

ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

October 4, 2026

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PLANTED A
VINEYARD.

— MATTHEW 21:33 —

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MISSION STATEMENT: *To do God's will as a unified, vibrant parish by fostering an intentional relationship with Jesus Christ through worship, discipleship, community, witness, and service, all grounded in faithful stewardship of our time, talent, and treasure.*

ST. CELESTINE CHURCH and St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish Office

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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

MASSSES Monday through Friday 8 AM

Saturday Mass 4:30 PM (Reconciliation 3:30 PM)

Sunday Masses 7:30, 9, and 11 AM

Chapel open daily 8:30 AM to 7 PM Monday through
Thursday, 8:30 AM to 5 PM on Friday,
Saturday 8:30 to 6 PM and Sunday, 7 AM to 1 PM



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 3

4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
 +Nery Rodriguez
 +Robert Paprocki
 +Carl Braack
 +James Z. Hantkiewicz,
 Anniversary
 +Francisco Simpao, Anniversary
 +Ramon Del Jesus Nunez

Sunday, October 4

7:30 AM +Bernardino Gesta
 +Guillermo Arellano
 +William J. O'Neil
 +Chester, +Lottie, +Dennis, and
 +Allan Rompala

9 AM Thua Family
 Thuy Family
 Tien Family
 Duong Family
 Lan's Benefactors
 +Joseph Morgan, Sr.

11 AM +Eleanor Masciola
 +Angelica Alongi
 +Frances R. Campagna
 +Helena Golab
 +Jozefa Powrozek
 +Angeline and +Irving Evertsen
 +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
 +Steven Gorney
 +John Casimiro Palomino
 Peter and Flena Rubalcaba
 Timothy and Gayanne Rubalcaba

8 AM Monday, October 5
 +Eric Velazquez, Jr., Anniversary
 +Jim and +Charlize Burres
 +Rosemary Green
 +Dominic Michi, Birthday

8 AM Tuesday, October 6
 +Roland Wiemerslage

8 AM Wednesday, October 7
 +Louise E. Czarnecki,
 Anniversary
 +Ruperta Fernandez,
 Anniversary
 +Elmer and +Lillian Swiatkowski,
 Wedding Anniversary

8 AM Thursday, October 8
 +Carl Braack, Birthday
 Visitacion Quiacos, Birthday

8 AM Friday, October 9
 +Sharon DelMedico

Saturday, October 10

4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
 +Nery Rodriguez
 +Frank and +John Kucera
 +Louis and +Juliana DaPrato
 and the deceased members
 of the DaPrato family
 +Walter Gutkowski, Anniversary
 +Ramon Del Jesus Nunez

Sunday, October 11

7:30 AM +Fr. Bernard White
9 AM +Joseph Morgan, Sr.
 +Craig Bastek
11 AM +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
 +Robert Paprocki
 +Arlene LaMantia

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, October 10

4:30 PM
 Servers TBA
 Lector John F. Madden
 E.M. Carol Gutkowski
 John P. Madden
 Mike Miller
 Patricia Rinella
 Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.
 Lois DeFelice
 Maria Mojek

Sunday, October 11

7:30 AM
 Servers TBA
 Lector Tim Orr
 E.M. Michelle Doyle
 Ken Doyle
 Bill Lesch
 Michael Wittrock
 John Wardisiani
 Mary Kay Macchione

9 AM
 Servers TBA
 Lector Bonnie Billa
 E. M. Joanne Koziol
 Mary Princivalli
 Daniel LaCour
 Maryann Dibari
 Grisel Lopez
 Lynn Loftus
 Mary Joost

11 AM
 Servers TBA
 Lector Jackie Schweitzer
 E. M. Arianna Castaneda
 Greg Derlacki
 Jeanne Chouloute
 Debra DeSalvo
 Charlie Roy
 Lena Roy

Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, October 4

11 AM Family Mass
Noon Mass and Mingle in the Gym
 and Annex
4 PM Troop 45703 in the Lunchroom

Monday, October 5

5:30 PM Troops 45488 and 47219 in the
 Creed Center
6 PM Finding Hope with Fr. Paul in the
 Fireside Room
 Athletics in the Gym
 Boy Scouts in the Lower
 Meeting Room, Annex, and
 Lunchroom
6:30 PM Lectio Divina with Danny
 Hesslau in the Chapel

Tuesday, October 6

4 PM Volleyball in the Gym
6 PM Parents Club in the Annex
7 PM Mother of Perpetual Help
 Devotion in the Chapel
 Teen OCIA in the Staff Room

Wednesday, October 7

4 PM Athletics in the Gym
7 PM Baptismal Prep in the Staff
 Room

Thursday, October 8

4 PM Volleyball in the Gym
5 PM Troop 47632 in the Annex
5:30 PM Troop 47857 in the Lower
 Meeting Room
7 PM OCIA in the Staff Room

Friday, October 9

4 PM Athletics in the Gym

Saturday, October 10

9:30 AM Religious Education in the
 School

From the Administrator's Desk: Fr. Ton Nguyen



What Is Your Hobby?

Being in the middle of the ocean, surrounded by fresh air, blue sky, good friends, and, of course, casting a fishing line is one of my favorite hobbies. When I was in formation at Mundelein Seminary, once a year, during school breaks, I would visit some friends in Louisiana for a fishing trip. One year, when I arrived at their house, their daughter opened the door with her parents. Right away, she introduced herself: "Hello, Father. My name is Celine, and I am four years old."

"Hi, Celine. Great to see you!"

Without a moment of hesitation, she continued, "Father, I would like to teach you something."

"Alright, impress me, Celine!"

She held up her hands and said, "Jesus and I, together forever." As she spoke, she put her two thumbs together, turned her hands around, and formed the shape of a heart. Very clever, isn't she? She did it so quickly that I asked her to show me again. She looked at me and said, "Well, first you have to give me candy." We all started laughing! Apparently, even spiritual lessons have a price!

Children have many things to teach us if we are humble enough to listen. Last month, we reflected on the story of St.

Francis of Assisi—how he gradually discovered the gifts God had given him, embraced those gifts, and used them for the glory of God. We were also invited to discern our own gifts and complete our Stewardship Talent Opportunity Form. This month, I would like us to take another step with St. Francis and explore Franciscan spirituality—a way of living our Catholic faith by following Jesus through simplicity, hu-

mility, and love for God and His creation. And we can begin very simply: listen to the Gospel and live it.

This Sunday, Jesus reminds us: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

Sometimes we are tempted not to see our own gifts. Maybe we think, I am too old. I am too young. I don't have anything special to offer. Sometimes we also fail to recognize the gifts of others because of differences, past hurts, or our own expectations. Perhaps we need to take a step back and learn something from four-year-old Celine: Jesus and I, together forever.

Form that heart with Jesus first. Let Him be the cornerstone. Then look again—at yourself, your family, your neighbor, and our parish community. With humility and a heart centered on Christ, we begin to recognize God's presence and the beautiful gifts He has placed in each of us. And speaking of seeing the gifts in one another, don't forget Mass & Mingle this Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass! Come to the Annex for coffee, cake, donuts, conversation, and fellowship. Who knows? Maybe someone there has something to teach you, too. Candy is optional.

I love being a priest.

JMJ, Fr. Ton Nguyen

Midweek Moment



Fr. Ton will be posting a Midweek Moment each Wednesday on our YouTube channel, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin. You can view it on Facebook, on our website, or on YouTube.



Midweek Moment

Pray with Pope Leo



Leo PP. XIV

The "Pray with the Pope" Campaign fosters a deeper spiritual communion through digital connection and shared, contemplative prayer.

October: For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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PM two Thursdays a month. Check
Weekly Events or website for dates.

Baptisms and Baptism Preparation Classes: Contact
Ruthanne Swiatkowski, x5017. Baptisms
are at 12:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th
Sundays of the month. Class held on the 1st
Wednesday of each month at 7 PM.

Masses, Reconciliation, Chapel hours: see cover.

Weddings: Please call a year in advance of preferred
date and talk to Deacon Mike DeLarco
before a wedding date can be reserved.
Participation in marriage preparation is
essential.

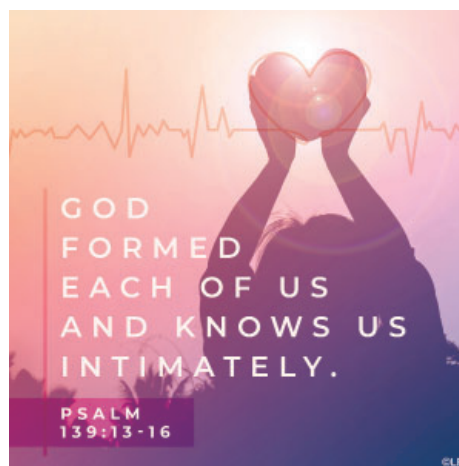
Holy Hour: First Friday of each month at 3 PM

Extended Adoration: First Friday of the month from 4
to 7 PM with Confession available from 6 to
7 PM

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional Tuesdays at 7
PM in the Chapel.

Rosary: Second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in
the chapel and after the morning masses.

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**Weekly Scripture**

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / October 4, 2026

SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,
did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalms:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

Second Reading:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel:

"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"
They answered him,
"He will put those wretched men to a wretched death
and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**Readings for the week of October 4, 2026**

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Observances for the week of October 4, 2026

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Tuesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Presented by St. Luke and St. Bernardine Respect Life Committee

Come and Learn about Assisted Suicide



Thursday, October 15 @ 7 p.m.
Fearon Hall, St. Bernardine Campus
815 Elgin Ave. Forest Park, IL, 60130

- hear end of life options from a Catholic perspective
- how the law passed, what it involves, and the difficulties for Catholic practitioners
- what Catholics in Illinois should do to update their end of life instructions

♿ accessibility entrance available

GUEST SPEAKERS



DR. MARY KEEN KIRCHOFF

Mary Keen Kirchoff has been blessed by her marriage of 38 years to Charles Kirchoff and by her 5 children, now all adults. She is a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School; and the University of Washington residency program in physical medicine and rehabilitation and the Loyola Stritch School of Medicine residency program in Pediatrics. She is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation, pediatrics, pediatric physical medicine and rehabilitation and in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities. Most of her career has been at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital caring for children with disabilities with their families. She has been interested in euthanasia and assisted suicide since the early 80's when Elizabeth Bouvia a young woman with CP was admitted to an acute care hospital when she asked for assistance in starving herself.

THOMAS OLP

Thomas Olp serves as Executive Vice President at Thomas More Society. He earned his undergraduate degree magna cum laude from Georgetown University, his J.D. from the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, and an LLM from Georgetown University Law Center. Tom practiced labor and employment law in Washington, D.C., for nearly a decade before serving as Vice President and General Counsel for Connor-Winfield Corporation in Aurora, IL. He joined Thomas More Society in 2007 as a pro bono attorney, became a board member in 2014, and has worked as a full-time attorney since 2015. Tom is admitted to practice in Illinois, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. He has led service trips to Guatemala and the Congo and is active in his parish's advisory council and St. Vincent de Paul conference.



ROBERT GILLIGAN



Bob Gilligan is the Executive Director of the Catholic Conference of Illinois, representing the Catholic bishops of Illinois at the Illinois General Assembly in Springfield. Bob was named Executive Director in 2003, after serving as Associate Director for six years. He is a past president of the National Association of State Catholic Conference Directors and Aid for Women, a pregnancy help center headquartered in Chicago with locations now across the state. He also served on advisory committees for both the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Human Services. He previously worked as chief of legislative services for the Arizona Department of Economic Security and at the political consulting firm of Jamieson and Guterres in Phoenix, AZ. He holds a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and a master's degree from Arizona State University. He lives in Chicago and attends St. Juliana Parish along with his wife, Colleen and son Christopher.

Lectio Divina: Listening to the Voice of Christ

Have you ever wished you could pray more deeply with Sacred Scripture or better recognize God's voice in your daily life? Join us for Lectio Divina: Listening to the Voice of Christ, a weekly hour of prayer centered on the living Word of God. Through a simple and guided format, we will slowly read Scripture, spend time in silent prayer and reflect together on how the Lord is speaking to each of us through His Word.

No prior Bible study experience is necessary. Whether you are opening the Bible for the first time or have prayed with Scripture for years ... all are welcome to join.

This ministry is facilitated by Danny Hesslau, parish deacon candidate, who is currently in formation for the diaconate. Together we will learn and grow in one of the Church's oldest and richest traditions of prayer. You are welcome to join at any session.

When: September 28 and October 5 at 6:30 PM

Where: Chapel

Bring: A Bible (*New American Bible* Revised Edition preferred), if you have one.

"Indeed, the word of God is living and effective." Hebrews 4:12

Need help? Many services are provided by **Catholic Charities**. Call 312-655-7700 or go to catholiccharities.net.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1-833-234-6343
Child Abuse	1-800-422-4523
National Domestic Violence	1-800-603-4357
Sexual Assault	1-888-293-2080
Problem Gambling Hotline	1-800-522-4700
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
Suicide Prevention	Call or text 988
Elder Abuse	1-855-800-1409
www.AddictionResource.net	1-844-597-0006



Hugo's Elvis
2ND ANNUAL
Christmas Luncheon

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20
DOORS 12PM | LUNCH 1PM |
SHOW 2PM
ALLEGRA BANQUETS MAIN ROOM
5035 N RIVER RD, SCHILLER PARK
ADULTS \$60 | KIDS UNDER 13 \$30

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Our favorite Elvis is our own cantor, Hugo! Many parishioners attended his Christmas luncheon last year and it was a blast! Get your tickets ASAP.

Finding Hope in the Shadow of the Cross

A 4 Week Catholic Bereavement Journey

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one—whether your loss is recent or from years past—you do not have to walk this path alone. Join our parish community for a sacred journey of healing, prayer, and mutual support rooted in our Catholic faith.

Event Details

- Led by Fr. Paul Eruva
- Mondays from 6—7:30 PM
- Mondays in October (October 12, 19, 26, and November 9) (note date change; we will start a week later than originally planned!)
- Fireside Room

Our purpose

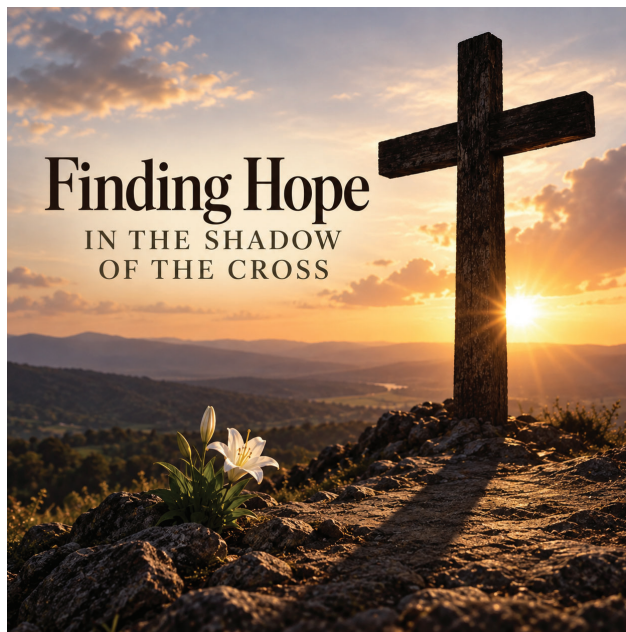
Grief can feel like a heavy cross to carry. The purpose of these sessions is to provide a safe, prayerful space to acknowledge your pain, find comfort in scripture, and discover hope through the Resurrection and the Communion of Saints. Guided by Fr. Paul Eruva, each evening will feature

- Moving spiritual reflections.
- Scripture and community prayer.
- Shared discussion and practical tools for navigating life's "new normal."

Weekly Session Themes

- **October 12:** *The Weight of the Cross:* Acknowledging Our Grief
- **October 19:** *The Tomb and the Silence—*Navigating Difficult Emotions
- **October 26:** *The Resurrection and Our Hope—*The Communion of Saints
- **TBA:** *Emmaus and the Road Ahead—*Moving Forward in Faith

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted." —Matthew 5:4 All are welcome. Registration is free but appreciated for material planning. To RSVP or for questions, please contact the parish office at 708-453-2555 or email peruva@archchicago.org.



Women's Club Coat Drive



When: October 3-4 and 10-11
Where: St. Celestine at the back of church before or after Mass
What: Any gently used or new coats, jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves (men's, women's, and children's), it would be helpful if they are put in a plastic garbage-sized bag.
Who: Donations will be given to Blessed Maria Gabriella, our sharing parish.

Thank you for your generosity!



Please join us for our next Women's Club meeting on Thursday, October 22 in the Annex. The doors open at 6:45 and the meeting will begin at 7 PM. This meeting is our Appetizer Night. Please feel free to bring your favorite appetizer. All ladies are welcome!

ST. MOTHER GUERIN PARISH

ROSARY RALLY

**JOIN US ON
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 2026
AT NOON**

**WE WILL GATHER AT THE FOUNTAIN
TO PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER,
JOINING WITH THOUSANDS OF OTHERS
ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

**"GIVE ME AN ARMY
SAYING THE ROSARY
AND I WILL CONQUER
THE WORLD."
~ BLESSED POPE PIUS IX**

Be a part of the Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 10, 2026! Meet at the fountain at 76th Ct. and Wellington at NOON to pray the rosary with our friends and fellow parishioners. Our rally will be one of more than 24,000 rosary rallies taking place across the country that day. Together we will pray and publicly show our devotion to Our Lady. Take an hour out of your Saturday to pray! Contact Nancy Panzarella Konrath at panzkon@gmail.com with any questions.

Fireside Chats with Your Priests

Come. Share. Listen. Dream Together.

As I continue getting to know St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish, I would like the opportunity to get to know you and hear your story. Join us for a small, informal evening at the rectory to share faith, build relationships, and talk about our hopes for the future of our parish.



Fireside Chats

Our Conversation:

- Get to Know One Another — Share your story and what you love about our parish.
- Listen—What are your hopes and dreams for our parish?
- Share Faith—Where is Christ present in your life, and how can our parish help you grow?
- Look Ahead—What would we like our parish to look like in three years?
- Take the Next Step—How can we grow together as disciples who make disciples?

What to Expect

Eight parishioners + our priests • informal conversation. This is not a meeting, class, or presentation—just an opportunity to sit together, listen, share, and get to know one another.

- Time: 6:30–8 PM
- Location: Parish Rectory, 3005 N. 76th Ct., Elmwood Park
- Choose a Date and Sign Up: Scan the QR code above to choose a Fireside Chat evening, go to the website stguerinparish.org, or call the parish office.

Space is limited to 8 parishioners per evening so everyone has an opportunity to share. Everyone Has a Story. I Would Love to Hear Yours.

Dates: October 14, October 22, October 29

JMJ,
Fr. Ton

Wedding Banns

October 24 Yuriana Ornelas and Alejandro Ciriaco Zenon

Bulletin Deadlines

Please send information to Kim at khagerty@stguerinparish.org.

October 18 is due on Wednesday, October 7 at 9 AM
October 25 is due on Wednesday, October 14 at 9 AM
November 1 is due on Wednesday, October 21 at 9 AM



4TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



**Saturday,
October 10, 2026**



1:00–5:00 PM



**Moose–River Park
8601 W. Fullerton Ave.,
River Grove, IL 60171**





Raffle Baskets • Split-the-Pot • Silent Auction • Great Prizes

✱ **Admission: \$10** for ages 6 and older • Children 5 and under are free ✱

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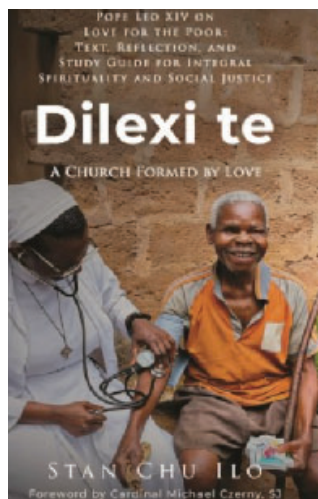


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More information: 708-456-8407

Proceeds benefit LRCA Special Needs Workshop

November Dates to Study with Fr. Stan Ilo



Fr. Stan has to change some of the dates for the study of the Pope's apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi te: (I Have Loved You)* as he has been called to Rome for October. We will be continuing our study of his book in November, on Wednesdays, November 4, 11, and 19 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room.

Most of us have no idea what an apostolic exhortation is, and often magisterial documents are read only by theologians or clergy, while the laity remain untouched by their

transformative potential. Father Stan says that *Dilexi te* belongs to the whole People of God, that it is not a document for the shelves of seminaries but for the hearts of believers.

He should know, because he wrote the official commentary for the Vatican. We will read Fr. Stan's book, *Dilexi te: A Church Formed by Love* which contains the full text of the Exhortation and a biblical study and guide for a parish group.

Stewardship—Looking with the Heart of Christ

As we continue caring for the beautiful campus God has entrusted to us, here are a few updates on our parish projects. We are truly grateful for the many generous hearts and helping hands that make this work possible.

Recently Completed Projects

1. Wellington Church Entrance Steps The damaged steps at the Wellington entrance have been repaired. A special thank you to Bob Hesslau, Deacon Candidate Danny's dad, who generously donated his time and completed the repairs pro bono. Thank you, Bob, for sharing your gifts with our parish family!

2. Parish Office Basement The basement renovation is complete! What was once a dark and less-than-welcoming space has now become a much more inviting area for meetings and parish gatherings. We are deeply grateful to an anonymous parishioner who generously sponsored the entire project. Under the guidance of Pat Hagerty, members of the Men's Club donated their time and talents to complete the work. What a beautiful example of stewardship in action!

3. Second Floor of the Parish Office Remember that bubbling carpet we were worried someone might trip over? It is almost gone!

The old carpet is being removed and replaced with vinyl flooring. The parish purchased the materials, while friends of Fr. Ton who are contractors from Indiana generously donated their time and labor to help complete the project. We are truly thankful for their generosity.

Upcoming Projects

1. Parish Office Water Leak Following the heavy rain on September 19 and 20, we discovered that the parish office is experiencing water leakage again. We are working to identify the source of the problem, repair the leak, and determine the best long-term solution.

2. Crucifix from St. Cyprian We are also prayerfully considering the best way and location to bring the crucifix from St. Cyprian to our campus. We are consulting with professionals, the Parish Pastoral Council, and parish staff so that this sacred piece of our parish history can be appropriately and reverently placed.

As you can see, caring for our parish home takes many hands and generous hearts. Stewardship means looking with the Heart of Christ—recognizing what God has entrusted to us and caring for it together.

With several projects underway and the ongoing costs of maintaining our parish campus, please prayerfully consider increasing your weekly offertory contribution if you are able. Every gift, large or small, helps us maintain a safe, welcoming, and beautiful home for our parish family.

Thank you for your generosity, your trust, and your love for our parish!

JMJ, Fr. Ton Nguyen

Stewardship

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Weekly Budget	\$8,610.00
Total Weekly Giving:	\$5,294.00
Weekly Budget Deficit or Overage:	\$3,313.00

Sunday Giving FY 2027 (July 1—September 20, 2026)

Fiscal Year to Date: **\$99,318.00**

Year-to-date numbers may vary from the total published in the weekly bulletin due to variations in the dates of turning in envelopes, e-giving, and NSF checks.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our parish.



Join Us for the Fall CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
8:30 AM TO 2 PM

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

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

Proceeds to benefit the various programs at St Mother Guerin Parish

Our annual Craft Fair features over twenty local crafters and artists as well as raffles and food. Where else can you get a bagel, enter raffles, and buy beautiful handmade wreaths, jewelry, and other handmade goods as well as find a Padre Pio, Our Lady of Guadalupe, or other Catholic-themed pillows? Come to Mass and then stop by and do some early Halloween or Christmas shopping!

Free admission; enter through the back of church after Mass or through the Annex off the parking lot. All proceeds help to support the programs at the parish.

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.

Michael Binder, Edward Bray, Sue Brink, Tom Busleta, *Ginny Cizek, Mary Coronado, Ellison Deehr, Elene Dimperio, Michael Garcia, Tammy Garcia, Maciej Gondek, Dorota Gondek, Thomas Gruber, Grace Hensley, Rachel Hindery, Mark Hroma, Kathryn Knipp, Kathy Johl, Adele Johnson, Juliette Jimenez, Lisa Kostrzeski, Robert Kucera, Kathy Mizejewski, George Moskaliuk, Sandra Moskaliuk, Efrem Munoz, Martha Munoz, Ron Nichols, Gregory Olsen, Carolyn Paprocki, Gerard Palattao, Elliot Perez, Barbara Rodgers, Kathy Sassolino, Morgan Schlanger, Joseph Serwa, John Sheahan, Mary Skelly, Michele Soronto, Sue, Colleen Schlanger, Thomas, Jeffrey Tomek, Judy Virgilio, Clarence Wagner, Lillian Wardzala, Jim Wazorick, Danyll Wolcotte, Ron Zalesny

*recently added

Faithful Departed

Sharon Del Medico, Mercy Prindes

Military

Staff Sgt. Lawrence G. Campbell, Air Force; Senior Airman Cory McCambridge, Air Force; Lt. Col. Peter Anderson, Army; Sgt. Kenneth G. DiCristifano, Army; Spec Michael Migliorisi, Army; Pvt. John Cerrone, Marines; PFC Paul J. Lagoda, Marines; PFC Sophia M. Garcia, Marines; Lt. Robert Reynolds, Army; Staff Sgt. Alberto Boy, Marines; Staff Sgt. Natalie Borrini, Air Force; Cpl. Brian Macaluso, Marines; Lnc. Cpl. Meghan Jennings, Marines; Lnc. Cpl. Michael Casanave, Marines; Pvt. Nicolas Casanave, Marines; ABEAN Melanie Hodges, Navy; PFC Vincent Negron, Marines; Pvt. Matthew Meyer, Army; Master Sgt. Scott A. Cross, Air Force; Dario Rodriguez, Air Force; Ensign Devon Zych, Coast Guard; Lnc. Cpl. Andrew D. Nordlie, Marines; Luis N. Burciaga, Army; PFC Rudy De La O, Marines; Jose Flores, Jr., Air Force; Carmelo Flores, Air Force; AB Ethen N. Ortiz, Air Force; Lnc. Cpl. Michael Joshua Barajas, Marines; Sgt. Cody Krawczyk, Army; Lnc. Cpl. Jake Kola, Marines; Airman Kaden Turocy, Air Force; A1C Rhian Frnzn Vengua, Air Force; Private Jesse J. Mendoza, Army; Lnc. Cpl. Edward Romano, Jr., Marines; A1C Jose Manuel Lagunas, Jr., Air Force; A1C Jordied Velez-Rosado, Air Force; Pvt. Noah Wardisiani, Army; Capt. Montgomery Smith, Air Force

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for October 4, 2026

Matthew 21:33-43

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twenty-seventh in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: A parable about the vineyard heir. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

LANDOWNER	PLANTED	WINE PRESS
BUILT	A TOWER	LEASED
TENANTS	PRODUCE	SEIZED
BEAT	STONED	TREATED
HE SENT	RESPECT	MY SON
HEIR	DEATH	STONE
OWN EYES	KINGDOM	TAKEN

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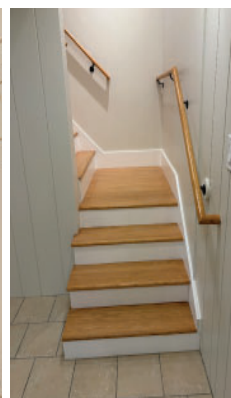
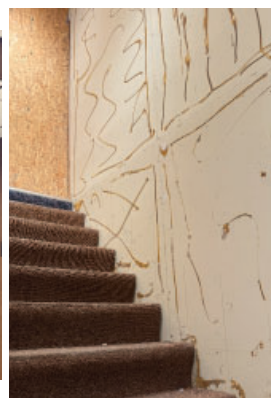
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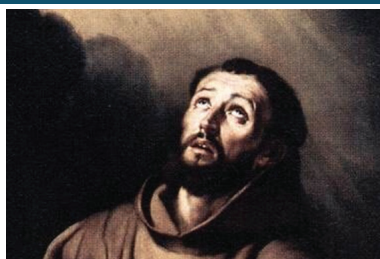


The catechists and teachers received a blessing at the 11 AM Mass on Catechetical Sunday, September 20.

Men's Club helped transform the dark, dated Staff Room into a beautiful, bright, light, meeting room and lounge. Thanks for your hard work!



Pictures from Women's Club's first meeting of the year.



Prayer of St. Francis

Join the presider in praying this prayer at the conclusion of the Universal Prayer:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, October 4: **Family Mass** and **Mass and Mingle**
- Saturday, October 10: Noon at fountain **Rosary Rally**
- Monday, October 12: 6 PM Finding Hope in the Shadow of the Cross **Bereavement Class** with Fr. Paul in the Fireside Room
- Saturday, October 17: 4:30 PM **Anointing Mass**
- Sunday, October 18: **Confirmation** at 1:30 PM in church
- Sunday, October 25: 8:30 AM in the Annex and Gym **Craft Fair**
- Monday, November 2: 7 PM **Memorial Mass** for those who died in the last year in our parish
- Wednesday, November 4: **Dilexi te Study** returns
- Tuesday, November 17: Watch **The Chosen Season 6** after 8 AM Mass on Tuesdays
- Sunday, December 6: 9 AM in the Gym: **Toys for Tots**, 2 PM **Choir Concert** in the Church, 4 PM **Jingle Bell Run**
- Tuesday, December 8: 8 AM and 7 PM **Masses** for Immaculate Conception
- Saturday, December 12, 4:30 PM Bilingual **Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass** followed by a celebration in the Gym and Annex
- Sunday, December 13, 6 PM **Taizé Prayer**

Parish Staff Spotlight: Maintenance Engineer Eric Mueller

Nobody can figure maintenance problems out like our own Maintenance Director, Eric ("Mr. Eric" to the school kids) Mueller. His systems of pulleys to move things around the parish campus are legendary (moving statues and hanging banners in church, hanging the coverings to transform the gym into the labyrinth, hanging the Taste flags, and more). He is always trying to figure out a way to save the parish money by fixing something himself.



Eric is a generous, helpful, friendly man with an engineer's mind: he likes to really understand how things work and there's very little around the school or church that he can't fix or build (Check out the nativity scenes.)

Eric grew up in Logan Square and went to Monroe and St. Bonaventure grammar schools. He graduated from Gordon Tech High

School and received his Associates Degree in Liberal Arts from Triton.

Eric and his wife, Nancy, the former Business Manager for St.

Celestine, got married at St. Celestine and sent their four children through school here. He started working for the parish 12 years ago.

Eric enjoys working with the school and has a very good relationship with staff and the students. One of the most unusual aspects of his job was removing a dead fish from the fountain and blowing huge amounts of bubbles into the street with a leaf blower after someone had the bad idea to put bubble bath in the fountain.

Eric and Nancy live in Ingleside, Illinois, and enjoy entertaining family and friends at their lake house where their parties are also legendary. In his free time Eric is the president of his local HOA and loves going fishing with his grandchildren and riding dirt bikes. He and Nancy enjoy resale shops and estate sales and traveling to Branson Missouri to visit family. They are also thrilled to have recently welcomed their fourth grandchild.

St. Mother Theodore Guerin parish is truly blessed to have Eric on staff.

Eric showing Laurie DePillo his homemade eclipse-watcher in 2024.



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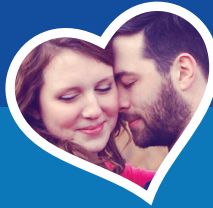
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