



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

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May 3, 2026

**IN MY FATHER'S
HOUSE THERE ARE
MANY DWELLING PLACES.**

JOHN 14:2

FIFTH 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

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
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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, May 2

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Irving and +Angeline Evertsen
+James Rinella
+Dante Cutro
+Gregory Krupa and Family

Sunday, May 3

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Fr. Bernard White

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Joseph Morgan, Sr.

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Francisco Palattao, Birthday
+Eddie Mizejewski
+Claudia Carnivele
+Nicholas Carnivele
+William White, 12th Anniversary
+ Robert Virnich

Monday, May 4

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

Faithful Departed

Tuesday, May 5

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Debbie D'Amico

Wednesday, May 6

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Manuel Julian Lunca

Thursday, May 7

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

People of the Parish

Friday, May 8

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Patrick Hagerty V, Birthday
Marian Kristine Medrano, Birthday

Saturday, May 9

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Nery Rodriguez

+Ceal Mueller

+Sgt Francis Wiemerslage

+Caroline Russo

In memory of all mothers, living and deceased

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Rosa Vargas-Villar, Birthday
+Adrienne Pudlo
+James C. Hantkiewicz, Birthday
+Helen Stypinski

+Barbara Immordino

In memory of all mothers, living and deceased

Sunday, May 10

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Jean Shive

+Arlene Ventura

In memory of all mothers, living and deceased

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Joseph Morgan, Sr.

+Geraldine Lustro

In memory of all mothers, living and deceased

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk

+Santa Snieg

+Barbara Zagotta, Anniversary

+Lana Patterson

+Theresa Milkowska, 1st Anniversary

+Diane Gedroc

+Lorry Hartnett

In memory of all mothers, living and deceased



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.

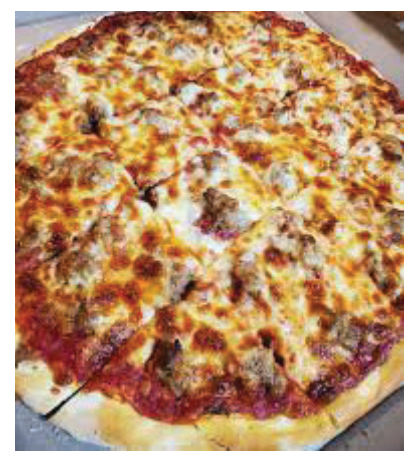
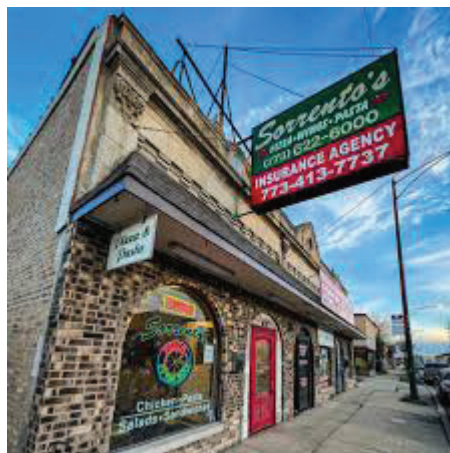
Bulletin Deadlines

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

May 24 is due on Wednesday, May 13 at 9 AM

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

Thank You to Sorrento's Pizzeria



Thank you so much to Geo DiMarca from Sorrento's Pizzeria who donated pizza coupons for free pizzas to the Food Pantry. We are sure they will be greatly enjoyed! When you order your own pizza from Sorrento's (2743 N. Harlem in Chicago, 773-622-6000, sorrentos.net), please tell them you appreciate their generosity.

From the Pastor's Desk: Father Paul Cao

The Month of May May is a busy month with many activities in our parish. This Saturday, May 2, we celebrate First Communion Masses with 91 first communicants from our parish school and Religious Education program. I am very proud of our students; they are well-prepared and ready to receive Jesus for the first time. This is a very special moment for them. Let us pray that the Lord Jesus Christ always blesses and nourishes them as they grow in His grace and love. We pray that we always appreciate God's love in our lives, especially in the Eucharist.

I would like to thank Ruthanne Swiatkowski, the Director of Lifelong Formation; our second grade teachers, Anna Deavila and Susan Petri; and our catechists, Doti Geringer, Nick Kaspar, and Mary Joost, for their hard work in preparing the children for the First Communion Mass and passing on the faith to our children.

I also want to thank the parents of our first communicants. Your role as the first teachers for your children is vital. Thank you for being such good models of faith. Please continue to bring them to church to receive the Eucharist every Sunday. Honoring Our Blessed Mother May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady" (Paul VI: *Encyclical on the Month of May*). It is an occasion for a moving tribute of faith and love from Catholics worldwide to the Queen of Heaven. During this month, whether in church or in the privacy of the home, Christians offer a fervent homage of prayer and veneration.

In 1987, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops stated: "The month of May is dedicated to the Queen of Heaven, as are all flowers. Early

this month, a statue of the Virgin at church is crowned with a wreath of flowers, and flowers are laid at her feet."

Please join us this Sunday for our May Crowning ceremonies:

- **St. Cyprian:** Following the 9 AM Mass, we will dedicate our families and parish to our Blessed Mother.
- **St. Celestine:** Following the 11 AM Mass, we will hold our traditional procession through the streets of Elmwood Park, concluding with the crowning of the statue of Mary in front of the Creed Center.

During the procession, we will pray the Rosary for peace in our country, Ukraine, and the Middle East. An ice cream social will follow in the annex and gymnasium. All who received their First Holy Communion on May 2 are invited to wear their First Communion clothes for the procession.

May 17 Blue Mass and Thanksgiving for 25th Ordination Anniversary Mass On May 17 at the 11 AM Mass at St. Celestine we will honor First Responders with a special blessing during the Mass. First Responders from Elmwood Park, River Grove, and Chicago are invited to attend. This will also be a mass celebrating my 25th anniversary of being ordained a priest, and I invite all parishioners to attend this mass which will be followed by a reception in the gym. Your presence is a blessing as we give thanks for 25 years of service, spiritual guidance, and dedication to God's people.

Final Mass at St. Cyprian On Sunday, June 7, the final mass will take place at St. Cyprian Church at 9 AM. Everyone is invited to attend, as are 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.

For those who are requesting the return of non-sacred items they donated to St. Cyprian Church, please contact the office at 708-453-2555 to make arrangements. Please do not take anything from the grounds without speaking to the office.

We plan to bring the crucifix carved by Sister Thomasita Fessler to St. Celestine sometime after the last mass to be placed in the church next to the Eucharist stained glass window, with candles in front of it. Planning is going on to move the Stations of the Cross, also carved by her, to St. Celestine to create a walking path with the stations protected by an enclosure. Statues of Mary and Joseph and the relic and icon of St. Cyprian will also be moved to a place of honor. Sacred items and vestments remain in the possession of the archdiocese to be shared with other parishes as they are needed.

After June 7, the parish Mass Schedule will be 4:30 PM on Saturdays, 7:30, 9, and 11 AM on Sundays, and 8 AM Monday through Friday at St. Celestine Church.

We have volunteer drivers for the parish bus if people need a ride to the 9 AM Sunday Mass later in the summer. Please call the office if you are interested.

May our Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, intercede for us! Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Fr. Paul

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased
greatly. (Acts 6:7)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone. (1 Pt 2:7)*

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

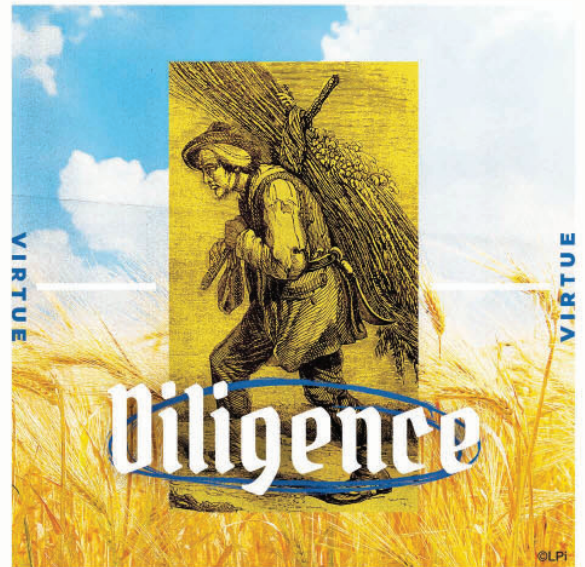
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How often do we contemplate the
mercy of God, but fear it will run out?
How often do we consider following the
path of Christ and worry that it is too
steep? But God has not overpromised.
Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: *Cinco de Mayo*
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day



Virtues, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. It is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness.

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
You have said, "Do not let your hearts
be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace.
Fill my heart with trust in You,
and hope in Your promises.
Be my rock in times of distress,
my light in times of darkness,
and my rest in the storm.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16
and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— *Father John Muir*

Jesus said to him,
“I am the way and
the truth and the
life. No one comes
to the Father except
through me. If you
know me, then you
will also know my
Father. From now on
you do know him and
have seen him.”
- Jn 14:6-7

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear how the Apostles selected men filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom to help serve the widows in the growing Jerusalem Church. Is there a family member or friend you could help this week?

Second Reading:

Peter speaks of the resurrected Jesus as a “living stone.” How do you sense that Jesus is alive in your life?

Gospel:

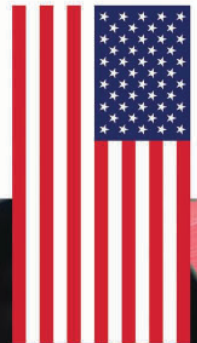
Jesus is patient with Thomas and Philip when they are slow to understand him. Who or what challenges your patience?



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National Day of Prayer



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: There are lots of different routes to Heaven. But there's only one Way.

The Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store.

This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways.

I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way.

And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way.

There it is: the part that matters. *The way.*

Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?"

See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though.

You'll know him when you see him.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer:

The mission of the Church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The Church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who, by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

Mother's Day Novena



Enroll a special woman, living or deceased, in the parish Mother's Day novena. From May 10 through May 18, prayers for all the women will be offered at Mass each day and their names displayed in both St. Celestine and St. Cyprian churches.

You may pick up an envelope which contains Mother's Day cards in the back of the churches or at the Pastoral Center. Please print the name of the woman you want enrolled in the novena

on the front of a card and return it to either church or office by Thursday, May 7.

A donation of \$10 per name is suggested. Keep the extra card or give it to the person you want to honor.

Calendar

- Sunday, May 3 after 11 AM Mass **May Crowning and Ice Cream Social**
- Sunday, May 17: 11 AM Mass **Blue Mass** for First Responders as well as celebrating the **25th Anniversary** of Ordination for Father Paul Cao followed by reception in the gym
- Sunday, May 31 after the 11 AM Mass: **Altar Server Appreciation**
- Sunday, June 7: 9 AM **Closing 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 26 **Parish Picnic** 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

Thank You for Pascal Candles Donations

Thanks to those who donated to provide the parish with two Pascal Candles for the churches. The Pascal Candle is lit daily during solemn liturgical celebrations from the Easter Vigil until Pentecost Sunday. It remains in the sanctuary near the altar during this time, symbolizing the presence of the risen Christ, and is later moved to a place of honor near the baptismal font, where it is lit for all baptisms and funeral services throughout the rest of the year.

Thank you to these generous donors:

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Mention the fundraiser at the register and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:



DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 from 5:00-8:00 pm

LOCATION:

7306 West Lawrence Ave, Harwood Heights, IL 60706



Silver Jubilee Celebration
25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

With grateful hearts and deep thanksgiving to God,
we joyfully invite you to celebrate the
25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
of
Rev. Paul D. Cao



*Please join us for a
Thanksgiving Mass and Reception*

📅 May 17, 2026
🕒 Time: 11 A.M.
📍 Location: St. Celestine Church

Your presence will be a blessing
as we give thanks for 25 years
of faithful service, spiritual
guidance, and dedication
to God's people.

Reception to follow.

Ministry Meeting

Fifty Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of Care, Sacristans, and Ushers met with Ministry of Care Coordinator Lois DeFelice and her team of Mary Joost, Danny Hesslau, and Tim Orr to go over future plans with the ministry. They spent some time in prayer and reflection on the ministries, revisited procedures, and were invited to consider their commitment to continue to minister to our parish community as we move from two sites to one. The ministers from St. Celestine teamed up with the ministers from St. Cyprian to walk through the "how to" when all ministry will be at St. Celestine in June.



Blue Mass for First Responders

The priests, deacons, and parishioners of St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish would like to thank all first responders for your honorable service to our neighborhoods. Your job is tough, yet you continue to protect the citizens of our area with courage, respect, and selflessness.

You are cordially invited to attend a "Blue Mass" where a special blessing will be offered for all First Responders. It will be held at St. Celestine Church on Sunday, May 17 at 11 AM. This will also be a mass celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the ordination of Fr. Paul Cao, who is the Chaplain of the Elmwood Park Police Department, and he would be proud to have you attend.

Please pass the word and post this invitation to all first responders.

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.



Women's Club hosted a great White Elephant Bingo recently with over 90 women attending.



The Wednesday Book Study proudly show off their copies of Fr. Stan Ilo's Book, Something Beautiful to God, signed by the author. We had a great time at the book study and are looking forward to the next one. Fr. Stan will also be leading a Bible Study in the fall.

First Communion May 2

Congratulations to all who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2.

Julian Alcantar
Elissa Alegre
Sofia Almendarez
Emma Almendarez
Damian Alonso
Declan Arias
Emmanuel Arias-
Montoya
Eliza Benke
Anna Bodnaruk
Natalie Cabrera
Isaiah Calderon
Julia Calderon
Gabriela Carey
Luna Carrasco
Aiden Cerda
Rylie Cortez
Camila Delgado
Edrai De-Niz
Demi Devogear
Ragela Dragotta
Nicole Dzienicki
Niko Dziejwa
Nicolas Farietta
Fiona Farmer
Jionni Feldman
Naomi Flint
Wendy Flores
Charlotte Ganser
Catalina Garcia
Khloe Garcia
Leah Garcia
Daniella Giudice
Gianna Giudice

Mila Gomez
Anthony Hessler
Nathan Jelinek
Luke Jimenez
Sophia Jones
Fiona Ketelaar
Dennis Kyriliuk
Olivia Magana
Elias Martinez
Selena Martinez
Benicio Mendoza
Milio Mendoza



William Meske
Leonardo Molina
Lucas Molina
Nazareth Molina
Sofia Molina
Samir Montes-Rojas
Jeremias Moreno
Michael Mykhailiuk
Jeremy Nayder
Evelyn Osika
Anthony Panzica
Nia Panzica

Maya Parol
Joel Pena
Noah Perez
Elaina Perino
Lillian Pineiro
Xavier Rivas
Camila Rivera
Noah Robinson
Christian Rogowski
Emma Rosales
Olivia Rosales
Andres Rubio Rojas
Daniel Rudyak
Justina Ruiz
Penelope Santos
Valentina Santos
Julia Schak
Catalina Sheehan
Marko Stelmakh
Adeleni Tavira
Ariela Torres
Antonia Tucki
Julianna Valencia
Leia Vega
Henry Velasquez
Mary Velasquez
Marko Venger
Delilah Vidales
Luciana Vitulli
Filip Wajda
Sean Wells
Dominick Zaccagnino
Olivia Zamora
Alessia Zangara

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.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

*Total due for 1 foursome = \$500

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

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

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

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

Raffle donation: _____

Golfer #1 _____ Golfer #2 _____

Golfer #3 _____ Golfer #4 _____

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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, or mail checks payable to St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish and to the attention of Laurie DePillo, St. Mother Guerin Parish, 3020 N. 76th Ct., Elmwood Park, IL 60707.

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

Pray for Them

Sick

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

Angelo L'Abbate, Michael Binder, Jacqueline Boshell, Julie Boyce, Edward Bray, Sue Brink, Brian Cunningham, Ellison Deehr, Elene Dimperio, Cathy Downing King, 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

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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.



SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for May 3, 2026

John 14:1-12

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A: Jesus prepares for his Ascension. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

HEARTS	BE TROUBLED	IN ME
FATHER'S HOUSE	MANY	A PLACE
IF I GO	AGAIN	TO MYSELF
MAY BE	YOU KNOW	THE WAY
THOMAS	WE KNOW	JESUS
THE TRUTH	LIFE	NO ONE
COMES	EXCEPT	THROUGH ME

A PLACE

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F A N A N Y O U K N O W
Y A G A I N Y L I F D O
L K T F I A J O D E C N
P I I H W T E T L B H K
T G F E E H S B Q Y O E
O T H E T R U T H A H W
M T C C H O S I N M E A
Y A O J R U F H A O A P
S L M T Y G F N O U R L
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Mother Guerin High School 50th Reunion

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 .

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 fourth 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!



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 9

4 PM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Isaac M., Diego M.
Lois DeFelice
Nancy Krzys, Ruben Monterroso

5 PM St. Celestine

Altar Server
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

TBA
Nick Kaspar
Perlita Domingo, Pat Strabley,
Patricia Rinella, Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.,
Peggy O'Donnell, Tom Lepore, TBA

Sunday, May 10

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

CJ S., JC S., Jazmin G., Yasleen G.
Florence Smith
Minnie Reillo, Michael Wittrock,
Mary Kay Macchione, Michelle Doyle,
Maria Mojek

9 AM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers
Lector
Eucharistic Minister

TBA
Bonnie Billa
John P. Madden

11 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Lucas R., Christian C.
Jackie Schweitzer
Mary Sullivan, Sheila Klich, Mary
Princivalli, Greg Derlacki, Lynn Loftus,
Kathy Iversen—Jaroch

Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, May 3

9 AM ST CYP May Crowning at Mass
11 AM ST CEL May Crowning and Procession after Mass
12:30 PM ST CEL Ice Cream Social in the Gym and Annex

Monday, May 4

6 PM ST CEL Lion, Tiger, and Wolf Meetings in the Lower Meeting Room

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

6 PM ST CEL Troop Committee Meeting in the Lower Meeting Room

Thursday, May 7

4:30 PM ST CEL Troop 47943 in the Annex
Troop 45703 in the Lower Meeting Room
6:30 PM ST CEL Good Grief in the Fireside Room
Boy Scout Committee in the Lower Meeting Room

Friday, May 8

6 PM ST CEL Pack Night in the Gym and Lunchroom

Sunday, May 10

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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. **Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional** Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Chapel.

Baptisms: To schedule, contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski at rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org or call 708-453-2555 x 5017. Baptisms take place at 12:30 PM on the second and fourth Sundays monthly at St. Celestine and the third Sunday of the month at St. Cyprian. Baptismal Prep classes take place on most first Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM at St. Cyprian; please call the office to sign up for the class.

Masses: See cover. **Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:30 PM at St. Cyprian and 4 PM at St. Celestine.

Weddings: Engaged couples are encouraged to call a year in advance of a preferred date. The couple must talk to Deacon Mike DeLarco before a wedding date can be reserved. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

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