



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

stguerinparish.org



November 16, 2025

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I myself shall give you a
wisdom in speaking that all
your adversaries will be
powerless to resist
or refute." - Lk 21:15

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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, November 15

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Nery Rodriguez
+Joyce Rossi, +Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Diamond Turocy
+Anthony Lemanski, 12th Anniversary
+Hazel Kosinski, Anniversary

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Marylyn Robertson, 1st Anniversary
+Eddie Mizejewski
+Aurelio Guevara, Anniversary
+Romulo V. Domingo
+Al Fang, Jr.
+Joseph and +Bette Wesol
+Louis and +Juliana DaPrato and the
deceased members of the DaPrato
family

Sunday, November 16

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Jack Burns
9 AM ST. CYPRIAN
+Emelita Perez
+Giovanni Saso
+Giovanna Pollina
+Giuseppe and +Giuseppa Zagone

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank Pudlo
+Susan Shotsberger
+Frank and +John Kucera
+Betty Corbett

Monday, November 17

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Pat Brand

Tuesday, November 18

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 19

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Fr. Bernard White

Thursday, November 20

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Maria Pellegrini

Friday, November 21

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

Saturday, November 22

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Nery Rodriguez
+Joyce Rossi, +Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Doris Eirich
+Madeline Paldo
+Craig Bastek
5 PM ST. CELESTINE
+Kimberly W. Covarrubias
+Solomon and +Edel Guerrero
+Nancy Serpico
+Al Fang, Jr.

Sunday, November 23

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Chuck Carlson
11 AM ST. CELESTINE
+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank Pudlo
+Susan Shotsberger
+Thaddeus Tate



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.

November 30 is due on Tuesday,
November 18 at 9 AM

December 7 is due on Wednesday,
November 26 at 9 AM

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

Baptisms

We welcome those baptized in
October!

Christopher David Castellon, Jr.
Emry Rose Rivera

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But for you who fear my name, there will arise
the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Mal 3:20)

Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:

Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you,
so that you might imitate us. (2 Thes 3:9)

Gospel:

"You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.
By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 21:17-19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' words today are filled with fire
and brimstone, vivid with images of pain,
suffering, confusion — and, ultimately,
peace. Do we believe what he promises?
Do we have the endurance to stay with
him until the end?

Observances for the week of November 16, 2025

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Devotions, *Explained!*

An Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreen and four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple; one is rose, representing Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the closeness of Christmas.

Prayer in Season of Trust

O Lord,
Be with me now, I feel so alone.
Bring Your blessings to me, like
the light of a candle in darkness.
Wrap me in Your mercy,
give me strength to face every
hardship.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday:

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps
119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and
15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/
Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **"Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— Father John Muir

“It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.” - Lk 21:13-15

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Malachi tells us that those who “fear” the Lord will be spared at God’s coming judgment. What does it mean to “fear the Lord”?

Second Reading:

Paul gave the Thessalonians some very practical advice: work quietly and eat your own food! Are you open to taking advice from a loved one?

Gospel:

Jesus forewarned his followers that they will be persecuted for their faith in him, even with relatives and friends. How do you support friends and co-workers who are fellow believers?



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Love and hate. Hope and fear. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something.

Two Things Can Be True At Once

As my husband and I drove our firstborn child home from the hospital, I sat alongside my daughter in the backseat. Terrified, exhausted, exhilarated, confused, hopeful — I was all of these things at the same time. I gazed at her, this magnificent little creature whose face was both familiar and strange to me, thinking: *She is exquisite. She is the future. She is life.*

And then I burst into uncontrollable sobs.

"What's wrong?" my husband cried, panicked, glancing in the rearview mirror.

"She's — going — to — die — someday," I blubbered, choking on my own tears.

"Ohhh, honey." I'll never forget the tone of his voice as he clearly debated turning this car around and taking me back to the hospital for an emergency psych evaluation. "I think you might be tired."

Ten years later, it's a memory we laugh about. I hadn't slept more than four hours in four days. Postpartum hormones had lain waste to my senses. Here, on the threshold of new life, all I could think of was death. It's funny. It's absurd.

But it also makes a lot of sense.

Love and hate. Hope and fear. Joy and sorrow. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something — even if we cannot understand what. Not yet.

In every moment of his earthly life, Christ shows us that two things can be true at once. A virgin is a mother. An exile is a king. The temple will be destroyed, and it will last forever. The world is ending. The world is beginning. The cross is death. The cross is life.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer:

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

As required by the Archdiocese, the Annual Report for the last fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 (FY25) is published on the following pages. The income and expense reported are those that were acquired from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. There is a net ordinary loss for the Church and School, which encompasses the day-to-day income and expenses to run the parish.

As shown in the following report, our Sunday collections are down, and although the Church experienced a loss, all expenses were covered by Church savings. While we do depend on fundraising, our main source of operating revenue is the Sunday collection. We rely on it to pay payroll, health insurance, utilities, and building maintenance and repair, inside and out. We have ten buildings to maintain for our parish. We do have a Capital Improvement collection once a month which helps offset the cost of major repairs. In a parish with 2,045 families, 15% donate regularly to the parish. We continue to ask for your generosity in supporting our Parish, and as always are grateful for whatever you can contribute.

This past year we received a bequest of \$197,000.00 from the estate of a long-time dedicated parishioner. This was a great help in covering expenses, and we are so appreciative of this gift.

We as a Parish will continue to do our best with fundraising, which would not be possible without all our dedicated volunteers, to help offset the rise of ordinary expenses. We held our annual craft fair, pasta dinners, garage sale, cash raffle, Parish Taste, and Golf Outing. This past year we held our first Lenten Fish Fry and Bingo, and they were a great success.

Our School has a healthy enrollment of 382 students this year. Mrs. Klich continues to highlight and promote the benefits of attending a Catholic school. She is diligent in keeping up with technology and uses numerous resources to keep those costs as low as possible. Even with all this effort the sky-rocketing costs of ordinary expenses, which includes maintaining older facilities and equipment, makes this a difficult task. The school's deficit was covered with school savings.

The schools' auxiliary organizations, Parent's Club, Athletics, and Scouts, fundraise for their own groups, and have contributed toward the cost of special projects. We are very grateful for the effort they put forth to support the school and Mrs. Klich.

We have a thriving Religious Education program with over 200 students, under the direction of Ruthanne Swiatkowski, and a Special Religious Education program of about 20 students under the direction of Mary Murphy. Our Men's Club and Women's Club also contribute to the parish and community, in many ways.

During this past fiscal year, the St. Celestine To Teach Who Christ Is campaign completed the Audio Visual/Conference room project, in addition to the completed hallway, bathrooms, concrete, and roof projects. Fortunately, we still have campaign funds in reserve if or when St. Celestine Church needs the roof replaced. All of St. Cyprian's To Teach Who Christ Is projects were completed prior to Renew My Church, which included a new steeple and the parking lot project. The remaining funds in the account were used to cover the high cost of HVAC repairs and an extensive water main break. These funds were used with the permission of the Archdiocese. All these expenses are classified as "Other Expenses." Also, this past year we had a new boiler installed in St. Cyprian Church. None of the funds used to pay for any of these other expenses could be used to pay for any ordinary (day-to-day) expenses the parish incurred, per Archdiocesan compliancy.

If you have any questions regarding the annual report please contact Fr. Paul Cao or Laurie DePillo at 708-453-2555.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish. We are committed to using all funds for the parish in a fiscally sound and careful manner. Our Parish and School and Religious Education families continue to show their generosity and love for the Church and the Parish even in difficult times and it is greatly appreciated.

May God bless you all.

Father Paul Cao, Pastor
Laurie DePillo, Business Manager
St. Mother Theodore Guerin Finance Council

St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish Annual Report July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025

	Church		School	Parish
Income				
Total 3000 Sunday and Holy Day Collections	\$	532,357.51		\$ 532,357.51
3020 Christmas Collection	\$	35,335.58		\$ 35,335.58
3030 Easter Collection	\$	24,495.63		\$ 24,495.63
3040 Other Collections	\$	18,100.98		\$ 18,100.98
3100 Tuition	\$	32,536.51	\$ 2,054,507.15	\$ 2,087,043.66
3110 Fees	\$	13,563.81	\$ 97,605.14	\$ 111,168.95
3300 School Meal Program			\$ 55,950.52	\$ 55,950.52
3350 Lease and/or Rental Income	\$	45,420.00		\$ 45,420.00
3400 Outside Funding			\$ 24,650.00	\$ 24,650.00
3450 Fund Raising Net Income	\$	45,176.55	\$ 114,422.24	\$ 159,598.79
3450 Boosterthon			\$ 68,275.75	\$ 68,275.75
3500 Interest & Investment Income	\$	3,408.19	\$ 2,545.01	5961.56
3600 Auxiliary Groups	\$	3,872.95	\$ (108,163.19)	\$ (104,290.24)
3700 Miscellaneous Income	\$	62,603.94	\$ 32,858.82	\$ 95,462.76
Total Income	\$	816,871.65	\$ 2,342,651.44	\$ 3,159,531.45
Expenses				
4010 Salaries	\$	388,836.35	\$ 1,514,429.30	\$ 1,903,265.65
4030 Health Insurance-Employer Paid	\$	55,663.68	\$ 342,868.32	\$ 398,532.00
4040 Employer FICA	\$	21,362.95	\$ 104,785.17	\$ 126,148.12
4050 Fringe Benefits	\$	12,891.00	\$ 113,238.00	\$ 126,129.00
4060 Prof. Growth/Minist./Other	\$	3,690.92		\$ 3,690.92
4100 Books & Supplies,Non-Liturgical	\$	18,685.19	\$ 47,972.14	\$ 66,657.33
4150 Administrative Expenses	\$	50,967.17	\$ 57,864.11	\$ 108,831.28
4250 Food Service & Meals	\$	25,098.27	\$ 55,951.92	\$ 81,050.19
4400 Telephone	\$	3,107.52	\$ 4,709.02	\$ 7,816.54
4410 Heating Fuel	\$	42,088.70	\$ 17,944.08	\$ 60,032.78
4420 Electricity	\$	27,285.08	\$ 70,028.39	\$ 97,313.47
4430 Other Utilities	\$	23,877.70	\$ 22,918.63	\$ 46,796.33
4450 Maintenance & Building Repairs	\$	22,976.47	\$ 111,821.88	\$ 134,798.35
4650 Altar & Liturgical Supplies	\$	12,279.18		\$ 12,279.18
4700 Furnishings & Equipment	\$	471.56	\$ 568.73	\$ 1,040.29
4750 Archdiocesan Assessment	\$	75,840.00		\$ 75,840.00
4760 PRMAA Assessment	\$	25,621.92		\$ 25,621.92
4770 OCS Assessment			\$ 22,617.00	\$ 22,617.00
4780 Property/Casualty Insurance	\$	110,655.60	\$ 73,770.36	\$ 184,425.96
4790 Auto Insur-Priest Owned Vehicle	\$	3,520.00		\$ 3,520.00
4800 Miscellaneous	\$	18,133.11	\$ 11,684.67	\$ 29,817.78
Total Expenses	\$	943,052.37	\$ 2,573,171.72	\$ 3,516,224.09
Net Operating Income	\$	(126,180.72)	\$ (230,520.28)	\$ (356,692.64)

Other Income			
5030 Arch Required Collections	\$	20,405.94	\$ 20,405.94
5050 Estates, Bequests & Memorials	\$	197,548.00	\$ 377.45 197,925.45
5060 Other Extraordinary Income			
5110 Fund Collections	\$	326.46	\$ 326.46
5120 Capital Collections	\$	54,305.23	\$ 54,305.23
Total Other Income	\$	272,585.63	\$ 377.45 272,963.08
Other Expenses			
6030 Pymt Arch Required Collections	\$	22,498.20	\$ 22,498.20
6111 Project A	\$	5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
6114 St. Cyprian campus building repairs	\$	55,234.45	\$ 55,234.45
Total 6110 Capital Improvements	\$	60,234.45	\$ 60,234.45
Total Other Expenses	\$	82,732.65	\$ - 82,732.65
Net Other Income	\$	189,852.98	\$ 377.45 190,230.43
Net Income	\$	63,672.26	\$ (230,142.83) (166,462.21)

Bank Balances as of June 30, 2025

# 1101 St. Mother Theodore Guerin	\$ 115,820.53	# 1132.10 Special RE	\$ 10,453.54
# 1103 St. Celestine School	\$ 7,761.89	# 1201 Regular Savings	\$ 12,443.38
# 1104 School Hot Lunch Program	\$ 7,662.91	# 1201.09 SMTG Building	\$ 3,913.19
# 1105 St. Celestine Money Market Acct	\$ 159,880.80	# 1210 Certificates of Deposit	\$ 73,158.24
# 1109 SMTG Food Pantry	\$ 2,314.57	# 1240 Stock Savings Account	\$ 16,510.57
# 1132.03 School S.T.O.P Program	\$ 20,419.84	# 1260.01 St. Celestine TTWCI	\$ 100,278.50
# 1132.06 St. Celestine Athletics	\$ 29,978.23	# 1260.02 St. Cyprian TTWCI	\$ 389.94
# 1132.08 St.Celestine Parents Club	\$ 8,290.53	# 1400 School Endowment Fund	\$ 35,231.10

Status Animarum (The State of Souls)

2,045
Registered Families

815
Average Sunday Attendance



54
Baptisms



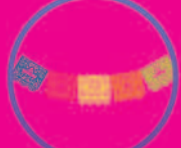
83
First Communions



89
Confirmations



10
Marriages



5
Quinceañeras



90
Funerals



\$9,000
Average Weekly Collection

Welcome to Fr. Paul Eruva, Our New Associate Pastor

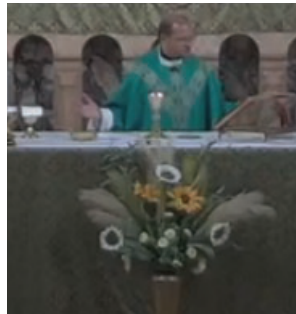


I am Fr. Paul Eruva from the Diocese of Nellore, India. As a child I used to go to church and was inspired by the parish priest. My aunt, a nun who was very spiritual encouraged me to become a priest and serve God and his people. Unfortunately I lost my mother when I was in 7th grade and my father and grandmother raised the family and

so with the grace of God and through the guidance of our native priests I joined the apostolic school in my neighboring mission diocese of Nellore. After completing high school and the Minor Seminary, I was sent for my spiritual orientation course and completed my study of philosophy.

After one year of practical training known as Regency I went on to study Theology. Completing my theological formation in the year 1995 I was ordained to the priesthood in 1996.

After Ordination I was assigned to help at the Minor Seminary in my diocese. My former bishop then sent me for ministry abroad to the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania, for three years. I had a very meaningful and growth-filled experience with the people in the diocese of Scranton; after which I was called back to my home diocese and continued my pastoral ministry in my diocese for ten years. I then had the opportunity to serve in the Diocese of Madison Wisconsin for a seven year period. It was very fulfilling and I learned a lot while contributing pastorally and through sacramental ministry for the people.



With the desire to serve and offer my pastoral services in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I requested my bishop

to initiate the process for placement.

I am so grateful to God and to the Archdiocese for granting me the opportunity to come and serve.

Fr. Paul Eruva



St. Celestine Pastoral Center Fireside Room

ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Bible Study with
Fr. Stan Ilo

**WEDNESDAYS
AT 6:30 PM**

NOVEMBER 19, 26, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17

JOIN US AT THE...

CHRISTMAS TREE TRIM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH	SUNDAY DECEMBER 14TH
ST. CYPRIAN CHURCH	ST. CELESTINE CHURCH
FOLLOWING 9:00 AM MASS	FOLLOWING 11:00 AM MASS

Jingle Bell Fun Run
Sunday, December 14 at 2 PM

2 PM in front of the school! Register by December 12 at stguerinparish.org or just show up. Hot chocolate and medals included!

Bring any parish kids to the Jingle Bell 1/2 Mile Fun Run at 2 PM on Sunday, December 14. The race starts and ends in front of St. Celestine School. Register online by December 12 at stguerinparish.org or just show up! Hot chocolate and medals and jingle bells for all!



Pictured above: Altars of the Dead at both churches; Women's Club shared appetizers at their last meeting.



Please Help Us, Help Others

The Women's Club is hosting a special **DONATION DRIVE** for **"phil's friends"** an organization whose mission is *"To provide Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer."*

With the help of our members and our parishioners, it is our hope to provide some of the items needed to provide Care Packages to those affected by cancer.

All items need to be NEW and UNUSED, because our friends with cancer have compromised immune systems.

We are asking for donations of the following items...

Blankets: Rolled throw blankets, crocheted or fleece (non-seasonal)
Fuzzy Socks (Women's only)
Hats: Knitted, crocheted (from stores or handmade) baseball, etc.
Puzzle Books
Journals (size 5X7 – no spiral bound)
New playing cards - no casino decks
Individual packs of tissues
Travel size toothpaste and toothbrushes
Travel-size unscented lotion: 5 oz. or smaller

Collection Dates:

Weekends of Nov. 8th & 9th and Nov. 15th & 16th
Collection Boxes will be located at both Worship Sites

For More Information regarding phil's friends visit
WEB: PHILSFRIENDS.ORG



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED
HELP AND GENEROSITY!**



Women's Club Meeting Thurs. November 20th ~ 7 pm
Annex of St. Celestine's ~ Doors open at 6:30 pm
"SERVICE PROJECTS NIGHT"

Enjoy a few light refreshments while we work together to help others.
Some of our service project activities will include Holiday Card Writing, Phil's Friends donation activities, and more.
Hope You Can Join Us!

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	Justine Kucera	Austin Rose
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Gospel for November 16, 2025
Luke 21: 5-19

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary time, Cycle C: future challenges to believers. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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Parish Weekly Events

Monday, November 17

5 PM ST CEL Troop 47219 in the Annex
7 PM ST CEL Athletic Committee in the Lower Meeting Rm.

Tuesday, November 18

5 PM ST CEL Basketball Games in the Gym
7 PM ST CYP Teen OCIA in the Rectory

Wednesday, November 19

6 PM ST CEL Troop Meetings in the Lunchroom
6:30 PM ST CEL Fr. Stan's Bible Study in the Fireside Room

Thursday, November 20

4 PM ST CEL Food Pantry
4:30 PM ST CEL Troop 45703 in the Lower Meeting Room
5 PM ST CEL Troop 47857 in the Annex
Basketball Games in the Gym
7 PM ST CEL Women's Club in the Annex
7 PM ST CYP OCIA in the Rectory

Saturday, November 22

10 AM ST CEL Special Religious Education in the Gym and Annex

Sunday, November 23

12 PM ST CEL Men's Club Chili Cookoff in the Gym

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 22

4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider Fr. Paul Cao
Altar Servers TBA
Lector Beverly Parylak
Eucharistic Minister Anna Petras

5 PM St. Celestine

Presider Fr. Fil Ngwila
Altar Servers Robert O. Sarah P.
Lector Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.
Eucharistic Ministers Ann Giannini Maryann Dibari
Pat Strabley Patricia Rinella
Mary Joost Carol Gutkowski
Peggy O'Donnell

Sunday, November 23

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Presider Fr. Fil Ngwila
Altar Servers TBA
Lector Sandro Valdez
Eucharistic Ministers Michelle Doyle Maria Mojek
Bill Lesch Larry Skelly
Ken Doyle Florence Smith

9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider Fr. Paul Cao
Altar Servers David D. Marco D.
Lector Matthew D.
Eucharistic Minister Gissell Araujo
Michael Wittrock

11 AM St. Celestine

Presider Fr. Paul Cao
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Holy Hour: First Friday of each month at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church.

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.

Rosary: Second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the chapel at St. Celestine, after the 8 AM Mass Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at St. Celestine, at 7:30 AM before the 8 AM Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Cyprian.

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