



# ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian  
stguerinparish.org



## ST. CELESTINE CHURCH and Parish Office

3020 North 76th Court  
Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707  
Phone: 708-453-2555

	<b>MASSES</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	5 PM	
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 AM	
	11 AM	
<b>Monday, Wednesday, and Friday</b>	8 AM	

**Reconciliation** Saturday 4—4:45 PM



## ST. CYPRIAN CHURCH

2601 North Clinton Street  
River Grove, Illinois 60171

### MASSES

<b>Saturday</b>	4 PM	
<b>Sunday</b>	9 AM	
<b>Tuesday and Thursday</b>	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 5 PM, Saturday: 8:30 AM—12:30 PM; Closed Sunday.

**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 18

### 1:30 PM St. Celestine

Janessa Rivera-Nava,  
Quinceañera

### 4 PM St. Cyprian

+Craig Bastek  
+Diamond Turocy  
+Matt Sawyer  
+Anthony Lemanski, Sr., 10th  
Anniversary  
+Hazel Kosinski, Anniversary

### 5 PM St. Celestine

+Henry Nowak  
+Solomon Guerrero  
+Edel Guerrero  
+Louis and +Juliana DaPrato  
and the deceased  
members of the DaPrato  
family  
Bob and Carol Gutkowski,  
Wedding Anniversary

## SUNDAY, November 19

### 7:30 AM St. Celestine

+Father Bernard White  
+Jack Burns  
+John Pelletiere

### 9 AM St. Cyprian

+Stefania Dlugokecki  
+Maria Natividad Orozco  
+Francisco, +Angel, +Romeo,  
+Rodulfo, and +Jose Eulises  
Bahena  
+Maria Martinez

### 11 AM St. Celestine

+Frank and +John Kucera  
+Frank Pudlo  
+Raman and +Anna  
Romanyuk  
+Michael J. Walsh

## MONDAY, November 20

### 8 AM St. Celestine

+Maria Pellegrini  
+John Kucera  
+John Sykes

## TUESDAY, November 21

### 8 AM St. Cyprian

+Donald Wulff

## WEDNESDAY, November 22

### 8 AM St. Celestine

+Gloria Simpao, Anniversary

### 7 PM St. Cyprian

+Chuck Carlson

## THURSDAY, November 23

### 9 AM St. Celestine

+Turzitti Family  
+Fred and +Michael Hanschke  
Mary Sykes

## FRIDAY, November 24

### 8 AM St. Celestine

+Virginia Misiora, Birthday

## SATURDAY, November 25

### 4 PM St. Cyprian

+Doris Eirich  
+Audrey Hansen  
+Pat Langtim  
+Matt Sawyer

### 5 PM St. Celestine

+Beth Hagerty, Anniversary  
+Stanislawa and +Thomas Ufir  
+Don May  
+Andrew, +Walter, and +Bruno  
Gutkowski  
+Cesar Guerrero

## SUNDAY, November 26

### 7:30 AM St. Celestine

+Allan Rompala  
+Celia Samp

### 9 AM St. Cyprian

+Anna Mae Sheahan

### 11 AM St. Celestine

+Roman and +Anna  
Romanyuk  
+Frank Pudlo  
+Jan Kamptner  
+Karen Vicky Perri  
+Antoniette Minardi  
+Charles Caporale, Sr.



## St. Mother Theodore Guerin

*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.*

*Need help? Many services are provided by **Catholic Charities**. Call 312-655-7700 or go to [catholiccharities.net](http://catholiccharities.net).*

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1-800-273-8255  
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1-844-597-0006

## Bulletin Deadlines

*Please send in Word or as an editable PDF to Kim at [khagerty@stguerinparish.org](mailto:khagerty@stguerinparish.org). Deadlines are very early for the Christmas season.*

**December 10** due on Thursday, November 30 at 9 AM

**December 17** due on Monday, December 4 at 9 AM

**December 24** due on Friday, December 8 at 9 AM

**December 31** due on Friday, December 15 at 9 AM

**January 7, 2024** due on Tuesday, December 19



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

### Spirit of Thanksgiving

This Thursday we celebrate Thanksgiving

Day. It is a special

day on which our forebears stopped their activities to give thanks to God for all that they had been given, especially the land and the produce from the land. Please join us in celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday evening at 7 PM at St. Cyprian and at 9 AM on Thursday at St. Celestine.

We give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us. Thanksgiving is not an added extra. It is absolutely central to the life of a Christian. Without a spirit of thanksgiving our Christian lives would be cold and lifeless. An attitude of mind in which thankfulness has no part is likely to lead to pettiness, resentment, and cynicism. Thankfulness, on the other hand, preserves a right relationship with God. If we're thankful, God is necessarily part of our lives. God doesn't need our thanks, but we need to thank God as in the *Preface in the Roman Missal*: "For, although You (God) have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness but profit us for salvation, through Christ our Lord." It reminds us that everything we have, we owe to him. It's easy to be grateful to God for the good things that happen to us. But we must try to be grateful for all of our lives—the bad as well as the good, the

sorrows and the joys, the failures and successes. This is no easy task. We can truly call ourselves grateful people only when we can say thanks for everything that has brought us to this moment. We need to give thanks to God everywhere and every time. Thanksgiving, when it is an attitude of life, becomes "thanks—living—living in gratitude; living with a thankful heart. Thanksgiving, as a way of life, also means "thanks" to God and "giving to others. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we have many things to be thankful for—for our life, our parents, our families and friends, our work, and our future life together.

These are just a few sources of nourishment for which to be thankful, as we live in a land blessed with so much. We are equally blessed to be part of an active, thriving parish community. We have great cause to be thankful for the 50+ individuals employed as staff members, teachers, and support workers. We share in the blessing of so many selfless volunteers who consistently come to the aid of all of our parish events. We are grateful for so many people in our parish who continue to be generous with their financial support. We are grateful for so many priests who have helped us to celebrate the Eucharist like Fr. Moises Navarro, Bishop Jeff Grob, Fr. Ron Navoy, Fr. Filbert Ngwila, and the two resident priests Fr. Stan Ilo and Fr. Kenneth Ekekwe who live in our parish campus. We are also grateful for our deacons: Mike DeLarco and Roland Merced who have

assisted us at the Eucharist and have served us in many different ministries.

As for me, I give thanks to God every day for the opportunity to be with you and to serve you as your pastor—to have ongoing occasions for getting to know you better—to be blessed by your many kindnesses and generous support. My life is richer for knowing you—and I count you among my blessings.

May God continue to bless you abundantly and may you always be conscious of the blessings you have received.

*Happy Thanksgiving!!  
Fr. Paul*

### Thanksgiving Prayer

*Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.*

*We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another and for our homes.*

*We thank you, Lord: Accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

— from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers via USCCB.org.

*thank you*

to Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home, 9568 West Belmont Avenue in Franklin Park for the donation of roses that were used at the All Souls Day Memorial Mass for those who died in the parish in the last year.





# On Marathons, and Talents

I had a long talk with God on October 7. It's my intention to chat with him every day, but I don't always pull it off. And even when I do, the conversations tend to be short. You know. "Hey. How's it going? Thanks. Sorry." This sort of thing. But on October 7, I had a little additional quiet time, so I kept the conversation going. Specifically, I was running the Gandy-Dancer Trail Marathon up in Luck, Wisconsin. Only 200 runners (compared to the 45,000+ that ran the Chicago Marathon the next day) and not many spectators. Yeah. Lots of quiet time.

Early on, I simply thanked



God for the day. Running-wise, the weather was perfect. Upper 30s at the 7:00 AM start, upper 50s by mid-day. The skies were mostly cloudy but they brightened as the miles fell away. The tree cover up and down the trail didn't allow the wind—albeit gentle—to have much impact on the run. Additionally, this same tree cover didn't let the emerging sunshine become troublesome either. And with many of the leaves just then changing into their autumnal best, there were a lot of picture postcard pics waiting to be snapped.

Of course, I had no time for snapping picture postcard pics. I wanted to go sub-4 hours and 20 minutes. I really wanted to go sub-4:15, and I was on pace for this through eighteen miles or so, but then I could feel the pace wanting to slip away. It hadn't slipped away yet, though, so I got a little more needy in my God-ly conversation. I started asking God to give me just one more mile like the last one. Minutes-per-mile-wise, I was running 9:45s at that point (per the plan), so each time I logged another one, I asked God for just one more. And one more. And one more...

And this is when I got even more needy. I quoted Eric Liddell from Chariots of Fire: "I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast, and when I run, I feel his pleasure" because it led directly to my next level of neediness, where I put

it all right back on God (and quite reasonably, I believe). God put it in me to run after all, so I was just living out the gift. "Look God," I said (more or less), "I'm struggling here, but I'm only out here because you made me a runner. I could be home having coffee, but I'm out here using the long-distance legs and lungs... the long-distance gift—you gave me. So, a little help here, please?" I finished strong.

Today we hear Jesus's parable of the talents: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability." At my desk I keep Pope Pius X's prayer to St. Joseph. After asking Joseph's help in acquiring the grace to work earnestly, the prayer directs me to keep "death before my eyes and the account that I must render of time lost, of talents wasted..." With many miles behind me, I pray I've used my long-distance gift well. Other talents, though, I know I've wasted.

The one-talent servant tells his master, "out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back." We are all talent-ed, but none of us know the final distance put before us. Here's to running the good race, then. To finishing strong. To not burying our talents along the way.

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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

She brings him good, and not evil,  
all the days of her life.  
She obtains wool and flax  
and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

### Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

### Second Reading:

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,  
for that day to overtake you like a thief.  
For all of you are children of the light  
and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

### Gospel:

“Since you were faithful in small matters,  
I will give you great responsibilities.  
Come, share your master's joy.” (Mt 25:21)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world.

## Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;  
St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
- Friday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria,  
Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



## Saint of the week

Blessed Carlos Manuel or, Blessed Charlie, was a Puerto Rican layman who dedicated his life to serving the Church. He worked and studied diligently to spread his love of the Catholic faith, especially the liturgy and sacred music to all those he touched.

## Prayer

Oh God, Father of Goodness, who inspired Blessed Carlos Manuel with an ardent devotion to the Paschal Mystery and moved by the generosity of Your grace, led him to the joyful celebration of the mysteries celebrated in the Liturgy; You also filled your servant with apostolic zeal and love for those in need.

Grant us, through his intercession, that, celebrating with faith the holy mysteries of the Death and Resurrection of Your Son, we may live in life what we celebrate in the Liturgy. Grant us, too, the special grace that we now ask of you (ask for the grace that is desired).

Through Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.pmariamm.org/vida-4-beato-carlos-manuel.html#:~:text=Oh%20Dios%2C%20Padre%20de%20Bondad,y%20amor%20a%20los%20necesitados.> Translation by LPI.)



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### What Remains

When my grandfather died, my parents, siblings, and I were left with the question: what's to become of the house?

Anyone who has inherited property knows that it's not simply a matter of assuming ownership of a plot of land upon which sits four walls and a roof. Those four walls and a roof usually contain memories and objects — an enormous volume of both, in the case of my grandfather. When they're left to you, you have to sift through them, the memories and the objects, and with each one you have to think: *Is it worth it? Do I keep it? Will I need it?*

And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived here. You accept, with a pang, that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up the clothes to take to Goodwill. You can't even bear to look when they break the piano into a hundred pieces and throw it in a dumpster, realizing that no one wants or has a use for something that was once so precious.

But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times it has begun to fall apart, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of.

When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was.

"Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"

*"You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night."*

*1 Thessalonians 5:2*

*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

### Answer:

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).



# Men's Club Cook Off

The Men's Club held their first Chili Cook Off. Congratulations to Casey Rog, the winner of the contest. Second place went to Jason Arnold and third to Bob Schmidt. Thanks to the men for providing a fun event!





# St. Celestine Catholic School

**A Place Where All Are Welcome To  
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3017 North 77Th Avenue, Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707

2023-2024 School Year

Dear Parishioners, Alumni and Friends,

From the very youngest grades, our students are creating and constructing knowledge with technology tools to foster skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, and computational thinking.

Your gifts to St. Celestine have made a great impact on our school and the programs we offer our students including iReady, STEAM activities, coding and 3D design, classroom technology, digital citizenship instruction, 1:1 Chromebooks & iPads, technology center, Google Workspace, programming, drone, and robotics clubs, interactive whiteboards and much more.

We are grateful to you for your continued support of gifts and prayers to our annual fund. Because of you, we are a thriving school community and able to offer cutting-edge technologies to our students in addition to the many educational and spiritual experiences, athletic programs and clubs we offer them.

As you know, technology is constantly being upgraded but with your continued support you will help us keep it state-of-the-art for all the children to benefit this school year.

Gifts to the annual fund directly support the 1:1 technology initiative which provides iPads and Chromebooks as well as other hardware, network infrastructure, software applications and licensing for over 550 devices throughout the school. We thank you for supporting the annual fund and more importantly for helping us prepare our children for their future.

Sincerely

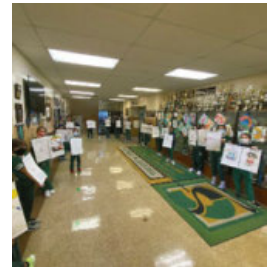
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*P.S. See enclosed reply card for your level of support!*



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I would like to start a scholarship fund. Please email me more information.

St. Celestine School is in my Will.



## Taizé Service

Taizé is a simple service of prayer, music, reflections, and the Word.

All are invited to come together to share in a special Advent Taizé Service on **Wednesday, December 6** at 7 PM at St. Cyprian Church.

Christmas time often leads to a more hectic schedule than usual...allow yourself 45 minutes to leave some of the worries and stresses of day to day living and open yourself to the Holy Spirit, the presence of Christ and the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

Please make plans to join us December 6. Light refreshments will follow the service.

## Bride's Room Pictures



Were you married in St. Celestine's church? The Bride's Room at St. Celestine has been renovated, thanks to the To Teach Who Christ Is campaign and we would like to put pictures of couples that are married here on the walls of the room. If you were married at St. Celestine, please send a high quality jpeg of the bride and groom in church to [khagerty@stguerinparish.org](mailto:khagerty@stguerinparish.org). We will make a copy of the picture and hang it. Please specify the date of your wedding.

*Pictured: William and Anna Gabriele, married September 26, 1987*



## St. Mother Guerin Parish Giving Tree 2023

Our annual Giving Tree emphasizes the spirit of Christmas in a special way, by offering to those in need.

We will be collecting gift cards for both Blessed Maria Gabriella (formerly St. Malachy + Precious Blood which combined with Holy Innocents and Santa Maria Addolorata) and for our own parishioners in need. If you are in need, please fill out the form below, call the Pastoral Center at 708-453-2555, or fill out an envelope at church and drop it in the collection or in the box that says Giving Tree, and we will do our best to help.

We are asking for gift cards to Jewel, WalMart, Target, and gas cards. Please drop all cards, or requests for cards, in the collection baskets, or in the boxes at the back of the churches that say Giving Tree, or at the Pastoral Center, 3020 N. 76th Court in Elmwood Park. You are welcome to write a check payable to St. Mother Guerin parish or give cash and we will purchase the cards for you.

We will collect through December 10. Thank you for your generosity.

*St. Mother Guerin Staff*

My family is in need. We can use gift cards from \_\_\_\_\_ WalMart \_\_\_\_\_ Target

\_\_\_\_\_ Jewel

\_\_\_\_\_ Gas card

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

For those donating gift cards, please return this to the Giving Tree box at church, in the collection basket, or drop off at the Pastoral Center, 3020 N. 76th Court in Elmwood Park by December 10.

\_\_\_\_\_ Here are gift cards for those in need.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please use this cash or a check (payable to St. Mother Guerin) to buy gift cards for those in need.



# CHRISTMAS Choir Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023 3 PM

St. Celestine Church



The world needs you. God calls you. We invite you... with other Catholic Young Women to our Vocation Discernment Retreats or invite us to meet you where you are.

*El mundo te necesita. Dios te llama. Te invitamos... con otras mujeres católicas a nuestros Retiros de Discernimiento Vocacional o invita nos a encontrar contigo donde estés ”.*

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 10 AT 4:30 PM  
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# Pray for Them

## Sick

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

Angelina Alongi	Sister Louise Noesen
Therese Anello	Mary Guidi O'Malley
Grace Baldessara	Brendan O'Brien
Paula Biegalski	Carolyn Paprocki
Michael Binder	Robert Paprocki
Alexandra Bradish	Manny Perez
Edward Bray	Adrienne Pudlo
Ray Brownlee	Sister Rita Mae Rabitoy
Natalia Bucko	Marylyn Robertson
James Burger	Richard Robertson
Betty Corbett	Austin Rose
Mary Daly	Rock Sarbacker
Mary Davister	Warren Sarbacker
Elene Dimperio	Kathy Sassalino
Mary Drozd	Morgan Schlanger
Eleanor	Joseph Serwa
Andrew Engels	Kerry Sieck
Mike Engels	Joseph Stendebach
Patsy Galecki	Judy Virgilio
Tammy Garcia	Lowell Wagner
Grace Hensley	Lillian Wardzala
Adele Johnson	Jim Wazorick
Greg Komendanchik	Sue Weber
Larry Lewis	Joshua Wilmes
Carmen Lopez	and for all our
Patty Mackay	homebound and
Carol Sheahan Marrero	parishioners with
Thomas Mayer	chronic health
James Nasti	issues
Larry Nestor	*recently added

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
Pvt. 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

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for November 19, 2023

Matthew 25:14=30

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: About the rich man's servants. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JOURNEY	ENTRUSTED	TALENTS
AWAY	DUG A HOLE	GROUND
LONG TIME	FIVE MORE	WELL DONE
GOOD	FORWARD	GATHERING
SCATTER	LAZY	INTEREST
TEN	MORE	BE GIVEN
TAKEN	THROW	DARKNESS

## SETTLES

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## Faithful Departed

Edward Pusateri	Margaret Blum
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## 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
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Pvt. Matthew Meyer	Army



## Parish Weekly Events

### Monday, November 20

5 PM ST CEL Athletics in the Gym  
6 PM ST CEL Men's Club in the Staff Room  
7 PM ST CEL Respect Life Committee in the Fireside Room

### Tuesday, November 21

5 PM ST CEL Athletics in the Gym

### Wednesday, November 22

7 PM ST CYP No School  
Thanksgiving Mass

### Thursday, November 23

No School  
Happy Thanksgiving  
Pastoral Center Closed  
9 AM ST CEL Thanksgiving Mass

### Friday, November 24

No School  
Pastoral Center Closed

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, November 25

#### 4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider  
Lector  
Eucharistic Minister

Fr. Moises Navarro  
Karen Moretti  
Peg Gurnig

#### 5 PM St. Celestine

Presider  
Lector  
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Paul Cao  
Sylvia Stacey  
Peggy O'Donnell  
Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.  
Patricia Rinella  
Mary Kay Macchione

### Sunday, November 26

#### 7:30 AM St. Celestine

Presider  
Lector  
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Moises Navarro  
Andy Johnson  
Larry Skelly  
Billy Lesch  
Ken Doyle  
Michelle Doyle

#### 9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider

Fr. Paul Cao  
Lector  
Sr. Carol Meyers  
Eucharistic Minister  
Michael Wittrock

#### 11 AM St. Celestine

Presider  
Fr. Fil Ngwila  
Lector  
Lynn Loftus  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Mary Joost  
Kim Bartell  
Mary Sullivan  
Kathy Iversen-Jaroch



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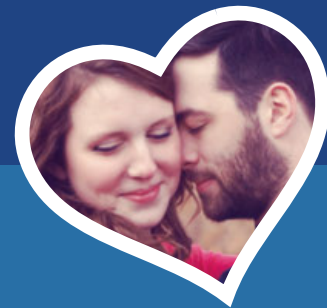
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# St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

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**St. Cyprian Church** 2601 North Clinton Street, River Grove, Illinois 60171

**Office Hours:** Regular Hours (August 21—May 28):

Monday—Thursday, 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30 PM—8 PM  
Friday, 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30 PM—5 PM  
Saturday, 8:30 AM—12:30 PM Closed Sunday



**Holy Hour:** First Friday of each month at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church.

**Baptisms:** To schedule at St. Celestine contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski at [rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org](mailto:rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org) or call 708-453-2555 x 5017; contact Mary Krewer to schedule at St. Cyprian; [mkrewer@stguerinparish.org](mailto:mkrewer@stguerinparish.org) or 708-453-2555 x5018. 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 4:15 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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