PM ST CYP	O CIA for Teens in the Rectory

Wednesday, March 25

6 PM ST CEL	Troop Meetings in the Lunchroom
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Thursday, March 26

4:30 PM ST CEL	Troop 47943 in the Annex
7 PM ST CEL	Women's Club in the Annex
6 PM ST CYP	O CIA in the Rectory

Friday, March 27

5 PM ST CEL	Lenten Dinners in the Gym
7 PM ST CEL	Stations of the Cross in the Church

Saturday, March 28

10 AM ST CEL	Special Religious Education in the Gym and Annex
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Sunday, March 29

11 AM ST CEL	Scout Mass
4 PM ST CEL	Troop 45400 in the Lower Meeting Room and Annex

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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, Saturday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM; Sunday closed

Holy Hour: First Friday of each month at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church. Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion weekly Tuesday nights at 7 PM in the Chapel. **Rosaries:** During the week, before Mass at St. Cyprian, after Mass at St. Celestine, and 7 PM on the second Monday of the month in the Chapel at St. Celestine. **Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional** Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Chapel.

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.

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