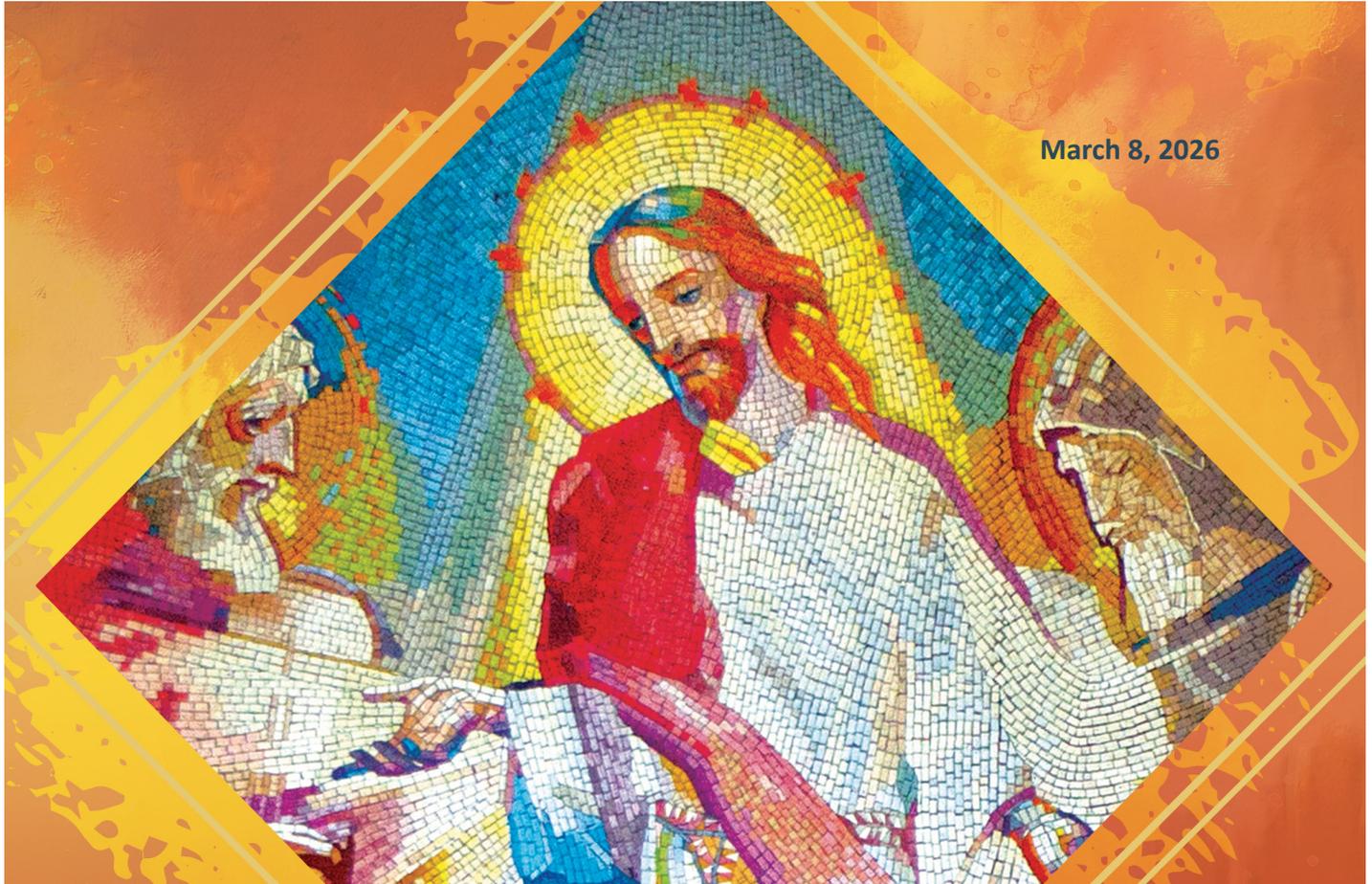




ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

stguerinparish.org



March 8, 2026

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 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, March 7

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez
+Anthony Williams
+Norbert Kosinski, 50th Anniversary
+Joseph William Morgan, Sr.

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Robert Masciola, Birthday
+Kathryn Babiartz
+Albert Maggio

Sunday, March 8

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Dorothy Vessini
+Joseph F. Bradkowski, Birthday

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Ted Halinski
+Joseph Morgan, Sr.

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo
+Eddie Mizejewski
+Ignazio Gatto
+Maria Kloss and +Natalia Zygmunt

Monday, March 9

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Marian Hallberg

Tuesday, March 10

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Olga Pietrzak, 100th Birthday

Wednesday, March 11

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Fr. Bernard White

Thursday, March 12

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

People of the Parish

Friday, March 13

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Ephraim Fernandez, Anniversary

Saturday, March 14

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez
+Peter Eck
+Craig Bastek
+Rita Sisko

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Nestor Aboltivo Arenga, 69th Birthday
+Joseph and +Bette Wesol
+Louis and +Juliana DaPrato and the
deceased members of the
DaPrato family
+Mary Petella

Sunday, March 15

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Pedro and +Maria Lim

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Katheryn Wolf
+Pietro Fiorentino
+Joseph Morgan, Sr.

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo
+Casimir (Casey) Czaja, 1st Anniversary
+Richard and +Carol Ritter

Disciple Maker Index Survey Opens

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.

March 22 is due on Wednesday, March 11 at 9 AM

March 29 is due on Wednesday, March 18 at 9 AM

April 5 is due on Tuesday, March 24 at 9 AM

Food Pantry

Our parish Food Pantry needs food donations. Can you help? We need canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, cans of fruit, cans of soup, and non-perishable goods. Other suggested donations are cooking oil, tuna, salt, pepper, and spices, cake mix and frosting for birthdays, sugar, flour, coffee, and tea. Donations of cash or checks made out to St. Mother Guerin parish are great so we can buy meat and fresh foods.

Please drop off at the Pastoral Center or in the back of the churches. Thank you!

From the Pastor's Desk: Father Paul Cao

Parish Annual Raffles If you haven't bought your raffle tickets yet, please do so. I would like to encourage every family to help us fundraise by buying the tickets or selling them to your friends and co-workers. The 1st prize is \$5,000, 2nd prize is \$2,000 and the 3rd prize is \$1,000. You can return your tickets to the Pastoral Center or drop them off in the collection baskets. We will be drawing the winning tickets on Easter Sunday after the 11 AM mass. Thank you for your financial support to our parish community and thank you for all you do to help our parish to grow spiritually strong and vibrant. May God bless you for all your good work!

Fish Fry Please invite your friends, co-workers, and family to come to our second Lenten Dinner, a Fish Fry this Friday March 13 from 5—7 PM in the gym at St. Celestine. This is our second year doing the Fish Fry, so please come to enjoy the fish with tartar sauce, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and coffee included. Pizza will be available by the slice. I hope to see many of you this Friday.

OCIA The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, also known as OCIA, is for those seeking baptism, those baptized in another Christian tradition who are seeking full communion with the Church as well as baptized Catholics completing their sacraments of initiation. The Sacraments will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

The individuals preparing for their initiation into the Christian faith by Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are Makayla Franks, Angela Heredia, Lilian Heredia, Mia

Hernandez, Destiny Marroquin, Myla Medina, Lizbeth Ortega.

Those who are baptized and wish to complete their Christian initiation through Confirmation and Eucharist are Sandra Derrico, Ariyani Diaz, Emiliano Diaz, Jaiden Jaramillo, Troy Morales, Emily Moris, Isabella Moris, Abigail Ortiz-Ferrer, Benjamin Santos, Nelson Santos.

Candidates for Confirmation are Anabelle Castrejon, Samantha Escalera, Ethan Porter, Joycelynn Reyes, Eleni Rodriguez.

Walking Together I have been invited to participate in an exciting new priest leadership formation program for all priests of the Archdiocese, called *Walking Together as Disciples, Shepherds, and Stewards—Priest Leadership in the Context of Spiritual Renewal*. This program will take place from Sunday, March 8 to Friday, March 13 at the University of St. Mary of the Lake. Walking Together is designed to provide priests the opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily parish life and reflect deeply on how we are called

to be leaders in today's Church. I will say Masses at the parish on Sunday, March 8 and then will not be reachable until the afternoon of March 13. Please direct any inquiries to the parish staff. Please pray for me during this important time with the Cardinal



Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA, and Fr. Paul show us their "Restless" bracelets at the parish mission "Our Restless Journey," February 23. Thanks to Bonnie Billa for the photo. About 250 people attended the mission each night and Fr. Tom was a wonderful speaker.

and my brother priests and know that I keep all of you in my prayers as well.

May God bless you and your loved ones and may the Lenten season help us to be closer to the Lord!

*In prayer,
Fr. Paul*

An illustration of the Virgin Mary in a white and blue robe, holding the Christ Child. She is surrounded by a halo of stars. A rosary is draped across her lap. The background is a soft, cloudy sky.

**Behold, I am the servant
of the Lord;
let it be done to me
according to your word.**

**Pray the Rosary with
Lena Roy
Wednesday,
March 11 at 7 PM
St. Celestine Chapel
Enter off of 76th Court**

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel:

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

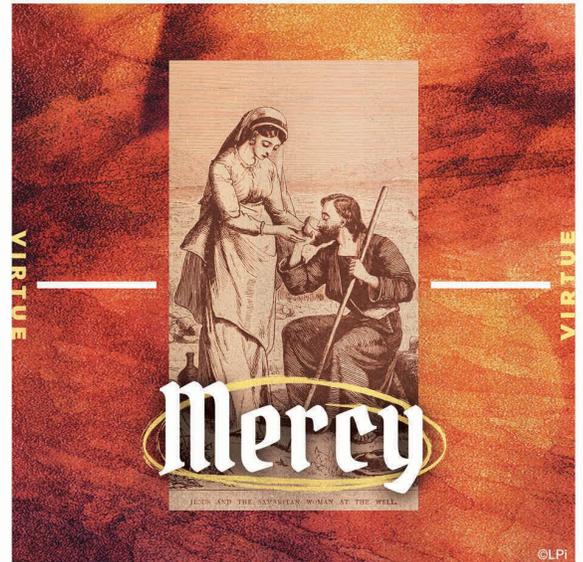
Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.

Observances for the week of March 8, 2026

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

True virtuous mercy is a choice governed by reason, not merely a feeling. God's mercy to us knows no bounds, but that mercy does not compel Him to grant us everything our appetitive passions desire. Rather, His perfect mercy is directed toward supplying our needs.

Blessing of Living Water

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!
Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!
Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!
Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water!
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

Sunday:

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2,
5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-
42

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

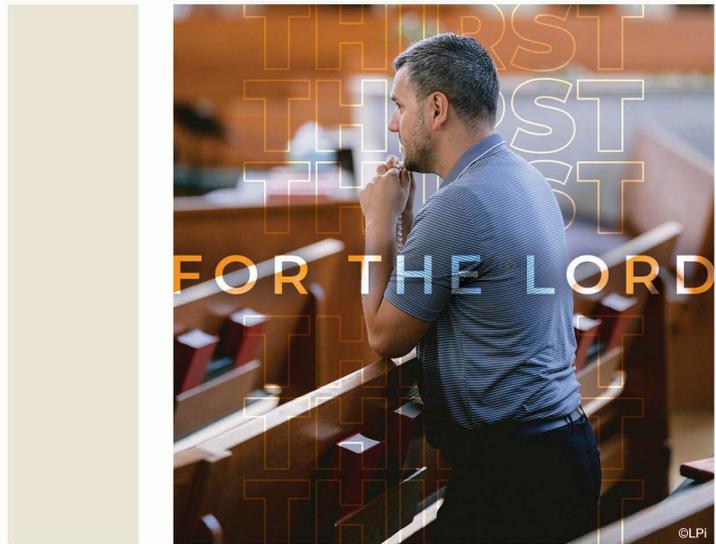
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,
34-38



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: **“One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37)**. He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, “You are thirsty. Here is something to drink.” After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, “I’m thirsty. Give me something to drink.”

When God asks for Water

One of my earliest memories is of my mother weeping.

The last few months of her pregnancy with my little brother were tremendously painful for her, and more than once the pain brought her to tears. I have a hazy image of her in my mind, belly swollen with a 12-pound baby lying transverse in the womb, sitting on the edge of her bed, dabbing at her face with toilet paper.

I had brought her the toilet paper. I would do that when I saw her crying, to wipe away her tears. I have a hazy memory of that, too — of the way my heart was wrenched by the sight of her suffering, of my desperation to do something to help, and of my immense satisfaction when she would take the toilet paper, smile and say, “Oh, thank you, sweetheart!” as if I had just airlifted her out of a war zone.

What a powerful gift to give to a child still learning the meaning of compassion and selflessness — the gift of being able to feel that she has, even in some small way, “rescued” a person she worships. Her smile of gratitude lives, immortal, in my mind, along with the swell of satisfaction it produced in the deepest corner of my heart. This was when I learned that it feels good to help people, and this memory is a perpetually replenished well of living water for me. I draw from it daily, three decades later.

This is a gift that Christ gives, over and over again, in the Gospels. He allows us to encounter him tired, afraid, sad and hungry. Omnipotent power subjected to the utter vulnerability of human form.

Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, “You are thirsty. Here is something to drink.”

After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, “I’m thirsty. Give me something to drink.”

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If we are all meant to be united in Christ, why is there so much division in the Church?

Answer:

Each Sunday, we profess that we believe in “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.” The Church is indeed one because her source is the Trinity, and she is founded by Christ. The Church also exists in the fallen world and is made up of fallen people. Sometimes, there are tensions over what we believe as Catholics. Who is Jesus really? Are we affected by original sin? How do our traditional sexual ethics play out amidst medical and technological developments? Doctrinal disagreements are rarely just about ideas ... they occur within a context.

Tensions are influenced by various social and political factors of the time period. For example, Martin Luther’s attempts at reform gained followers, in part, as a reaction against poor moral practices within the Catholic Church. When the schism between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church occurred in 1028, tensions between the two culturally different regions had been brewing for centuries.

Division still occurs within the bounds of the Church today. Oftentimes, this is about pastoral or practical matters. These Questions can vary. Should we incorporate Latin back into the liturgy? What is the best way to reach the youth in our parish? These may not be articles of faith, but people have strong opinions about what ought to be done. We can remember the prayer of Christ — “*that all might be one*” — and do what we can to grow in understanding and respectful dialogue.

“God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking with you.”

- Jn 4:24-26

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

God answers Moses' prayer of petition to give the Israelites water to drink before they die of thirst in the desert. What would you like to ask from the Lord in the upcoming week?

Second Reading:

Paul tells the Romans to have hope because the Holy Spirit pours the love of God into our hearts. What are you hoping for this Lent?

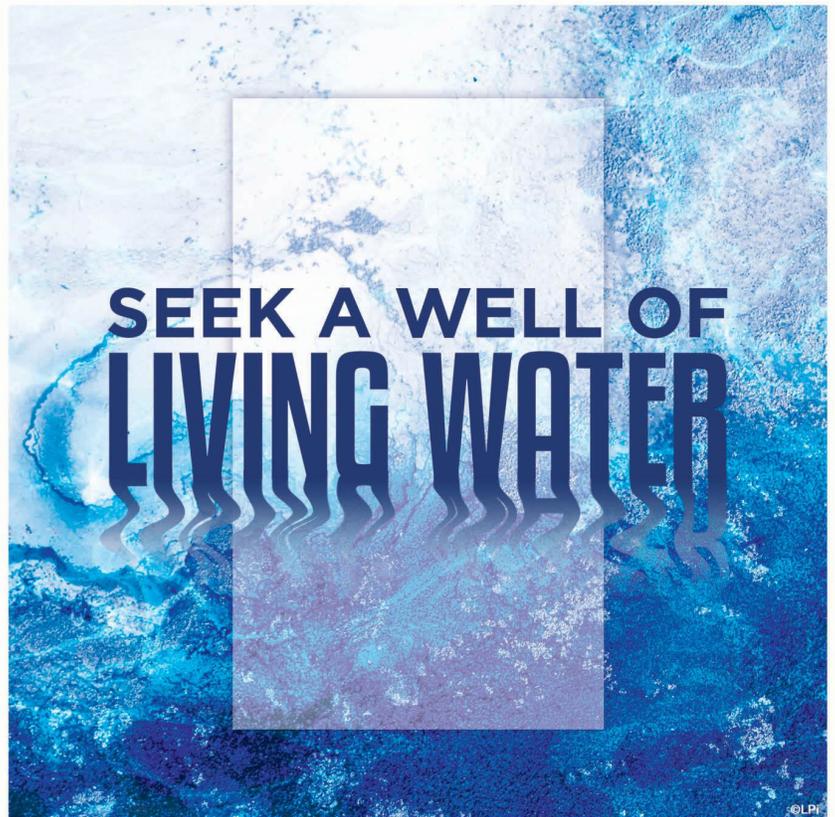
Gospel:

The Samaritan woman eventually comes to believe in Jesus as the Messiah and savior of the world. What convinces you that Jesus is your Lord and Savior?



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STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays at 7 PM
 March 13 at St. Celestine
 March 20 at St. Cyprian
 March 27 at St. Celestine

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

LENTEN DINNERS Fridays at 5 PM at St. Celestine
 March 13 and March 27

Good Friday, April 3
 8 AM Morning Prayer at St. Celestine
 3 PM Service at St. Cyprian
 7 PM Shadow Stations at St. Celestine

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

Holy Saturday, April 4
 8 AM Morning Prayer at St. Cyprian
 11 AM Easter Basket Blessing at St. Cyprian
 Noon Easter Basket Blessing at St. Celestine
 7:30 PM Easter Vigil at St. Celestine

Monday, March 30
 7 PM Parish Reconciliation Service 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

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



FISH FRY MARCH 13 5-7 PM

St. Celestine Gym and Annex

Adults \$15
Students \$7

Fish, fries,
cole slaw, roll, coffee
and dessert. Pizza
available by the slice



Fish Fry March 13

We will hold the second parish Fish Fry on Friday, March 13 from 5 to 7 PM in the Annex and Gym at St. Celestine.

Dinner includes fried fish, tartar sauce, french fries, coleslaw, a roll and butter, coffee, and dessert. Pizza will be sold by the slice, and assorted cold drinks and beer and wine will be available for purchase. To go containers will also be available.

Adults: \$15
Students: \$7 (half portions 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 dinners. 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 needed.

A Pasta Dinner on Friday, March 27 from 5 to 7 PM in the gym and annex of St. Celestine will round out our 2026 Lenten Dinners.

Thank you so much!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7 PM

March 13 at St. Celestine
March 20 at St. Cyprian
March 27 at St. Celestine



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!



SUPPORTING
St. Celestine School

WHEN: Wednesday, March 11, 2026
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

WHERE: Russell's
1621 Thatcher Ave
Elmwood Park, IL 60707

Eat local to support our community and school!

Walk the labyrinth!

Holy Week 2026

Palm Sunday, March 29
Noon–5 PM

Monday through Thursday,
March 30–April 2 5–9 PM

Good Friday, April 3
9 AM–9 PM

The labyrinth is a simple walking path used to meditate or quiet the mind. It is a path of reflection, contemplation and clarity.

Labyrinths come in many sizes and patterns, but a labyrinth has only one path, there are no tricks to it or dead ends: it is not a maze.

The path winds throughout and becomes a mirror for where we are in our lives.

The labyrinth is a wonderful tool for re-connecting the mind, body and spirit. For some, it allows self-realizations that provide peace, healing and comfort.

St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish Annex and Gym, Elmwood Park, IL

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 meetings on 2/26 or 3/26, at the Pastoral Center, or by contacting Darlene at 708-805-2639. This event is sponsored by the St. Mother Guerin Parish Women’s Club.

The Parent’s Club is sponsoring a Dinner Dance March 21 celebrating 90 years of St. Celestine School being in existence.

The theme is Dancing through the Decades. It will be held at the Elmcrest on Grand Avenue

on Saturday evening. Tickets are \$75 each or a table of 10 for \$700.

For more info on tickets, please call the school at 708-453-8234 or the parish office 708-453-2555.

ST. CELESTINE PARENTS’ CLUB ANNUAL EVENT

MARCH 2026

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

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.

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 downtown, 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.

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
 2 SPECIAL BINGO GAMES
 Doors open at 5:30 PM,
 games start at 6:30 PM.
 Hot dogs, pizza, and chips available.
 Win \$100 regular games
 \$200 special games
 Must be 21 to play
3020 NORTH 76TH COURT
ENTER OFF PARKING LOT
 WWW.STGUERINPARISH.ORG
 WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE
 PRIZE AMOUNTS BASED ON ATTENDANCE



Our favorite secular Franciscan, Bob Mitchell, OFS, sent this picture to show how the lights around the altar at St. Celestine look like angels!

Parish **GOLF** *Outing*
JUNE 8, 2026
\$125/ticket
 Our annual Golf Outing will take place on Monday, June 9 at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville. \$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! Get a group together and join us! Businesses and organizations are invited to sponsor a hole. Go to stguerinparish.org and click on Golf Outing to register.
stguerinparish.org

Polish School Registration

Registration is now open for St. Albert Chmielowski Polish School, located at 2600 North Sayre Avenue, in the former St. William School building in Chicago! We are very close to you!

St. Albert Chmielowski Polish School invites families to enroll for the upcoming school year and become part of a vibrant community dedicated to Polish language, culture, and traditions. Sign-ups will take place on March 5, 6 and March 20, 21, 2026 at our school. We welcome new and returning students of all ages to join us for engaging classes, cultural enrichment, and a strong connection to Polish heritage. For more information about registration requirements and class schedules, please visit us during the listed dates or visit <https://szkolabrataalberty.org>. We look forward to welcoming your family!



Please join the Dominican Laity and The Dominican Friars for an

Lenten Day of Reflection

Will start with 8 AM MASS
 Program to follow—3 PM
 Saturday, March 14, 2026

St. Vincent Ferrer / Kyte Hall
 Program is free. Lunch will be served.

Please RSVP by Wednesday,
 March 11 to Kim Bartell at yankeerose86@yahoo.com.

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.

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Calendar

- Friday, March 13 5—7 PM at St. Celestine: **Fish Fry**
- Saturday, March 21 **Dinner Dance** for St. Celestine School
- Friday, March 27 5—7 PM at St. Celestine: **Pasta Dinner**
- Sunday, April 5: **Easter Sunday**
- Wednesday, April 15: **Book Study and Signing** with Fr. Stan Ilo
- Sunday, April 12 12:30 PM **White Elephant Bingo** in the Gym
- Friday, April 24: 5:30 PM **Bingo** in the gym at St. Celestine
- Sunday, June 7: **Closing Mass** at St. Cyprian
- June 7—12: **Totus Tuus**
- Monday, June 8: **Golf Outing at White Pines**
- July 4: **Parade** in Elmwood Park

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for March 8, 2026

John 4:5-42

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the third Sunday of Lent, Cycle A: A Samaritan woman meets Jesus. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JOSEPH	WELL	TIRED
JOURNEY	NOON	SAMARITAN
OF GOD	LIVING	WATER
FLOCKS	THIRSTY AGAIN	SPRING
ETERNAL	PROPHET	MOUNTAIN
NOW HERE	TRUTH	MESSIAH
TWO DAYS	BELIEVE	SAVIOR

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5 PM St. Celestine

Altar Server Axel R., Lana G.
Lector Nick Kaspar
Eucharistic Ministers Perlita Domingo, Pat Strabley, Bob Mitchell, O.F.S., Tom Lepore, Patricia Rinella, Barbara Miller, Bob Broz

Sunday, March 15

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers Jazmin G., Yasleen G., Joseph K.
Lector Michelle Doyle
Eucharistic Ministers Minnie Reillo, Florence Smith, Mary Kay Macchione, Maria Mojek, Ken Doyle, Michael Wittrock

9 AM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers David D., Marco D., Matthew D.
Lector Bonnie Billa
Eucharistic Minister Tony Cannizzaro

11 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers Robert O., Christian C., Andrea R. Marshall M.
Lector TBA
Eucharistic Ministers Jeanne Chouloute, Mary Graf, Skip Marcucci, Kim Bartell, Ray Maraviglia, Paulette Maraviglia

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7:30 AM BOTH Girl Scout Cookie Sale after Masses
12 PM ST CEL Girl Scout Birthday Event in the Gym and Annex

Monday, March 9

5:30 PM ST CEL Troop 47130 in the Annex
6 PM ST CEL Bear, Webelo, AOL in the Lower Meeting Room

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

6 PM ST CEL Troop Meetings in the Lunchroom

Thursday, March 12

3 PM ST CEL Troop 47441 in the Annex
4 PM ST CEL Food Pantry
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

Friday, March 13

5 PM ST CEL Fish Fry in the Gym
7 PM ST CEL Stations of the Cross in the Church

Saturday, March 14

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

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

Holy Hour: First Friday of each month at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church. 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.

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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