



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

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October 19, 2025

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then
secure the rights
of his chosen ones
who call out to him
day and night?"
- Lk 18:7

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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
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Reconciliation Saturday 3:30—3:50 PM

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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, October 18

2 PM ST. CELESTINE

Nayeli Martinez, Quinceañera

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Joseph Sweeney

+Phyllis Gossy

+Gerry Marzullo

+Daniel Jennins

+Nery Rodriguez

+Joyce Rossi

+Carl and +Rose Rossi

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Joseph and Bette Wesol

+Louis and +Juliana DaPrato and the
deceased members of the DaPrato
family

+Emelia Moreno, 5th Anniversary

+Al Fang, Jr.

+Kevin O'Brien

+Gertrude Corbett, Anniversary

Sunday, October 19

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

Fr. Bernard White

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

People of the Parish

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk

+Frank Pudlo

+Susan Shotsberger

+Vito Vavalle

Monday, October 20

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Jack Springmire, Birthday

+Charles Caporale, Sr.

Tuesday, October 21

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

Faithful Departed

Wednesday, October 22

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

Thursday, October 23

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

Faithful Departed

Friday, October 24

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

Saturday, October 25

3 PM ST. CELESTINE

Kaitlin Aylward and Francis Vosicky
Wedding

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Phyllis Gossy

+Nery Rodriguez

+Joyce Rossi

+Carl and +Rose Rossi

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Domenica and +Carmella Turzitti

+Frank and +John Kucera

+Al Fang, Jr.

Sunday, October 26

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Joe Castronovo, Birthday

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+John Giovannelli

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk

+Frank Pudlo

+Susan Shotsberger

+Eddie Mizejewski



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 2 is due on Wednesday,
October 22 at 9 AM

November 9 is due on Wednesday,
October 29 at 9 AM

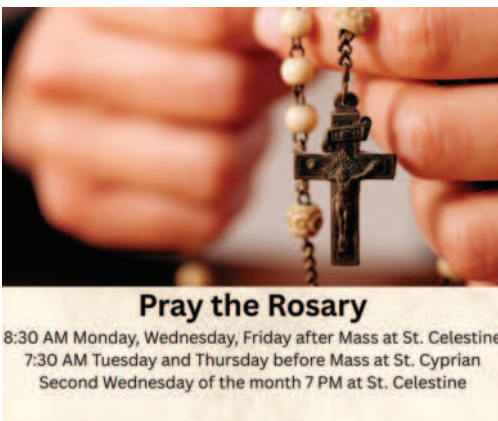
Wedding Banns

October 25 Kaitlin Aylward and
Francis Vosicky

Mass Intentions

During the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass, we hear that this Mass is being offered for the repose of the soul of someone who has died, or for someone requesting prayers for a particular intention.

If you would like a Mass offered, please call either office to schedule a Mass for your particular intention. The usual donation is \$10. Mass cards are available as well.



Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Monday, Wednesday, Friday after Mass at St. Celestine
7:30 AM Tuesday and Thursday before Mass at St. Cyprian
Second Wednesday of the month 7 PM at St. Celestine

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,
Israel had the better of the fight,
but when he let his hands rest,
Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

Second Reading:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed,
because you know from whom you learned it,
and that from infancy you have known
the sacred Scriptures,
which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tm 3:14)

Gospel:

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night?
Will he be slow to answer them?
I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done
for them speedily." (Lk 18:7)

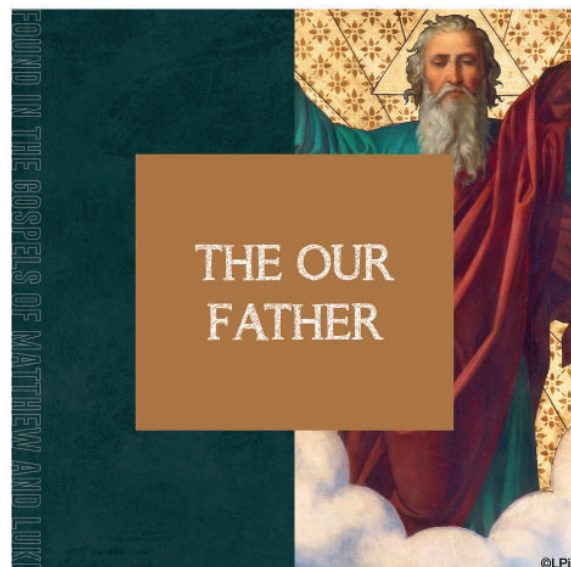
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

Observances for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday
Monday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Wednesday: St. John Paul II, Pope
Thursday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Friday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Our Father, also known as The Lord's Prayer, is found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Universally beloved in most traditions of Christianity, its words are those of Jesus Christ himself as he answers his disciples' queries on how best to pray.

Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God,
You are the one who finds a way in
the darkness, and clears the path for
those You love. Help us to trust in
Your call, and to answer generously to
the unknowns we face,
knowing You will never leave us alone.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is *already* answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

— Father John Muir

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”
- Lk 18:7-8

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Moses needed to rely on his brother (Aaron) and his friend (Hur) to assist him in defeating the Amalekites. Can you think of a time when you really needed the support of your family or friends?

Second Reading:

Paul instructs Timothy to be persistent in relying on what Sacred Scripture teaches us. How do you use Scripture as a guide for your life?

Gospel:

With the parable of the persistent widow, Jesus teaches the disciples about the importance of praying often to God. When do you find yourself praying?



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: In the same way that a judge cannot go looking for conflicts to mediate, God will not force His way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God?

The Prayers We Don't Say

It has always confused me: why a judge?

Jesus could have compared prayer to the subject who requests a gift of his king. He could have compared it to the child who asks a favor of a parent. But in the parable of the widow and the judge, Jesus compares prayer — specifically constant, unwearying prayer — with the marginalized person who doggedly pursues her claim through an unforgiving legal system.

It's not a rosy or reassuring picture. So what is he trying to tell us?

Unlike a king or a parent, a judge has strictly drawn lines which he cannot, under any circumstances, cross. He can only help people who bring their case to court. Even good, earnest judges cannot render justice if charges are not brought.

God is all-powerful. But that doesn't make Him a meddler. He will not force His way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God, in every instance — adoration, gratitude, need?

Today, I sat down and made a list of problems I don't pray about. When I was done, I looked at the list and asked myself: why not? Why don't I pray about these things? Some are huge issues over which I have absolutely no control, and prayer feels futile. Some are small grievances I never even considered mentioning to God.

If I prayed about them all, my life would be totally consumed by prayer. Constant, unwearying prayer. The kind of prayer Jesus calls me to in the parable of the widow and the judge: continual surrender of myself to the mysterious, limitless power of God.

Praying that way could make me tired. The widow was tired, too — but she kept bringing her charges. She got justice. And her judge wasn't even a nice guy.

So say the prayer. Bring the charges. Our judge is one who wants to help, but He won't overstep His bounds.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I volunteer every once in a while. How can I incorporate serving the poor in my everyday life?

Answer:

In the Gospels, Jesus is very clear about emphasizing outreach to vulnerable persons on the margins of society. These may be the materially poor, the disabled, the lonely, or any others whose circumstances drive them from mainstream society. We can all respond to Christ's call to love by incorporating direct service into our regular life routine. Here are some ideas to find your niche:

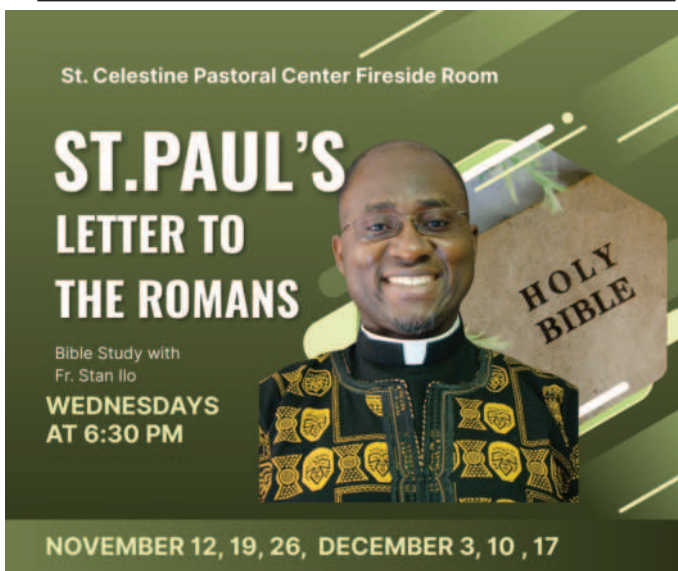
Consider your life. Before you look for direct service opportunities, consider your schedule, commitment levels, and personal gifts. When can you help out and how regularly? Where have you volunteered in the past that has felt like a good fit? Do you have any particular skills or personality traits that lend you to particular work?

Do some research. There are a lot of structured ways you can get involved in your community. Your parish might have a social concerns outreach program. If not, ask friends and family. A simple online search for local nonprofits can also expose you to new opportunities.

Be open to God's invitation. The chance to serve may be closer than you think. Befriending an elderly neighbor, widowed and far from children, is an act of serving the poor. Keep your eyes and heart open!



Women's Club Meeting
Thurs. October 23 at 7 PM
Annex of St. Celestine's
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Join us for appetizers and a presentation
from "phil's friends," an
organization providing Christ-centered
support and hope to those affected by
cancer.
Hope you can join us!



Memorial Masses

On Sunday, November 2 at 9 AM at St. Cyprian and 11 AM at St. Celestine Churches, the parish community will offer a special liturgy for the deceased members of our families; for those who have died in the last year, from the end of October 2024 through October 2025. Their names will be read at both churches. If your family member had their funeral here last year and you plan to attend, please call the office at 708-453-2555. You may attend either church for the liturgy.

Altar of the Dead

One of the Corporal Works of Mercy is to pray for the dead. Since we believe in the Communion of Saints, we pray for those who have gone before us and ask them to pray for us. As Catholics, we especially remember the dead during November. Please bring pictures of your departed loved one to either church next weekend, October 25-26, and place them on the Altar of the Dead in the back of the churches. You may also write their names in the Book of Remembrance at the churches so that all can pray for them in November.

Pastoral Council Bingo

Thank you to all who attended Bingo on October 3. It was a huge success! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the night a fun-filled event. Sincerely,
The Pastoral Council





Join Us
for the

Fall CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
8:30 AM TO 2 PM

ST. MOTHER GUERIN PARISH – ST. CELESTINE CHURCH GYM & ANNEX

*Rake in some
early Christmas Gifts!*

A variety of Crafters will be in the gym

Free Admission! Enter the Raffle for Crafters' Donation

Entry - ANNEX DOOR located through the Parking Lot

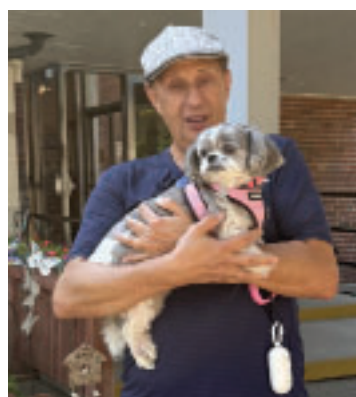
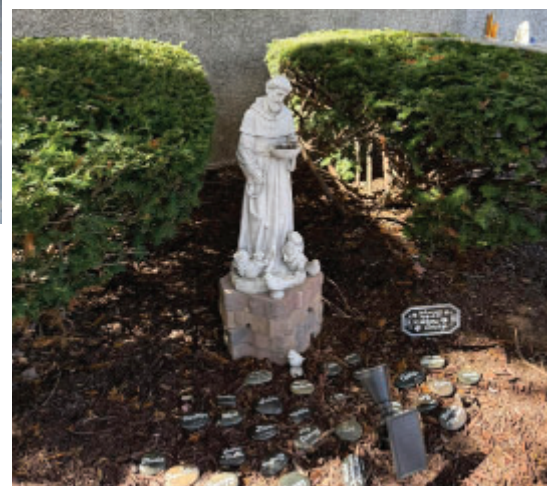
LOCATION – 3020 N 76th Court • Elmwood Park

Proceeds to benefit the various programs at St Mother Guerin Parish

Pet Blessing at Both Churches for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

The Pet Blessing in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, is always very popular at both churches. Over 100 pets ranging from birds to cats to many, many dogs, were blessed by Fr. Paul on Saturday, October 4.





Memorial Gardens

Have you seen the beautiful Memorial Gardens at St. Celestine on 76th Court? There is one for our deceased love ones right next to the Pastoral Center and one for our pets who are no longer with us under the trees by the church sign.

If you would like a stone hand-lettered with the name of your loved one on it, please drop a note in the collection basket or call or come into the parish office at 3020 N. 76th Ct. and one will be made for you. The suggested donation is \$10. Thanks to the Maraviglia family so making this garden so beautiful!

Happy Holidays

TO ALL OUR LADIES...

The Women's Club is hosting

"A CALM BEFORE THE CHAOS, PRE-HOLIDAY PARTY"

Sunday, November 9, 2025

12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

In the St. Celestine Annex & Gym

Treat yourself and a friend to a fun, relaxing afternoon
before all the hustle and bustle of the holidays



We will be celebrating Thanksgiving,
Christmas and New Year, all in one
afternoon, with games, Christmas Carols &
Our Holiday Countdown Board!



Please bring a wrapped \$5 gift for our Gift Exchange Game



Tickets will be sold at both worship sites the Weekends of October 18th-19th & 25th-26th

Tickets will also be available at the Pastoral Center from Oct. 20th – Nov. 1st

NO tickets will be available after November 1st, or at the door.

Because this is a catered event, we need to know how much food to order.



The admission price will include:
Holiday Luncheon: Pork, dumplings, Broccoli,
Pasta and Fruit
plus coffee, water or soda and dessert



Come out and enjoy a fun afternoon with good food, friends and laughs!

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

Faithful Departed

Carl Braack

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 Miglioni	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

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for October 19, 2025

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 and Luke 18:1-8

Following is a word search based on the Second and Gospel readings for the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

BELIEVED	SACRED	SALVATION
SCRIPTURE	TRAINING	GOOD
DEAD	PATIENCE	TEACHING
PARABLE	PRAY	JUDGE
NEITHER	A WIDOW	ADVERSARY
LORD	DAY AND NIGHT	SPEEDILY
HE FIND	FAITH	EARTH

PATIENCE

D	E	A	D	S	P	E	E	D	I	L	Y
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Stewardship

September 2025 (5 Sundays)

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 27,208.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 13,506.00
Electronic giving	\$ 6,155.00

TOTAL \$ 46,869.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, October 19

7:30 AM BOTH Coat Drive in the Churches
4:30 PM ST CEL Basketball Games in the Gym

Monday, October 20

5:30 PM ST CEL Troop 47130 in the Annex
6 PM ST CEL Bear, Webelo, AOL Meetings in the Lower Meeting Room
7 PM ST CEL Athletic Committee in the Lunchroom

Tuesday, October 21

7 PM ST CYP Teen OCIA in the Rectory

Wednesday, October 22

6 PM ST CEL Troop Meetings in the Lunchroom

Thursday, October 23

3 PM ST CEL Troop 47441 in the Annex
5 PM ST CEL Troop 47362 in the Annex
6:30 PM ST CEL Women's Club in the Annex
7 PM ST CYP OCIA in the Rectory

Friday, October 24

4 PM ST CEL Halloween Dance in the Gym

Saturday, October 25

12 PM ST CEL Fall Fest in the School

Sunday, October 26

8:30 AM ST CEL Craft Fair in the Gym and Annex
12 PM ST CYP Sisters of Providence in the Church
4 PM ST CEL Troop 45400 in the Lower Meeting Room

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, October 25

4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider
Altar Servers

Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Ron Navoy
Isaac M.
Diego M.
Beverly Parylak
Peg Gurnig
Ruben Monterroso

5 PM St. Celestine

Presider
Altar Servers
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Paul Cao
TBA
Sylvia Stacey
Perlita Domingo
Pat Strabley
Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.
Peggy O'Donnell
Maria Mojek
Maryann Dibari
Patricia Rinella

Sunday, October 26

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Presider
Altar Servers
Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Paul Cao
TBA
Andy Johnson
Minnie Reillo
Michelle Doyle
Bill Lesch
Florence Smith
Larry Skelly
Ken Doyle

9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider
Altar Servers

Lector
Eucharistic Minister

Fr. Paul Cao
David D.
Marco D.
Matthew D.
Bonnie Billa

Rosalia Libreri

11 AM St. Celestine

Presider
Altar Servers

Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Nwgila
CJ S.
JC S.
Robert O.
Isabel N.
Brad Wdowiak

Mary Sullivan
Skip Marcucci
Kathy Iversen-Jaroch
Lena Roy
Charlie Roy
Alice Carella



Attention St. Mother Guerin Hugo's Elvis fans! Let's support Hugo at this wonderful luncheon and performance of Hugo Colin as Elvis backed by the EAS Band at Allegra Banquest in Schiller Park on Sunday, December 21 from noon to 3 PM. The tickets are \$50 for adults, \$25 for under 13. Tickets are by advanced purchase only; no walk-ins since they need to get the food numbers before the event. You've watched Hugo grow up performing; come and get in the Christmas spirit at this luncheon concert! Email hugoselvis2000@yahoo.com for tickets!

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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; 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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