



# ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

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May 31, 2026

THAT THE WORLD  
MIGHT BE  
**SAVED.**

JOHN 3:17

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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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

**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

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### Saturday, May 30

#### 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 Lustrro  
+Mary Ann Partipilo

#### 11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk  
+Joseph Roger Rojas  
+Robert Vrinich  
+Bernabe Lim  
+Keshawn Williams, 5th Anniversary  
+MaryAnn Cartwright  
+Batty Casey  
+Gerald McNally  
Lucy Greene

### Monday, June 1

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Frank Kucera, Birthday

### Tuesday, June 2

#### 8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

Faithful Departed

### Wednesday, June 3

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Fr. Bernard White

### Thursday, June 4

#### 8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

People of the Parish

### Friday, June 5

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Joan Psak

### Saturday, June 6

#### 4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi  
+Nery Rodriguez  
+Adam Plonski  
+Nicholas Spaniak  
+Paul Schubitz  
+George Spaniak  
+Lorraine Spaniak  
Randy Hundley

#### 5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Dennis DePillo, Birthday  
+Judy Cizek Yates, 32nd Anniversary  
+Andrew Gutkowski, Anniversary  
+Mary Petella  
+Robert Anthony Ptack  
+Matt Rugetti

### Sunday, June 7

#### 7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

Joe Castronovo, 2nd Anniversary  
+Charlie McLaughlin

#### 9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Joseph Morgan, Sr.

#### 11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk  
+Attilio Manfredini, Birthday  
+Helena Golab  
+Jozefa Powrozek  
+Bernabe Lim

## 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 hosted by the parish outside the church after the mass.

### Memorial Bricks and other non-sacred items

If you want your memorial brick returned to you, please call the office at 708-453-2555 and we will make arrangements to pick it up after the church closes. Please do not dig them up before that. If there are other non-sacred things that you donated and want returned, please call the office to make arrangements.

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

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Beginning June 8, 2026, the parish Mass Schedule will be Monday—Friday 8 AM; Saturday 4:30 PM; and Sunday 7:30, 9, and 11 AM. All masses are at St. Celestine.

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



## 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).*

## Bulletin Deadlines

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

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

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

**June 28** is due on Wednesday, June 17 at 9 AM

## Wedding Banns

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**June 13** Natalie LoMascolo and Matthew Obrecki

**June 19** Carmen Placencia and Michael Gigante

**June 20** Daisy Martinez and Armando Munoz

**June 20** Makala Franks and Gino Fornaro

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

### Words of Thanks

I am still reading the many beautiful and kind words that you wrote in the guest book and cards two weeks ago as I celebrated my 25th anniversary of priesthood. Those words really mean a lot to me, and they make me feel the joy of serving the Lord and His Church in my priestly vocation.

As I look back over these twenty-five years, I can clearly see that God has been good to me. I often find myself quoting Psalm 23:6: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." The entirety of Psalm 23—"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want"—has been the absolute foundation of my ministry.

I thank God for His constant blessings and guidance throughout this twenty-five-year journey. Through every joy and challenge, I have felt God's loving and providential hand silently sustaining me and strengthening my steps on the path of service. I know now that I have never been alone. I have been surrounded by many people like you—people who have supported, cared for, and loved me, especially here at St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish. Truly, we have become a family together. I have been in this parish for 13 years, which means more

than half of my priestly life has been spent with this community. Each of you is part of the family of God to which I belong. I thank God for all of you, and I am profoundly grateful for the love, care, and support you have always shown me.

### Special Acknowledgments

I would like to acknowledge the following people who helped the Mass and the reception run very smoothly:

- Kim Hagerty, Lynn Schmidt, Laurie DePillo, Bob Vessini, the Men's Club, and all the staff and volunteers who decorated the gym, set up the tables, and served the food and drinks.
- Irma and Angel Rivera, Maria Mojek, Greg Derlacki, and Linda Santelli for decorating the church and preparing the liturgy.
- Tien Dang, Danny Hesslau, and all the altar servers and lectors for assisting at Mass.
- Craig Kamptner, and the adult and children's choirs for the beautiful music.
  - Deacons Mike Delarco and Rolando Merced, and all the priests present who assisted and concelebrated at Mass.
  - All those who were present at my 25th anniversary Mass. Thank you for your gifts, greeting cards, and prayers.



Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. May God bless you for your love, support, and kindness!

Please continue to pray for me, as I pray for you daily, that I may remain faithful to Jesus and to my vocation, serving Him and His Church with zeal.

*With gratitude,  
Fr. Paul*



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.  
- Jn 3:16-17

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

We hear how God proclaims His name as “Lord” to Moses on Mount Sinai, describing Himself as merciful, gracious, kind, and faithful. How would you describe your experience of God?

### Second Reading:

Paul speaks of the grace, love, and fellowship of our triune God and encourages the Corinthians to treat each other likewise. Who needs your love and fellowship this week?

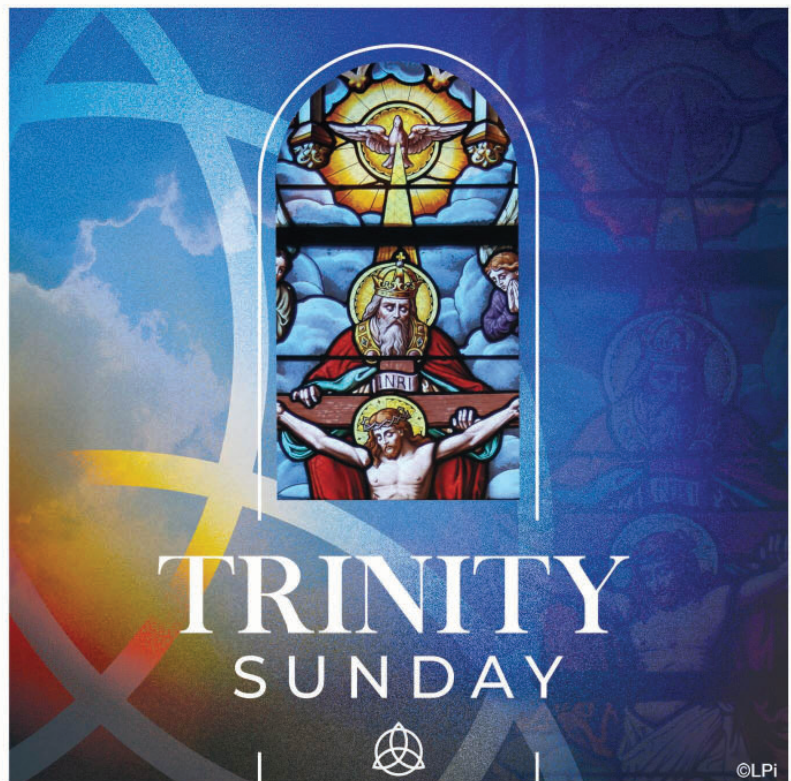
### Gospel:

Jesus speaks of God’s love and commitment to both people and planet. What do you imagine a “saved” world will look like?



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# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of May 31, 2026

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/  
Mk 12:1-12

### Tuesday:

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14  
and 16/Mk 12:13-17

### Wednesday:

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/  
Mk 12:18-27

### Thursday:

2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/  
Mk 12:28-34

### Friday:

2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166,  
168/Mk 12:35-37

### Saturday:

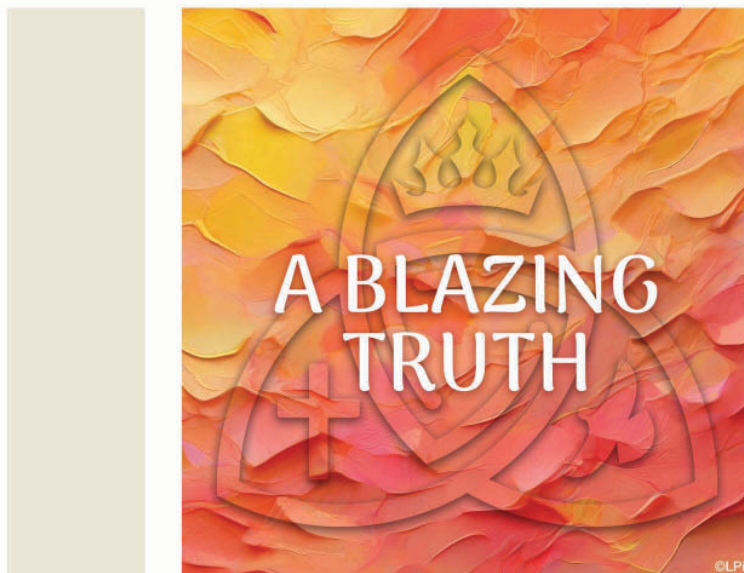
2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/  
Mk 12:38-44

### Next Sunday:

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-  
20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: **"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."** (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— *Father John Muir*

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

### The Gift of Not Understanding

I once listened to Bishop Daniel Flores — a renowned scholar and prelate — give a 70-minute talk on the Trinitarian nature of God. In those 70 minutes, Bishop Flores said a lot of eloquent things. But what that really landed with me was not any group of words, but a single gesture.

Defining *hypostasis*, the term we use for the “the reciprocal dynamic relations that constitute distinct identities within the Godhead” (yes, I am using his words because I could never, in a million years, trust my own) Bishop Flores said “the Father and the Son are true God, but the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father. How not? Different hypostasis.”

And here his eyes grew wide; he turned his head and opened his hands, drawing back as if from a spooked horse. The implication was clear: *Any further than this, I dare not go.*

I’ve never felt so seen.

Sometimes, I make the mistake of thinking that I am unique in my inability to understand the great mysteries. Sometimes, I despair that I am not a “better Catholic” — one who will rush headfirst into the crosshairs of a hard question, confident in the words that come immediately to my lips.

But when I saw Bishop Flores flinch at the thought of defining how, exactly, the Son is not the Father, and vice versa, I remembered that only fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

This Sunday, friends, take heart: our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

In some passages of the Bible, Jesus makes it sound like only a few people will be saved. But we talk about hoping for everyone’s salvation. So which one is it — will many or few people be saved?

### Answer:

Salvation is a mystery of God’s grace. St. Paul encourages us to offer prayers for everyone. He calls it “*good and pleasing to God*” because God Himself “*wills everyone to be saved*” (c.f. 1 Tm 2:1-4). The redemption that Jesus offers is held out to all of us. His sacrifice on the cross was already for everyone. Now it is a matter of if and how we accept that salvation in our own lives.

Here on earth, we can’t possibly know the exact number of people who will be in heaven. When we hear words like “many” and “few,” we tend to think of them in quantitative terms. Four wine glasses for six guests is too few. Three slices of cake for one person is too many. For God, however, “many” and “few” are qualitative terms. Imagine for a moment that nearly every human person is in heaven and only a handful had, by their actions on earth, separated themselves from God. For a God who infinitely loves, even one person spending eternity apart from Him is too many!

## 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.

## 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).

## 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](mailto:robertpmitchell1@gmail.com).

## Fr. Paul Cao and Pope Leo Honored by Elmwood Park

On May 15 Fr. Paul Cao was awarded a brick in front of the Elmwood Park Police Station to thank him for his 13 years of service as Chaplain of the Police Department. Pope Leo also was named as an honorary chaplain.



## 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.

## Blue Mass May 17 at St. Celestine

Thanks to all the First Responders who attended the 11 AM Mass on May 17 and received a special blessing in appreciation for all their service. First Responders from neighboring areas were invited to the Mass. Elmwood Park Chief of Police, Andy Hock, gave a talk at the mass.



**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

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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).

Fr. Paul Cao Celebrated His 25th Anniversary of Ordination on May 17





## Holy Hour June 5

A Holy Hour will take place at St. Celestine Church on Friday, June 5 at 3 PM. A Divine Mercy Holy Hour takes place on the first Friday of each month at St. Celestine Church. Included are the Divine Mercy prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and time for quiet Adoration. The hour concludes with Benediction.



## 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

# 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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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, 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

Karl Humowiecki

### 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 31, 2026

*Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9 / John 3:16-18*

Following is a word search based on the First and Gospel readings for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Cycle A: The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

EXODUS	WENT UP	MOUNT SINAI
COMMANDED	TABLETS	CLOUD
HIS NAME	LORD	MERCIFUL
GRACIOUS	SLOW	TO ANGER
MOSES	BOWED	STIFF-NECKED
PEOPLE	PARDON	GOD SO LOVED
WORLD	CONDEMN	BE SAVED

## GOD'S HOLY TRAITS

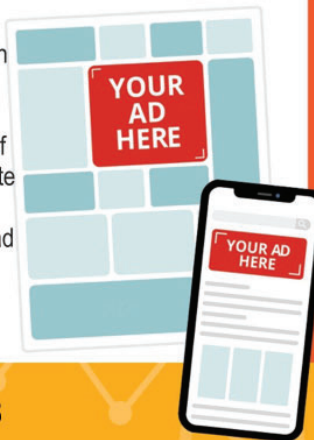
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## Mother Guerin High School 50th

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](mailto: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 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!



## Parish Weekly Events

### Sunday, May 31

12 PM ST CEL

Altar Server Pizza Party in the Fireside Room

### Tuesday, June 2

7 PM ST CEL

Parents Club in the Annex  
 Knights of Columbus in the Annex  
 Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional in the Chapel

### Wednesday, June 3

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

### Sunday, June 7

9 AM ST CYP

Final Mass at St Cyprian, followed by an outdoor reception  
 Scout Pinning Mass  
 Totus Tuus in the Church and School for 7—12th grade

11 AM ST CEL

6:30 PM ST CEL

### Monday, June 8

8 AM White Pines

9:30 AM ST CEL

Golf Outing  
 Totus Tuus in the Church and School for 1—5th grade

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, June 6

#### 4 PM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Isaac M., Diego M.

Karen Moretti

Peg Gurnig, Ruben Monterroso

#### 5 PM St. Celestine

Altar Servers

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Christian C., Macaria T., Lorenzo T.  
 Sylvia Stacey

Perlita Domingo, Maryann Dibari,

Pat Strabley, Bob Broz, Patricia

Rinella, Mike Miller, Barb Miller

### Sunday, June 7

#### 7:30 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Jazmin G., Yasleen G., Joseph K.

Sandro Valdez

Minnie Reillo, Maria Mojek, Bill

Lesch, Florence Smith, Michelle

Doyle, Michael Wittrock

#### 9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider

Bishop Jose Maria Garcia

Maldonado

Altar Servers

Angeli B., Isaac M., Diego M.,

David D., Matthew D., Marcos D.

Lector

TBA

Eucharistic Minister

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#### 11 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers

Sarah P., Robert O., Nickolas F.,

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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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