



# ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

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May 17, 2026

RAISED HIS EYES TO  
**HEAVEN.**

JOHN 17:1

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 through June 7, 2026**

**Saturday** 5 PM  
**Sunday** 7:30 AM and 11 AM

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** 8 AM

**Reconciliation** Saturday 4 PM

Beginning June 8: Saturday Mass 4:30 PM  
(Reconciliation Saturday 3:30 PM),  
Sunday Masses 7:30, 9, and 11 AM at St. Celestine

**ST. CYPRIAN CHURCH**

2601 North Clinton Street  
River Grove, Illinois 60171

**MASSES until June 7, 2026**

**Saturday** 4 PM

**Sunday** 9 AM (Last Mass June 7)

**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

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### Saturday, May 16

#### 4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi  
+Nery Rodriguez  
+Craig Bastek  
+Ken Cornell

In honor of all mothers, living and deceased

#### 5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Joseph and +Bette Wesol  
+Louis and +Juliana DaPrato and the Deceased Members of the DaPrato Family

+Joseph Sweeney  
+Nick DiCianni, Anniversary  
+Sabatino and +Concetta DiCianno  
+Sister Gill Quigley  
In honor of all mothers, living and deceased

### Sunday, May 17

#### 7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Jennie Sirois  
In honor of all mothers, living and deceased

#### 9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Joseph Morgan, Sr.  
+Pascual Perez, Sr.  
In honor of all mothers, living and deceased

#### 11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk  
+Celia Neri  
+Richard and +Carol Ritter  
+Stanislawa, +Thomas, and +Frank Ufir  
+Jason Michael Aiello  
+Giovanna Scafidi  
+Salvatore Scafidi  
Anthony and Crystal Spina  
Genevive and Michael DiFrisco  
Juliana Maria DiFrisco  
In honor of all mothers, living and deceased

### Monday, May 18

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

Fr. Bernard White

### Tuesday, May 19

#### 8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

Faithful Departed

## Bulletin Deadlines

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

**May 31** is due on Wednesday, May 20 at 9 AM

**June 7** is due on Wednesday, May 27 at 9 AM

### Wednesday, May 20

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Dennis DePillo, Anniversary  
+Chuck Carlson  
+Gerard Penczak  
+Fe Lazo

+Justiniano Lazo

### Thursday, May 21

#### 8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

People of the Parish

### Friday, May 22

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

Faithful Departed

### Saturday, May 23

#### 2 PM ST. CELESTINE

Adeleni Taivira, Quinceañera

#### 4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi  
+Nery Rodriguez  
+Primo Quiacos  
+Bonifacia Quiacos  
**5 PM ST. CELESTINE**  
+Ronald Gutkowski, Anniversary  
+George Krueger, 3rd Anniversary  
+Margaret Maggio  
+Rose Christopher

### Sunday, May 24

#### 7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

#### 9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Joseph Morgan, Sr.

#### 11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk  
+Robert Virnich  
+Larry O'Donnell  
+Helena Tarnogrodzka, Anniversary  
+Mary Ann Cyr  
+Pete Leopold  
+Larry Lewis

## Wedding Banns

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May 30

Katerina Esguerra and Darin Sia

## Stewardship

### April

Sunday envelopes	\$30,859.00
Electronic	\$ 6,279.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$37,138.00</b>

<b>Easter Collection</b>	\$24,682.85
<b>Parish Raffle</b>	\$19,815.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## 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).*

## St. Cyprian Final Mass June 7 at 9 AM

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On Sunday, June 7, the final mass will take place at St. Cyprian Church at 9 AM. Everyone is invited to attend, especially school alumni, former parishioners, and their families.

Bishop José Maria Garcia—Maldonado, our Vicar, will celebrate the mass, with former pastors and priests of St. Cyprian invited to concelebrate. There will be a reception in the parking lot after the mass hosted by the parish.

## New Mass Schedule begins June 8 at St. Celestine

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Beginning June 8, 2026, the parish Mass Schedule will be:

Saturday 4:30 PM  
Sunday 7:30, 9, and 11 AM  
Monday—Friday 8 AM

Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

## From the Pastor's Desk: Father Paul Cao

### Biography of Father Paul Duy Cao

Father Paul Duy Cao was born on August 15, 1973, in Vung Tau, Vietnam, on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. From the very beginning, his life seemed to be placed under the special protection of Our Lady. He received the Sacrament of Baptism at Nam Dong Parish in Vietnam, and from those waters of Baptism, his journey as a child of God began.

Father Paul was born into a large Catholic family with eight siblings. His childhood was marked by the historical changes following 1975 when the communist government took over South Vietnam. His father had served as a police officer before 1975; afterward, the family turned to farming to make a living. His mother, who had worked as a midwife, also joined the family in laboring in the fields. Despite these hardships, the family remained steadfast in their faith. It was within this strong moral and religious environment that his vocation to the priesthood was nurtured and allowed to grow.

During those formative years, Nam Dong Parish became a firm spiritual anchor. The sound of church bells and the rhythm of daily prayers became the very breath that nourished his young soul. From an early age, Father Paul loved serving at the altar, actively participating in parish life, teaching catechism to children, and engaging in youth ministry.

While attending Tran Nguyen Han High School in Vietnam, he not only pursued academic excellence but was also known as a calm and diligent student. The combination of his educational formation and his quiet life of prayer helped shape a strong and balanced character, preparing him one day to respond to the Lord's call: "Follow me." In 1992, at the age of 18, he immigrated to the United States with

his family under a sponsorship program. Settling in Chicago, he continued his studies, adapted to a new culture, and became actively involved in pastoral life in the Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Vietnamese community at St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish. He participated in the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement, served as a leader for the children's choir, and sang in the Seraphim Choir.

After studying at Truman College and dedicating himself to parish service, he



entered St. Joseph College Seminary for his philosophical formation, and later continued his theological studies at Mundelein Seminary in preparation for the priesthood. With zeal and a solid spiritual life, he was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 2001, at Holy Name Cathedral in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

In his priestly ministry, Father Paul served as an associate pastor at St. William Parish and St. Edward Parish, where he gained valuable pastoral experience and developed close relationships with the faithful. Notably, he was appointed as a formation director at St. Joseph Seminary, where he served for seven years, contributing to the formation of future priests. This important role reflected the Church's trust in his leadership and exemplary life.

In July 2013, he was appointed pastor

of St. Celestine Parish in Elmwood Park. In 2018, as part of the Renew My Church initiative, he

became the founding pastor of the unified St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish, formed from St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Parishes, guiding the community through a significant moment of transition with faith and pastoral care. In March 2026, he was appointed by the Cardinal as pastor of Holy Child Jesus Parish and as the archdiocesan coordinator for the Asian Catholic Initiative. He will officially assume this role on July 1, 2026, continuing his mission of shepherding God's people with dedication and love.

Father Paul's spiritual life is nourished through daily prayer, especially through Eucharistic adoration after Mass. He consistently emphasizes the importance of listening and accompanying the faithful in his role as a shepherd. At the same time, he maintains a healthy balance in life through wholesome recreation and strong fraternity with his brother priests.

From a young man growing up amid hardship in his homeland to a priest faithfully serving in the United States, Father Paul Duy Cao stands as a living witness to faith and perseverance. Twenty-five years of priesthood mark twenty-five years of carrying the love of Christ in his heart and generously sharing that love with others.

As a community of faith, we unite in prayer with him at the Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 AM this Sunday. May God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant Father Paul abundant health, wisdom, and the fervor of the Holy Spirit, so that he may continue to serve God and His Church faithfully according to His holy will.



## Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

As we celebrate Fr. Paul Cao's 25th anniversary of ordination in May, we also remember Fr. Ron Navoy's 55th priestly anniversary, Fr. Fil Ngwila's 15th anniversary, Fr. Ton Nguyen's 7th anniversary; Fr. Paul Eruva celebrated 30 years a priest in April, and Fr. Stan Chu Ilo will be ordained 28 years in August.





# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

When they entered the city  
they went to the upper room where they were staying.  
(Acts 1:13)

### Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the  
land of the living. (Ps 27)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you,  
for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

### Gospel:

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,  
"Father, the hour has come.  
Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,  
just as you gave him authority over all people,  
so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave  
him." (Jn 17:1-2)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God.  
It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not  
earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly  
not a finish line. It's a relationship — one that is  
ours to begin. How will we know God this week?

## Observances for the week of May 17, 2026

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;  
*World Communications Day*
- Monday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and  
Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday

## Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

### Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-  
23/Mt 28:16-20

### Monday:

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/  
Jn 16:29-33

### Tuesday:

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/  
Jn 17:1-11a

### Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,  
35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

### Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,  
9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

### Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/  
Jn 21:15-19

### Saturday:

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/  
Jn 21:20-25

### Next Sunday:

**Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or  
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and  
35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-  
39 or, for the **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/  
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/  
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary  
for Mass Supplement, 62) **Day:** Acts 2:1-  
11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



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## Altar Servers Appreciation May 31

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Altar Servers from both sites will be recognized and blessed for their service at the 11 AM Mass on May 31 at St. Celestine. They are invited to an appreciation gathering for pizza and ice cream after the Mass. Please let Mrs. Schmidt at 708-453-2555 know if you will be attending.

## Calendar

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- Sunday, May 31 after the 11 AM Mass: **Altar Server Appreciation**
- Sunday, June 7: 9 AM **Final Mass** at St. Cyprian Church with reception following.
- June 7—11: 6:30 PM **Totus Tuus** for grades 7—12
- June 8—12: 9 AM **Totus Tuus** for grades 1—6
- Monday, June 8: **Golf Outing** at White Pines in Bensenville
- 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 26 **Parish Picnic and 11 AM Mass** at Evans Field in River Grove
- Saturday, September 12 4—9 PM **Parish Taste**

## Secular Franciscan Order

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“The Mass has ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” How do we do that? Since 1959, members of the St. Juliana Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order have sought to follow the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi by “going from Gospel to life and from life to Gospel.” If following the Rule of St. Francis might interest you, the SFO fraternity at St. Juliana meets once each month. For more information or just to visit, please contact Bob Mitchell at robertpmitchell1@gmail.com.

## Pastoral Council Thanks

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Thank you to all who attended Bingo on April 24. We had over 120 participants.

A special thank you to Kim, Laurie, and Andrea, the Men's Club, Scouts, and all the parent volunteers. Hope to see you all in the fall!

Sincerely,  
The Pastoral Council

## Mother of Perpetual Help Society Devotional

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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! 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. All are welcome to come and pray and find comfort, hope and strength through Mary's intercession. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Panzarella Konrath at panzkon@gmail.com.

## Mother Guerin High School 50th Reunion

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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 .

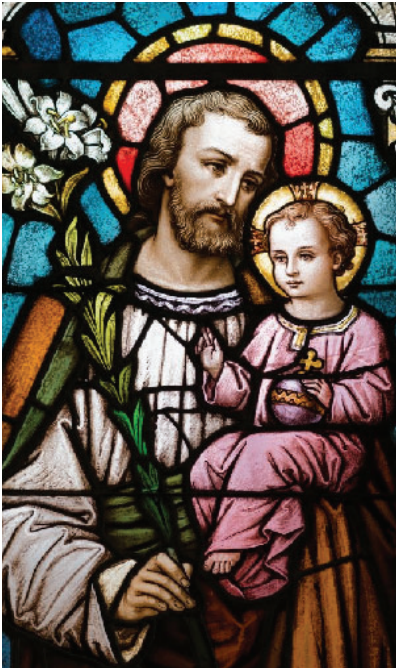
## Surviving Divorce

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Meeting twice monthly on Thursdays at 7:30 PM at St. 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 [catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/surviving-divorce](http://catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/surviving-divorce)



## 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.

## Join the St. Celestine School Family!

If you have not registered, and are interested in joining our school community, please call the school office (708-453-8234). St. Celestine School offers an academically rigorous program in a safe, student-focused environment!

## Garage Sale July 11

Do you want to participate in the Elmwood Park garage sales but don't have the space (or garage) at your home? Get a space in the St. Celestine parking lot and sell from there on Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 9 AM to 2 PM. The cost is \$25 (non-refundable) for two parking spaces. Please arrive on the day of sale between 8 AM and 9 AM. If you would like to be parked near a friend, please arrange to arrive at the same time. Once parked, you will not be able to drive out until 2 PM.

You will be assigned two parking spaces, one for your car and one for your sale items. The garage sale will take place rain or shine. Please supply your own table/chairs/tents. There will be food and beverages available for cash purchase. Restrooms will be available in our Annex. Feel free to invite others in the area to take part in this event as either a seller or a shopper! For the form and more info visit our website: [stguerinparish.org](http://stguerinparish.org).

## Parish 50+ Years Married Mass

Were you married in 1976 or before? Plan to join us at the 11 AM Mass at St. Celestine on Sunday, July 12 for a special blessing. Please call the parish office at 708-453-2555 to RSVP.

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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](mailto:gwa@archchicago.org) or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit [pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding](http://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding).

Queen of Peace Young Adults

# Spring Fling Dance

May 30, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM  
St. Eugene Shaunessy Center  
(5220 N. Canfield Ave., Chicago)

Semi-Formal Attire | Lesson at 6:15 PM | Food & Drinks | Games

Purchase tickets here or at door: <https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/1409/event/42469>

From Queen of Peace Young Adults: Come dance the night away on Saturday, May 30, from 6-10 PM at the St. Eugene Shaunessy Center (5220 N. Canfield Ave., Chicago, corner of Foster Ave. and Canfield Ave., under white canopy). Doors open at 6 PM with a lesson beginning at 6:15 PM. No dance experience or dance partner needed! Food and drinks will be provided. There will also be a game area for people who want to socialize but not dance! All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome! Tickets \$15 until May 29; at the door: \$20.

## First Communion



Congratulations to all the Religious Ed and school students who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2.

# May Crownings and Ice Cream Social



# 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](http://stguerinparish.org) and click on Golf Outing to register.

[stguerinparish.org](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

## SPONSORSHIP FORM

This fundraiser is a great place to advertise your business while highlighting your support of St. Mother Guerin Parish.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

\_\_\_\_\_ 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](http://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](mailto: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, Edward Bray, Sue Brink, Brian Cunningham, Ellison Deeher, Elene Dimperio, Cathy Downing King, Cynthia, Eleanor, Tom Ferguson, Michael Garcia, Tammy Garcia, Maciej Gondek, Dorota Gondek, Grace Hensley, Karl Humowiecki, Kathy Johl, Adele Johnson, Juliette Jimenez, Lisa Kostrzeski, Justine Kucera, Robert Kucera, Larry Lemanski, Bart Masi, Kathy Mooney, George Moskaliuk, Sandra Moskaliuk, Efre 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

Richard Robertson

### 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

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for May 17, 2026

John 17: 1-11a / Matthew 28:16-20

Following is a word search based on the Gospel readings for both the Seventh Sunday of Easter and the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Cycle A. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

THE HOUR	ETERNAL LIFE	TRUE GOD
THE WORK	WORDS	I PRAY
WORLD	DISCIPLES	WENT TO
GALILEE	MOUNTAIN	DOUBTED
IN HEAVEN	ON EARTH	GIVEN TO ME
MAKE	NATIONS	NAME
HOLY	THE END	OF THE AGE

## PRAYER

M B R I D G A L I L E E  
 E G A E H T F O J K T L  
 D U I I G H T R A E N O  
 T D D V P H N M R C H D  
 H O L K E R I N D W I I  
 E G R H N N A T I O N S  
 W E O C A L T Y L R H C  
 O U W M L H N O J D E I  
 R R E I E H U H M S A P  
 K T F E C H O I L E V L  
 W E N T T O M L W K E E  
 E D O U B T E D Y N N S

## 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.

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## Totus Tuus Summer Faith Camp



St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish is hosting a Summer Faith Camp for students June 7—12, 2026 called Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours).

The Totus Tuus camp blends faith formation, daily Mass, and many fun activities. This is the fifth summer that we are hosting this camp. Last year's camp was a lot

of fun and we hope that many more students can join us this year.

The day program is for students entering Grades 1—6 and meets Monday—Friday from 9 AM—2:30 PM June 8—12. The evening program is for students entering Grades 7—12 and meets Sunday—Thursday from 6:30—8:30 PM June 7—11.

The camp is held at St. Celestine.

The cost is \$90 per child for the day program and \$45 per child for the evening program.

Registration forms and online payment options are now available using the link below:  
<https://stguerinparish.org/totus-tuus/>

For more information, please contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski, Religious Education, 708-453-2555 ext. 5017 or email [rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org](mailto:rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org).

Looking forward to having many students join us for a week of faith-filled summer fun!



## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, May 23

#### 4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider  
 Altar Servers  
 Lector  
 Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Paul Eruva  
 Isaac M., Diego M.  
 John F. Madden  
 Nancy Krzys, Ruben Monterroso

#### 5 PM St. Celestine

Presider  
 Altar Server  
  
 Lector  
 Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Fil Ngwila  
 Peighton V., Elijah V., Evan V.,  
 Nickolas F.  
 Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.  
 Perlita Domingo, Mike Miller, Pat  
 Strabley, Maria Mojek, Peggy  
 O'Donnell, Barbara Miller,  
 Patricia Rinella

### Sunday, May 24

#### 7:30 AM St. Celestine

Presider  
 Altar Servers  
 Lector  
 Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Stan Ilo  
 Joseph K.  
 Tim Orr  
 Minnie Reillo, Mary Kay  
 Macchione, Bill Lesch, Michelle  
 Doyle, Florence Smith, Michael  
 Wittrock

#### 9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider  
 Altar Servers  
 Lector  
 Eucharistic Minister

Fr. Paul Eruva  
 TBA  
 Gissell Araujo  
 Tony Cannizzaro

#### 11 AM St. Celestine

Presider  
 Altar Servers  
  
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 Eucharistic Ministers

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 Amelia H., Robert O., Lucas R.,  
 Christian C.  
 Danny Hesslau  
 Mary Sullivan, Kathy Iversen—  
 Jaroch, Mayann Dibari, Paulette  
 Maraviglia, Ray Maraviglia,  
 Greg Derlacki

## Parish Weekly Events

### Sunday, May 17

11 AM ST CEL Blue Mass, Fr. Paul's 25th Anniversary Mass  
 Reception in the Gym to follow

### Monday, May 18

5 PM ST CEL Troop 47219 in the Annex  
 5:30 PM ST CEL Troop 47130 in the Lunchroom  
 7 PM ST CEL Athletic Committee in the Lower Meeting  
 Room

### Tuesday, May 19

7 PM ST CEL Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional in  
 the Chapel

### Thursday, May 21

4 PM ST CEL Food Pantry  
 4:30 PM ST CEL Troop 45703 in the Lower Meeting Room  
 5 PM ST CEL Troop 47857 in the Annex  
 6:30 PM ST CEL Good Grief in the Fireside Room

### Saturday, May 23

11 AM ST CEL Girl Scouts in the Annex

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**St. Cyprian Church (Last Mass June 7, 2026)** 2601 North Clinton Street, River Grove, Illinois 60171 [stguerinparish.org](http://stguerinparish.org)

**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. **Summer Hours** Monday—Friday 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30—5 PM, Saturday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM.

**Holy Hour:** First Friday of each month at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church. **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](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. 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. After June 7, 2026 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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