



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

stguerinparish.org



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
stcelestineschool.org 708-453-8234

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 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
+Gabriele, +Franco, +Caterina Sciuillo
and Family

Monday, November 24

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Fr. Bernard White

Tuesday, November 25

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Beth Hagerty, Anniversary
+Audrey Hansen

Wednesday, November 26

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

Frank Kucera, Birthday

7 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Gerry Pedersen

Thursday, November 27

9 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Concetta Piraino
The Fang Family
+Lenore, +Geoffrey, and +Al Fang
+Iris Cardona, Birthday

Friday, November 28

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

Saturday, November 29

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Nery Rodriguez
+Joyce Rossi
+Carl and +Rose Rossi
5 PM ST. CELESTINE
+Andrew, +Walter, and +Bruno
Gutkowski
+Cesar M. Guerrero
+Al Fang, Jr.

Sunday, November 30

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Mary T. Angelico
11 AM ST. CELESTINE
+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank Pudlo
+Eddie Mizejewski
+Carol Ritter
+Tory Campanella
Ann Giannini, 90th Birthday



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.

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

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

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

December 28 is due on Wednesday,
December 17 at 9 AM

January 4 is due on Friday, December
19 at 9 AM

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Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1-800-821-4357
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Suicide Prevention	1-800-273-8255
Elder Abuse	1-800-252-8966
www.AddictionResource.net	1-844-597-0006

From the Pastor's Desk: Fr. Paul Cao

A Spirit of Thanksgiving Next Thursday we will 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 to celebrate Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday evening at 7 PM at St. Cyprian and 9 AM on Thursday at St. Celestine.

We give thanks to the Lord for 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 the 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 the Preface in the Roman Missal says: "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." This 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: 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 40+ 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 such as Fr. Ron Navoy, Fr. Filbert Ngwila, our new Associate Pastor Fr. Paul Eruva and our resident priests Fr. Stan Ilo, Fr. Kenneth Ekekwe, and Fr. Andrew Ezechuigo who live in our parish campus. We are also grateful for our deacons: Mike DeLarco and Roland Merced who assist 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, and 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.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"And the LORD said to you,
'You shall shepherd my people Israel
and shall be commander of Israel.'" (2 Sm 5:2)

Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

Second Reading:

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile all things for him,
making peace by the blood of his cross
through him, whether those on earth or those
in heaven. (Col 1:19-20)

Gospel:

He replied to him,
"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:43)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king?

Observances for the week of November 23, 2025

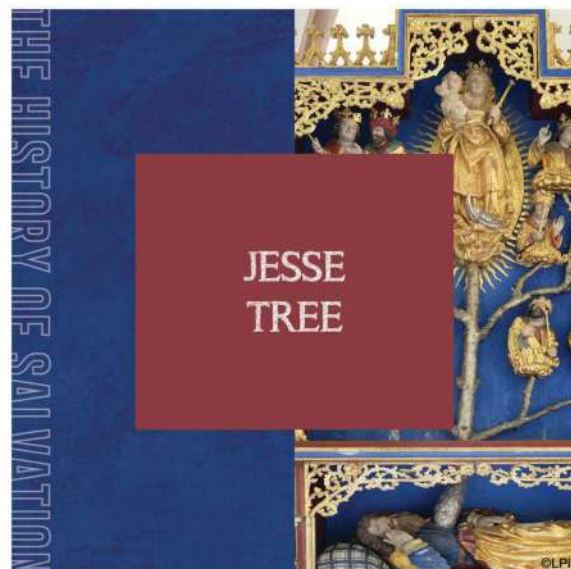
Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold "shoot from the stump of Jesse" who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

Jesus is King

Dear Jesus,
I see the kingdom you love,
the one full of the broken and forgotten.
I see the crown you wear —
thorns out of love for me.
I pick you as my King.
Mold my heart to be a worthy
member of your kingdom.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 23, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,
64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73,
74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday:

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/
Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, **"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42).** That word — *remember* — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, **"Today you will be with me in paradise."**

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, **"You will be with me."**

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." - Lk 23:35-37

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The people of Israel recognized that David was a natural leader, and with the Lord's blessing anointed him king of Israel. What do you think makes someone a good leader?

Second Reading:

Paul offers to the Colossians a beautiful piece of poetry reflecting on how Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. Can you share a time when you were reconciled with a family member or friend?

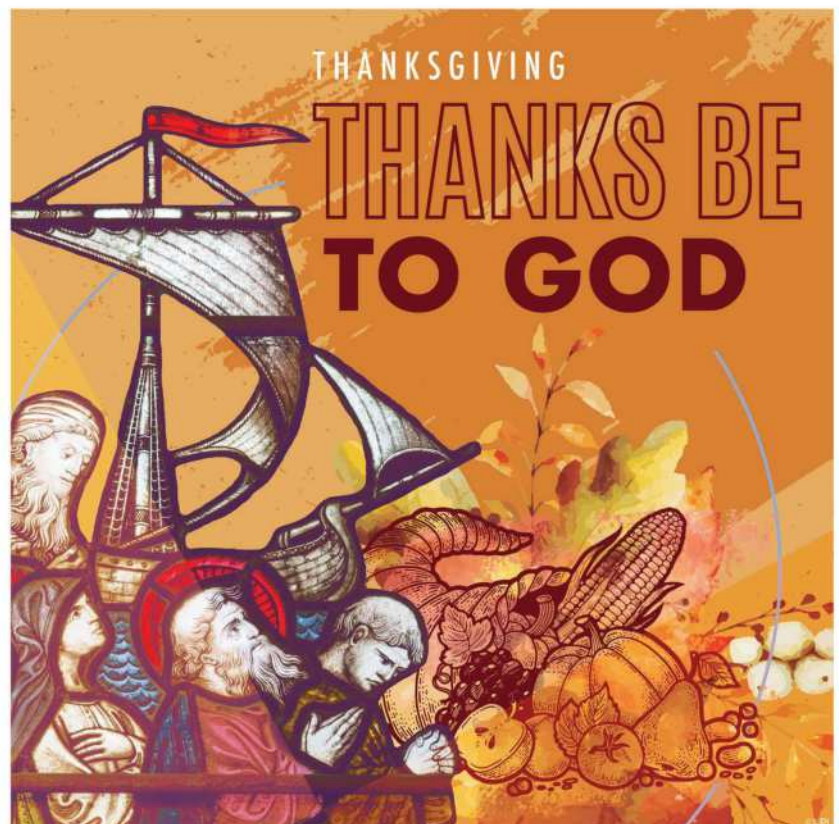
Gospel:

Jesus assured the repentant criminal crucified next to him that he would be with him in paradise. Who might you offer words of comfort to this week?



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It's taken me a few hundred read-throughs of this Gospel passage to finally understand a painful truth: I am Gestas, "the bad thief." I am as close to Jesus as he was, and I ask for all the wrong things.

The King Who Hangs Beside Us We love to hate the bad thief.

Ancient Christian tradition has called him by the name "Gestas." In contrast to Dismas, "the good thief" who recognized and repented of his own sins, Gestas goes down bitter and swinging. With his last breaths he taunts Jesus, poking fun at the absurdity of a deity who allows himself to be crucified by mortals. "Are you not the Christ?" he sneers.

But his final words betray an undercurrent of desperation. Of terror. In the end, Gestas just wants Jesus to save him.

It's taken me a few hundred read-throughs of this Gospel passage to finally understand a painful truth: I am Gestas. I hang from my own cross — we all do, in this life. But I'm lucky enough that my cross is right beside Jesus, because the sacraments bring him as close to me as he was to Gestas — closer, even. How unfathomable is the mercy of God.

And yet, I am not grateful. I don't rejoice at my proximity to my Lord, to the flesh and blood that have bought my salvation. I don't do what I should do, and what Dismas does. I don't say, "Wherever you are King, please, let me be your subject. Wherever you are going, please, take me with you."

"Are you not the Christ?" I say instead. And what I mean is exactly what Gestas meant: "Get me down. Take this cross away. I don't want it. I can't take it."

What a tragedy it would be, if all Christ had to offer us was an easier life.

None of this looks like anyone thought it would. The long-foretold Messiah, whose majesty and might would eradicate violence and establish peace. The guy who was going to make everything okay again. The King of the Jews. And here he hangs: bleeding and dying and doing what looks like nothing. Staring at Gestas. Staring at me. Staring at you.

What will you say to him?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? **Catholic Life Explained**

Question:

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Answer:

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to forgive my sins, too.

Mission for the Week

Jesus forgave the people who killed him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.

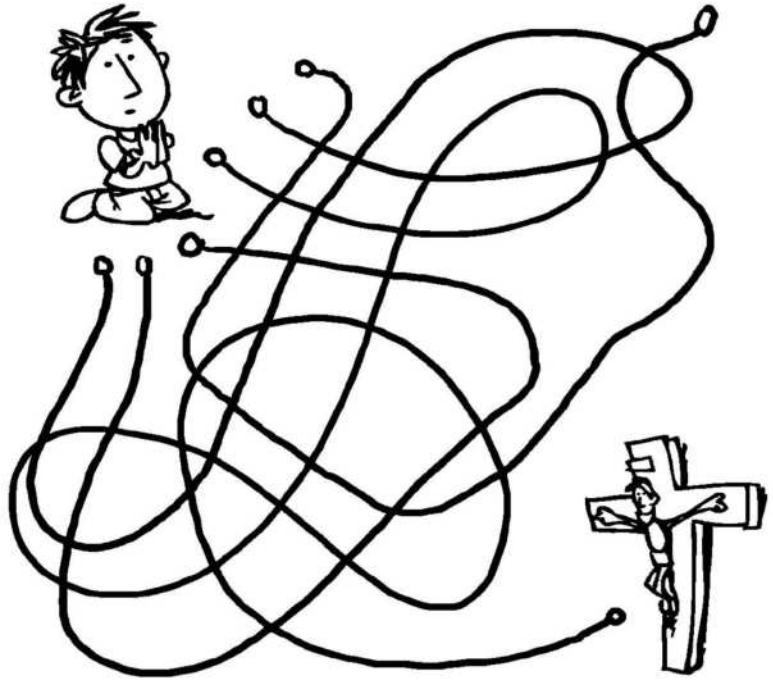
Sharing the Gospel

When the soldiers hurt Jesus, they were only doing their job. They did not understand that they were killing God's Son. Jesus saw into the hearts of those soldiers, and he forgave them. A man next to Jesus on the cross had done terrible things. He knew he deserved to die on a cross, and he was truly sorry. This criminal believed that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus saw into that criminal's heart, and Jesus forgave him, too.

**Now color
the picture!**



Find the path that leads to Jesus.



St. Celestine Girl Scouts




Order By: Thursday, December 4th
Order your Butter Braids from any St. Celestine Girl Scout or click here: bit.ly/ButterBraids2025



Order Pick Up: Saturday, December 13th
St. Celestine School @ 2:00 pm
Questions: GirlScouts@stcelestineschool.org

Butter Braids - the delicious frozen pastry braids - can only be purchased through fundraisers. Butter Braids are stored frozen; the evening before you serve a Butter Braid, you simply remove from the freezer, let it rise, and bake in the morning.

St. Celestine Girl Scouts appreciate your support! This fundraiser supports St. Celestine's Girl Scout events such as Lock-In, Community Tree Trim, and the Girl Scout Banquet.

BRING THE HEAT!



SMTG MEN'S CLUB
3RD ANNUAL
CHILI COOK-OFF



12PM-3PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
ST. CELESTINE GYM

Send an email to smtgmensclub@gmail.com to register your chili by 11/17
TASTING FEE IS \$5
50/50 RAFFLE
WATCH BEARS GAME ON BIG SCREEN
HOT DOGS AND DRINKS FOR PURCHASE
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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 26, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17

HOLY BIBLE

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!



SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2025

Toys for Tots Breakfast Tree Trimming	Sunday, December 7 at 9 AM in St. Celestine's Gym Sunday, December 7 after 9 AM Mass at St. Cyprian
Immaculate Conception Masses	Monday, December 8 at 8 AM at St. Celestine Church; 7 PM at St. Cyprian Church
Our Lady of Guadalupe Bilingual Mass	Friday, December 12 at 7 PM at St. Celestine Church
Tree Trimming Jingle Bell Fun Run	Sunday, December 14 after 11 AM Mass at St. Celestine Sunday, December 14 at 2 PM at St. Celestine by the school entrance
Reconciliation Service	Monday, December 15 at 7 PM at St. Cyprian Church
"Keep Christ in Christmas" Talk	Tuesday, December 16 at 7 PM at St. Celestine Church with Craig Kamptner
Taizé Prayer Service	Wednesday, December 17 at 7 PM at St. Cyprian Church
Extended Reconciliation	Saturday, December 20 at 4:15 PM at St. Celestine Church with Polish-speaking priest available
Simbang Gabi	Saturday, December 20 at 5 PM at St. Celestine Church
Christmas Masses	
Family Mass	Wednesday, December 24 at 4 PM at St. Celestine Church
Carol Singing Mass	Wednesday, December 24 at 8:30 PM at St. Cyprian Church Wednesday, December 24 at 9 PM at St. Cyprian Church
Carol Singing Midnight Mass	Wednesday, December 24 at 10:30 PM at St. Celestine Church Wednesday, December 24 at 11 PM at St. Celestine Church
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25 at 7:30 AM at St. Celestine Church Thursday, December 25 at 9 AM at St. Cyprian Church Thursday, December 25 at 11 AM at St. Celestine Church
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God	Wednesday, December 31 at 4 PM at St. Cyprian Church Thursday, January 1 at 9 AM at St. Celestine Church



MARINE LANCE CPL. NICKOLAS A. DANIELS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA TOY DRIVE

Sponsored by:
Elmwood Park Neighborhood Civic Organization

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025 9:00AM - 12:00PM

St. Celestine School - Front Entrance
3017 N. 77th Avenue, Elmwood Park, IL 60707

- Please bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl - \$10 limit per toy
- Non-perishable food items collected by your visit with Santa
- Breakfast and photo with Santa
- Send Holiday Cards to Military members
- Send a Letter to Santa
- Enjoy Arts and Crafts

Live Entertainment:
Turning Point Dance Studio
Hugo's Elvis - Tribute Artist

Compliments of the following organizations






Stewardship

October 2025

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 22,874.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 9,523.00
Electronic giving	\$ 7,406.79

TOTAL **\$ 39,803.79**
Thank you for your generosity!

Food Pantry

Our parish Food Pantry needs food donations. Can you help? We need canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, cans of fruit, cans of soup, and non-perishable goods. Other suggested donations are cooking oil, tuna, salt, pepper, and spices, cake mix and frosting for birthdays, sugar, flour, coffee, and tea. Donations of cash or checks made out to St. Mother Guerin parish are great so we can buy meat and fresh foods. Please drop off at the Pastoral Center or in the back of the churches. Thank you!

Our Food Pantry is located at St. Celestine off the parking lot by the school. It is open two Thursdays a month and serves about 60 local families. We would like to thank the St. Anthony de Padua Knights of Columbus Council #1949 for their recent donation to the Food Pantry.

Giving Tree

We will be collecting gift cards from Jewel, WalMart, and Target to give to people in need in our parish and in Elmwood Park and River Grove. We are also asking for new store-bought or handmade hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to help a local school in need. You are welcome to write a check payable to St. Mother Guerin parish or give cash and we will purchase the cards for you. You can drop these in the collection basket or bring to the office. We will collect through December 14.

Thank you for your generosity!



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	Sarah Rotolo
Michael Binder	Robert Kucera	Warren Sarbacker
Jacqueline Boshell	Larry Lemanski	Kathy Sassolino
Edward Bray	Bart Masi	Morgan Schlanger
Sue Brink	Kathy Mooney	Joseph Serwa
Elene Dimperio	George Moskaliuk	Mary Skelly
Cathy Downing King	Sandra Moskaliuk	Julie Spaargaren
Eleanor	Efrem Munoz	Heidi Stringham
Tom Ferguson	Martha Munoz	Brian Swatek
Patsy Galecki	James Nasti	Colleen Schlanger Thomas
Tammy Garcia	Larry Nestor	Dorothy Vessini
Maciej Gondek	Ron Nichols	Judy Virgilio
Dorota Gondek	Sr. Louise Noesen	Robert Virnich
Peter Gonzalez	Brendan O'Brien	Lillian Wardzala
Lorry Hartnett	Sherry Olsen	Jim Waterloo
Grace Hensley	Carolyn Paprocki	Jim Wazorick
Karl Humowiecki	Adrienne Pudlo	Sue Weber
Renee Iman	Betty Quartello	Joshua Wilmes
Kathy Johl	Sr. Rita Mae	Tamycka Ortega Zapata
Adele Johnson	Rabito	Nicholas Zych
Judy Kaner	Aida Rivera	
Lisa Kostrzeski	Austin Rose	*recently added

Faithful Departed

Robert Paprocki

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

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for November 23, 2025

Luke 23:35-43

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Cycle C. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

RULERS	CHOSEN	OF GOD
SOLDIERS	KING	OF THE JEWS
SAVE YOURSELF	INSCRIPTION	ONE OF
CRIMINALS	SAYING	CHRIST
OTHER	FEAR	INDEED
REMEMBER	COME	TODAY
WITH ME		PARADISE

SAVED

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G N I K N A R F E E O H
C F N T N A E D S T C O
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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

Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, November 23

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

Wednesday, November 26

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

7 PM ST CYP Thanksgiving Eve Mass

Thursday, November 27

Pastoral Center Closed

9 AM ST CEL Thanksgiving Day Mass

Friday, November 28

Pastoral Center Closed

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 29

4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider	Fr. Fil Ngwila
Altar Servers	TBA
Lector	Beverly Parylak
Eucharistic Ministers	Nancy Krzys

5 PM St. Celestine

Presider	Fr. Paul Cao
Altar Server	Sarah P.
Lector	Tim Orr
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Miller Ann Giannini Pat Strabley Patricia Rinella Peggy O'Donnell Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.

Sunday, November 30

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Presider	Fr. Paul Cao
Altar Servers	Jazmin G. Yasleen G.
Lector	Andy Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeanne Chouloute Ken Doyle Bill Lesch Michelle Doyle Florence Smith Larry Skelly

9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider	Fr. Ron Navoy
Altar Servers	David D. Marco D. Matthew D. Bonnie Billa Tony Cannizzaro

11 AM St. Celestine

Presider	Fr. Paul Eriva
Altar Servers	Nickolas F. Amelia H. Isabel N.
Lector	Sandro Valdez
Eucharistic Ministers	Greg Derlacki Lynn Loftus Mary Princivalli Kathy Iversen-Jaroch Skip Marcucci Michael Wittrock

MONDAY, DEC. 8

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

7 PM ST. CYPRIAN

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- November 26, December 3, 10, 17 at 6:30 PM at St. Celestine: **Bible Study with Fr. Stan**
- December 5 at 3 PM at St. Celestine: **Holy Hour**
- December 7 at 9 AM in the gym: **Toys For Tots**
- December 7 at 10 AM **Christmas Tree Trim** at St. Cyprian
- December 12 at 7 PM at St. Celestine: **Our Lady of Guadalupe Bilingual Mass**
- December 14 noon at St. Celestine: **Christmas Tree Trim**
- December 14 at 2 PM in front of school: **Jingle Bell Fun Run**
- December 17 at 7 PM at St. Cyprian: **Taizé Prayer**
- December 20 at 5 PM at St. Celestine Church: **Simbang Gabi**
- Friday, January 30 **Bingo**
- Saturday, February 7 at 1 PM at St. Cyprian **Parish Town Hall Meeting**
- May 17: **Dinner Dance** honoring Fr. Paul's 25 years as a priest
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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.

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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