



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

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May 24, 2026

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.

— JOHN 20:22 —

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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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 708-453-8234

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS (beginning May 26)

Monday—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, May 23

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
+Keshawn William, 5th Anniversary

Monday, May 25

9 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Salvatore Scafidi
Leonora Palattao, Birthday
+Russ Gedeon

Tuesday, May 26

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Gloria Kieffer, Birthday
+Francisco Simpao, Birthday

Wednesday, May 27

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Lawrence Doyle

Thursday, May 28

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

People of the Parish

Friday, May 29

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Robert Nowak

Saturday, May 30

1 PM ST. CELESTINE

Katerina Esguerra and Darin Sia
Wedding

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez
+Fernando Medrano
+Adelwisa Medrano
+Frank and +Delores Pawlik

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Mary Gdowski, Birthday
+Marion and +Frances Ziaja,
Birthdays
+Edward Kuhn
+Frank and +John Kucera

Sunday, May 31

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

Sr. Johanna Trembl

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Joseph Morgan, Sr.
+Geraldine Lustro
+Mary Ann Partipilo
11 AM ST. CELESTINE
+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Joseph Roger Rojas
+Robert Vrinich
+Bernabe Lim



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.

Prayer for Our Journey

Please pray for one another. Let us embrace the future with the credo of Love, Communion and Mission, trusting that God provides and that the seeds we plant today will bear fruit for generations to come.

Lord Jesus, unite us in Love, Communion, and Mission. Comfort all who grieve parish changes, strengthen our clergy and leaders, and make our communities generous in welcome.

May the seeds we plant today bear abundant fruit for generations. In Christ our Life. Amen.

Need help? Many services are provided by **Catholic Charities**. Call 312-655-7700 or go to catholiccharities.net.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse
1-833-234-6343
Child Abuse
1-800-422-4523
National Domestic Violence
1-800-603-4357
Sexual Assault
1-888-293-2080
Problem Gambling Hotline
1-800-522-4700
Poison Control
1-800-222-1222
Suicide Prevention
Call or text 988
Elder Abuse
1-855-800-1409
www.AddictionResource.net
1-844-597-0006

From the Pastor's Desk: Father Paul Cao

Commencement This Thursday, May 28, our 8th Graders and the Kindergarteners of our parish school will graduate. I am sure these will be joyful celebrations for our school, and I am looking forward to these special events. We wish them well as they continue on their journey of learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to gratefully recognize the hard work of our school principal, Sheila Klich, and the teachers and staff of our parish school for their tireless efforts to maintain a high level of academic excellence. Thank you very much! As a faith community, I invite you to pray with me in asking God to bless all the children and young people of our parish who may be graduating at this time of year, wherever their academic setting may be. Congratulations to the Class of 2026! May God bless you all!

Last Mass at St. Cyprian Please join us at 9 AM on June 7 at St. Cyprian to celebrate our last Mass with Bishop Jose Maria Garcia Maldonado, our Episcopal Vicar. I am sure this is very emotional for us, especially for those who worshipped at St. Cyprian. I ask all our parishioners at St. Mother Theodore Guerin to hold them in your prayers.

Let us pray for one another, that we will continue to live out our parish mission: "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."

We will change our Mass time at St. Celestine on Saturdays to 4:30 PM beginning June 13, and move the 9

AM St. Cyprian Mass to St. Celestine on June 14. We will also use our church bus to pick up seniors at their homes on Sunday to bring them to the 9 AM Mass. Please call the office if you need transportation.

The large crucifix in the sanctuary from St. Cyprian, the St. Cyprian Icon, and the Mary and Joseph statues will be transferred and placed in the beautiful designated stained-glass area in the back of St. Celestine Church. It will be a wonderful memory as you enter the church to see both communities united as one Body of Christ.

While I hope to have all join us at the St. Celestine site, I know that this may not be realistic for everyone. Our staff will work with families to identify the best way to stay connected to the life of the Church. I hope to see many of you at our last Mass to pray for one another and to ask for the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, St. Cyprian, St. Celestine, and St. Mother Theodore Guerin to draw us closer to Jesus each day.

Memorial Day Weekend Last Sunday at the 11 AM Mass at St. Celestine, we celebrated a Blue Mass to honor law enforcement and first responders. Let us pray for all Chicago, Elmwood Park, and River Grove police officers, firefighters, and first responders, and thank them for their dedicated service to our cities. Let us also pray for an end to violence in our communities.

This Monday, we celebrate Memorial Day. This is a special day to remember those who sacrificed their lives to protect and serve our country. Please join us for Mass at 9 AM at St. Celestine Church this Monday to pray for them and for all those currently serving our country.



Have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend! May God bless you, and may God bless our country.

*In prayer,
Fr. Paul*

Prayer for First Responders

Almighty God, whose great power and eternal wisdom embraces the universe, watch over all first responders.

Father in Heaven, please give them the strength, courage, and perseverance to endure the unjust condemnation, danger, and physical abuse to which they are at times subjected.

We commend them to your loving care because their duty is dangerous.

Dear God, grant these brave men and women your almighty protection and unite them safely with their families after duty has ended. Amen.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:3-4)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts,
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,
so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

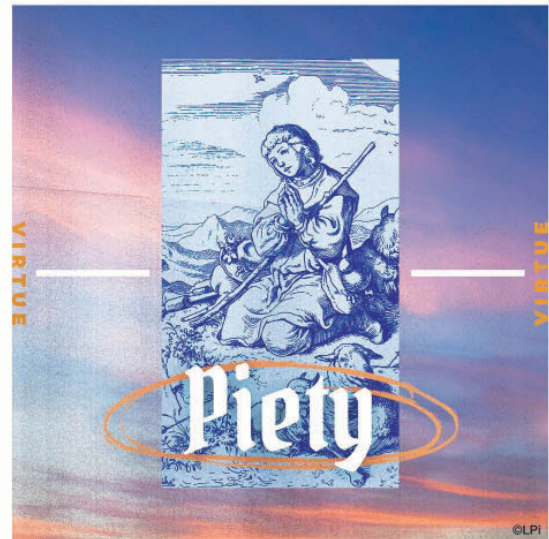
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Today, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "the Advocate." The Latin for lawyer is "advocatus." Like a lawyer, the Holy Spirit defends us. The Holy Spirit guides us. So, when you're in trouble, don't forget: ask for your lawyer, and do what he tells you.

Observances for the week of May 24, 2026

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; <i>Memorial Day</i>
Tuesday:	St. Philip Neri, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Friday:	St. Paul VI, Pope
Next Sunday:	The Most Holy Trinity



Virtues, Explained!

"Piety denotes the reverence which we give to our faith and to our country," writes St. Thomas Aquinas. "And since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety."

Pentecost Prayer

Come Holy Spirit,
Descend upon us and fill us with the
fire of Your love!
Remind us of Your dreams for us,
ignite us with new zeal,
place new visions on our hearts,
and the grace to work alongside You.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 24, 2026

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

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:

1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday:

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday:

1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday:

Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" (John 20:22-23)

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: "Why do I keep confessing the same sins?" It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, "You're forgiven, now go back to your old life." He says, so to speak, **"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."** (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ's healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— *Father John Muir*

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once. But today, he's just breathing. So we have to ask ourselves: why?

Signs of Life

If you're asthmatic, you know the phrase "as natural as breathing" doesn't always make a lot of sense.

Maybe that's because breathing isn't always natural. Sometimes, it's supernatural.

I come from a family of asthmatics. In my earliest childhood memories, my sister's nose and mouth are covered with a bulbous plastic mask connected by clear tubes to her transportable nebulizer. The machine whirs loudly as it vaporizes the medication that will open her lungs. In these memories, I watch my sister — her little eyes wide, her chest contracting and constricting with great difficulty — and wonder what it feels like.

Because I don't have asthma, and I don't think about breathing, unless I'm climbing a flight of stairs or chasing down one of my kids. It's such a utilitarian thing, breathing. It's unimpressive, unremarkable. Literally anyone can do it.

Until they can't.

Dead men don't breathe. That's what I think as I read the words of John's Gospel: "He breathed on them." (John 20:22) So much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman, making it unmistakable that here is a Body no longer playing by the rules of the physical world. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once.

But today, he's just breathing.

So we have to ask ourselves: why? His Blood no longer requires oxygen. If he were asthmatic, neither bonfire nor damp night air could cause his lungs to constrict. His Flesh has been perfected.

But here we see a reality that is as spiritual as it is physical: where there is breath, there is life.

In Genesis, God breathes into dust and creates man. In today's Gospel, He breathes His Spirit onto man, and creates a Church.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Someone close to me has left the Church. How should I reach out to them?

Answer:

For many of us, this can be a challenging question. When people we love leave the Church, we may not always know how to relate to them in certain ways. Are some conversation topics off limits? Are there certain behaviors or decisions we can't support in good conscience? When someone or something is lost, Jesus shows two different attitudes in his parables.

One is *actively seeking*. Don't give up on this person and their life of faith. Ask them about their spiritual journey. Invite them to spend time with you in faith settings, as appropriate, and outside of them. Continue in relationship with those you love.

The other attitude Jesus shows is *consistent witness in the waiting*. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father doesn't go after the son. He waits for his return. However, the son knows his father is trustworthy. He remembers his father's fair treatment of the hired hands and knows it is safe to return, despite all he has done.

Your ability to change someone is quite small. However, you can change yourself. Make sure you consistently treat others with kindness, compassion, and respect. If your loved one wants a deeper conversation, they'll know you are a person to trust, a place to which they can return.



A sincere thank you to all of you who responded to our call for flowers to enhance the Easter beauty of our churches. We are truly blessed by the number of people who brought a plant in memory of their loved one and made our Easter Gardens more beautiful. (Part 1 was printed in the April 26 bulletin.)

- Bibels and Yasaks from Barbara Miller and Family
- Bledsoe–Chambers Family from Anne Chambers
- Bradkowski Family from Rosemary Bradkowski
- Jean Brannon from the Loftus Family
- Bill, Mary Jane, and Patrick Brennan from Frank and Mary Kay Macchione
- Angela Castronovo from the Castronovo and Sabrina Pate Family
- Joe Castronovo from the Castronovo and Sabrina Pate Family
- James Eder from the Lang Family
- Jan Gal from the Wajda Family
- Grandparents from the Kamptner Family
- Marjorie Heaney from the Loftus Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jankiewicz from Rich and Deb Jankiewicz
- Mr. Paul Jankiewicz from Rich and Deb Jankiewicz
- Kaminski Family from the Kaminskis
- Janet Kamptner from the Kamptner Family
- William Kempf from the Kamptner Family
- Krzysko Family from Tina Krzysko
- Lark Family from Anne Chambers
- Kathryn Loftus from the Loftus Family
- Russell and Carole Macchione from Frank and Mary Kay Macchione
- Frank and Rosalin Mariotti from Barbara Miller and Family
- Rita McClain from the Loftus Family
- Dan Miller from Barbara Miller and Family
- Nutley Family from J. Vallely
- Richard Pacyna from Caitlin Pacyna
- Richard Pacyna from Ryan Pacyna
- Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reyes from Rich and Deb Jankiewicz
- Frank and Josephine Rye from Frank and Mary Kay Macchione
- Marta Rzucidlo from M. Rzucidlo
- Sharon Steinbach from the Kamptner Family
- Clara Sturgulewski from the Sturgulewski Family
- Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tudron from Rich and Deb Jankiewicz
- Mr. Frank Tudron from Rich and Deb Jankiewicz
- Vallely Family from J. Vallely
- George C. Yagunic from Kay Yagunic

Altar Servers Appreciation May 31

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.

St. Cyprian Final Mass June 7 at 9 AM

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 hosted by the parish outside the church after the mass.

New Mass Schedule begins June 8 at St. Celestine

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.

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!

Father's Day Novena



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

Novena cards and envelopes with instructions are available in church and at the Pastoral Center. Return the card in the envelope in the collection basket or to

the Pastoral Center by Thursday, June 18. The suggested offering is \$10.

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

Parish 50+ Years Married Mass July 12

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.

Bulletin Deadlines

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

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

June 14 is due on Wednesday, June 3 at 9 AM

June 21 is due on Wednesday, June 10 at 9 AM

Wedding Banns

May 30 Katerina Esguerra and Darin Sia

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.

Mother of Perpetual Help Society Devotional



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

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.

Secular Franciscan Order

"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.



BAPTISMS



April

Kalliope Evari Agalliu
Sofia Grace Molina
Maya Anna Parol
John Richard Petrovich Jr.
Justina Alana Ruiz
Rosalie Kathleen Scanlan

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 church. Thank you!

Mother Guerin High School 50th

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

Surviving Divorce

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 catholiccommunitiesfo oakpark.org/surviving-divorce

Calendar

- Sunday, May 31 after the 11 AM Mass: **Altar Server Appreciation Party**
- Sunday, June 7: 9 AM **Final Mass** at St. Cyprian Church with reception
- 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**
- Sunday, October 25 **Craft Fair** 8:30 AM in the Gym and Annex

We All Scream for Ice Cream

Thursday, June 4th

Mention **St. Celestine Parents' Club** when you order!

20% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Celestine Parents' Club!

St. Celestine Parents' Club invites you to celebrate (almost) SUMMER BREAK at **Sweet Oasis** 7549 W Montrose Ave Norridge, IL 60706

Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps!

Want to Make a Difference? Want to Grow in Your Faith?

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) matches the skills and experiences of adults 50+ with Chicagoland nonprofits dedicated to walking with and assisting those most in need. IVC supports members in deepening their faith through formation opportunities rooted in the Ignatian tradition.

Learn more by attending an upcoming information session.

- May 27 - **St. Paul the Apostle Parish**, Gurnee
- June 2 - **Saint Francis Xavier Parish**, LaGrange
- June 9 - **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**, Glenview
- June 11 - **St. John of the Cross Parish**, Western Springs
- June 23 - **Old St. Mary Parish**, Chicago
- June 25 - **St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish**, Oak Lawn
- June 25 - **Holy Family Parish**, Inverness
- June 30 - **Holy Cross Parish**, Deerfield

Register online: www.ivcusa.org/chicagoinfosessions

Or Scan: 

Ignatian Volunteer Corps
Experience Making a Difference

Questions? Call **IVC Chicago** 443.586.7061

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

MARRIED IN 1976?

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS?

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

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

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

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: _____

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for May 24, 2026

Romans 8: 22-27 / John 7: 37-39

Following is a word search based on the Second and Gospel readings for the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Pentecost, Cycle A. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

THE LAST SCRIPTURE FIRST LOCKED HIS HANDS THE LORD I SEND YOU	JESUS RIVERS WEEK PEACE HIS SIDE AS THE FATHER BREADED	DRINK EVENING DOORS SHOWED REJOICED SENT ME FORGIVEN
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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.

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



Parish Weekly Events

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day
 Pastoral Center Closed

Tuesday, May 26

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

Wednesday, May 27

6 PM ST CEL Troop Meetings in the Lunchroom

Sunday, May 31

12 PM ST CEL Altar Server Pizza Party in the Fireside Room

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 30

4 PM St. Cyprian

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 Altar Servers

 Lector
 Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Fil Ngwila
 Isaac M., Diego M.,
 Angeli B.
 Beverly Parylak
 John P. Madden, Ruben
 Monterroso

5 PM St. Celestine

Presider
 Altar Server
 Lector
 Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Paul Eruva
 Robert Obuchowski
 Betty Blonski
 Carol Gutkowski, Barbara
 Miller, Pat Strabley, Mike
 Miller, Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.,
 Peggy O'Donnell, Patricia
 Rinella

Sunday, May 31

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Presider
 Altar Servers
 Lector
 Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Fil Ngwila
 Jazmin G., Yasleen G.
 Andy Johnson
 Minnie Reillo, Bill Lesch,
 Maria Mojek, Michelle
 Doyle, Mary Kay
 Macchione, Lynn Schmidt

9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider
 Altar Servers
 Lector
 Eucharistic Minister

Fr. Paul Cao
 TBA
 Karen Moretti
 Daniel Lacour

11 AM St. Celestine

Presider
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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. **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 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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