

ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

September 13, 2026

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WITH COMPASSION.

— MATTHEW 18:27 —

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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, stewardship, and community."

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

3020 North 76th Court, 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

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



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12

4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
 +Nery Rodriguez
 +Philip Wolcott
 +Ruth Monfils
 +Joseph and +Bette Wesol
 +Louis and +Juliana DaPrato and
 deceased family members
 +Barbara Zagotta, Birthday
 +Dominic Bartoli
 +Al Fang, Jr., Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, September 13

7:30 AM +Loreto M. Gaspar, 6th
 Anniversary
 +Al Fang, Wedding Anniversary
9 AM +Andhiriyas Eruva
 +Joseph Morgan, Sr.
 +Al Fang, Jr., Wedding Anniversary
11 AM +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
 +Al Fang, Jr., Wedding Anniversary
 +Robert Paprocki
 +Richard and +Carol Ritter
 +Stanislawa Olszanska, Anniversary
 +Wlodzimierz Olszanski,
 Anniversary
 +Maria Klos and +Natalia Zygmunt
 +Frank Solomon, Birthday

8 AM Monday, September 14
 +Margie McKiddy, Birthday

8 AM Tuesday, September 15
 People of the Parish

8 AM Wednesday, September 16
 Faithful Departed

8 AM Thursday, September 17
 +Fr. Bernard White

8 AM Friday, September 18
 +Francisco Palattao, Anniversary

Saturday, September 19

1 PM Leilani Rodriguez, Quinceanera
4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
 +Nery Rodriguez
 +Craig Bastek
 +Joseph Sweeney
 +Robert Paprocki

Sunday, September 20

7:30 AM +Concetta and +Sabatino
 DiCianno, Anniversary
 +Nick DiCianni

9 AM +Nancy Iovinelli
 +Joseph Morgan, Sr.

11 AM +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
 +Gino D'Ovidio, Birthday
 +Richard and +Agatha Oravec
 +Anne Stika
 +Francis Lester Rubalcaba
 +Steven Gorney
 Michael Medano, Birthday

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 19

4:30 PM
 Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
 Altar Server Robert O.
 Lector Joanne Bieschke
 Eucharistic Min. Patricia Rinella
 Maryann Dibari
 Peggy O'Donnell
 Carol Gutkowski
 Barbara Miller

Sunday, September 20

7:30 AM
 Presider Fr. Ton Nguyen
 Altar Servers Evan V., Elijah V.,
 Peighton V., Yasleen G.,
 Jazmin G.
 Lector Florence Smith
 Eucharistic Min. Doti Geringer
 Bill Lesch
 Michele Doyle
 Maria Mojek
 Mary Kay Macchione
 Ken Doyle

9 AM
 Presider Fr. Fil Ngwila
 Altar Servers Nickolas F., Henry V.,
 Mary V.
 Lector Lois DeFelice
 Eucharistic Min. Mary Princivalli
 John Madden
 Michael Wittrock
 Daniel LaCour
 Mary Graf
 Joanne Kolol

11 AM
 Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
 Altar Servers Christian C., Marshall M.
 Lector Nicole Guerrero
 Eucharistic Min. Leonora Palattao
 Arianna Castaneda
 Sheila Klich
 Debra DeSalvo
 Kim Bartell
 Alice Carella

Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, September 13

All Masses Grandparents Blessing
 11 AM Athletics Mass

Monday, September 14

4 PM Athletics in the Gym
 5:30 PM Troops 45488 and
 47219 in the Creed
 Center

6 PM Den Meetings in the
 Lower Meeting Room,
 Annex, and Lunchroom
 6:30 PM Lectio Divina in the
 Chapel

Tuesday, September 15

4 PM Athletics in the Gym
 7 PM Mother of Perpetual
 Help Devotion in the
 Chapel

Wednesday, September 16

4 PM Athletics in the Gym
 6 PM Boy Scouts in the
 Lunchroom
 6:30 PM Choir in Music Room

Thursday, September 17

4 PM Food Pantry
 4:30 PM Daisy Troop in the
 Lower Meeting Room
 5:45 PM Troop 47130 in the
 Lunchroom
 7 PM Women's Club in the
 Annex

Friday, September 18

4 PM Athletics in the Gym
 6 PM Pack Night in the
 Lunchroom

Saturday, September 19

8:30 AM Men's Club painting
 project in the Staff
 Room
 9:30 AM Religious Ed first class
 6 PM Men's Club Open Gym

Sunday, September 20

11 AM Catechetical Sunday
 12 PM Girl Scout Back to
 School Bash in the Gym,
 Lunchroom and Annex

Bulletin Deadlines

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

September 27 is due on Wednesday,
 September 16 at 9 AM

October 4 is due on Wednesday,
 September 23 at 9 AM

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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 and Reconciliation: 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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From the Administrator's Desk: Fr. Ton Nguyen**Questions?**

There are no bad questions when we genuinely want to learn, right? Over the past few weeks, many of you have stopped me after Mass, or around the parish with questions. So, I thought I would answer a few of them here!

**Father, what will we have at the Taste of St. Guerin on September 12?**

Well... come and see! For certain, I know the team has "volunteered" me to help with the Vietnamese booth, so expect some egg rolls and fried rice. Bring your family, friends, neighbors—and your appetite!

What does "Administrator" mean? Will you eventually be our pastor?

Think of it as pastor-in-training. For a priest becoming a pastor for the first time, serving as administrator provides an opportunity to learn while already carrying out the responsibilities of pastoral leadership. I also attend workshops and formation to help me shepherd well the people entrusted to my care.

Why do Catholics go to Confession? Because Jesus came to forgive sins and entrusted His Apostles with the ministry of reconciliation. In Confession, we acknowledge our sins, receive God's forgiveness through the ministry of the priest, and experience His healing grace. Don't let our sins weigh us down. Bring them to Confession, get them off your chest, and let God's mercy lift you up.

Can God really forgive my sins? Absolutely! Look at this Sunday's Gospel. A man with an enormous debt receives mercy beyond what he could ever repay. God's mercy is even greater. The challenge is that, having received such mercy, we are called to extend it to others.

What if someone cannot come to church because of illness or limited mobility? Please call the parish office. Fr. Paul or I would be happy to arrange a visit for Confession, Holy Communion, or the Anointing of the Sick. Please don't hesitate to let us know when someone needs us.

When is the feast day of St. Cyprian? September 16! St. Cyprian remains one of the patron saints of our parish community.

I bought a new house or car. Can I ask a priest to bless it? What if I have just moved to Elmwood Park or would like my home blessed? Yes! Call the parish office. Your priests are happy to come and pray with you and bless your home.

Where can I ask questions like these? At our upcoming Fireside Chats with the priests, at the Taste, after Mass, or whenever you see us. Ask away!

I want to become more involved in the parish. Where do I start? Complete our Stewardship of Talent form, speak with a staff member, or simply come to one of our many ministries and groups. Sometimes the best way to begin is simply to show up.

I know someone interested in becoming Catholic. What should I do?

Wonderful! Please connect them with Ruthanne, our Director of Lifelong Formation. Even better, offer to walk with them. Sometimes the first step toward Christ begins because someone simply says, "Come with me."

And if you have another question? Ask! Questions can open doors to conversations, conversations can deepen relationships, and relationships can lead us closer to Christ. I love being a priest.

JMJ, Fr. Ton Nguyen



Weekly Scripture

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2026

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord. (Rom 14:8)

Gospel:

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,
"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?"
Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-
seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

- Sunday:** Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Monday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/
Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk
7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk
8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/
Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday:** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-
24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Observances for the week of September 13, 2026

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Wednesday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC—RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mercy You Can Feel

“You qualify for forgiveness,” I heard the woman on the other end of the phone tell me, and I surprised myself by starting to weep.

I had called the hospital system’s financial services department to set up a payment plan on a balance I owed after having some unexpected scans and tests. I was hoping to minimize the dent our family’s savings took—transform one devastating wallop into a series of more easily absorbed blows, so to speak.

Imagine my surprise when I realized the hospital was pulling its punch. If you have ever had a financial debt forgiven, you know the relief that came over me in that moment.

It wasn’t until a little later that the guilt set in. I know so many people who have medical debt. Why was I able to get out of paying, and they were not?

But the cold, hard truth is that I didn’t “get out” of anything. My insurance, for which I pay, had given the hospital enough money to cover the true cost of the procedures. That balance would merely have increased the hospital’s profit.

Make no mistake: capitalism does not forgive.

If you describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation to someone unfamiliar with theology, chances are they’ll think God is a chump. “You get to go in, say you’re sorry, and leave—and everything’s just fine?” someone once asked me in disbelief.

Well, yeah. That’s forgiveness.

Real mercy cannot be budgeted. It must be given recklessly, extravagantly, against all reason. It must cost the giver. It must scandalize any accountant worth his salt. And no one “qualifies.”

If I can’t wrap my head around the idea, it might mean I’m stuck in a for-profit paradigm of justice. It might just mean that I need to engage more in real mercy. Mercy I can feel. ©LPi



Why Do We Do That?

Question:

Why can’t everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer:

Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic “requirements” for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true “Bread of Life.” It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith. ©LPi



Altar Servers

Serving at the altar is a special way for young people to participate more deeply in the Church's worship and to grow in faith, reverence, and love for Jesus Christ.

Altar servers exercise an important liturgical ministry. They assist the priest and deacon during the celebration of the Mass and other liturgies and help the entire parish community worship with reverence and prayer. Through attentive and faithful service at the altar, servers are invited to deepen their own prayer and to serve Christ and His Church with joy.

Boys and girls in Grade 4 and above from St. Celestine School and the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Religious Education Program are invited to serve. Training will be provided.

Please download the Altar Server form from your enews blast or online at stguerinparish.org and complete it and return it by September 20 for school students or September 27 for Religious Education students. Forms may be returned to teachers or catechists, the Pastoral Center, or the collection basket at Mass. We look forward to welcoming our young parishioners to this beautiful ministry of service to Christ and His Church.

Adult Altar Servers

Adult volunteers perform altar server duties during funeral masses. If you are a caring, compassionate individual who has a flexible schedule and can serve on weekdays or Saturdays on short notice, please contact the Parish Office at 708-453-2555 for information and requirements.

Religious Ed and Catechist Openings!

The St. Mother Guerin Religious Education Program helps our students build their connections to God through prayer, incorporate God into their everyday lives, and recognize opportunities to enhance their relationship with God.

We welcome children to learn about Jesus, the Catholic faith and prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation.

Religious Education is offered to students in Grades 1—8 who during the week attend a public or home school setting. Students meet at St. Celestine School twice a month on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

Classes start September 19. Registration for the 2026—2027 school year is available online. The link to register online is: <https://stguerinparish.org/religious-education/> and registration forms are also available in the St. Celestine Pastoral Center.

Also, if you would like to help as a catechist, please contact our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Ruthanne Swiatkowski at 708-453-2555 x 5017 or rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process by which adults explore the Catholic faith and ordinarily become members of the Church. The program consists of several months of instruction in the teachings, beliefs, customs, and practices of the Catholic faith.

Those who complete the process receive the sacraments, usually Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, or a combination of those, at Easter.

WHO IS THE OCIA INTENDED FOR?

- Adults and teens who have never been baptized.
- Adults and teens who have been baptized in another Christian denomination.
- Adults and teens who were baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation.

Teen Classes meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 PM beginning on September 22. Adult Classes meet on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 PM beginning on September 24. The Sacraments are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Please contact our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Ruthanne Swiatkowski at 708-453-2555 x 5017 or email rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org for more information.

Scam Emails

Fr. Ton and Fr. Paul will never send you emails asking for money or gift cards. These are scams. If you get an email that seems to be from them, please check the email to see if it's from the parish, and call the office at 708-453-2555 if you are unsure.

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 14, 21, 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



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.



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: Thursdays, 6:30–8 PM
- Location: Parish Rectory, 3005 N. 76th Ct., Elmwood Park
- Choose a Date and Sign Up: Scan the QR code 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:

- September 24
- October 1
- October 15
- October 22
- October 29



Fireside Chats

JMJ,
Fr. Ton

St. Mother Guerin Women's Club

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 17. It will be held in the Annex. You can enter off the parking lot. The doors open at 6:45 PM and the meeting starts at 7 PM.

Please feel free to bring a dessert.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 17th!

Corie and Carol

Come Join the Adult Choir

I'd like to invite school parents and parishioners to join the Adult Choir. We meet on the first three Wednesdays of the month from 6:30—7:30 PM, and we sing at the 11 AM Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. It's personally and spiritually rewarding to worship at Mass through singing, and there are other benefits of joining the choir.

- You have no homework for one hour and fifteen minutes.
- You get to sing great songs.
- Choir people are fun to hang out with.
- You get me as the Choir Director.
- Singing is an excellent stress reliever.
- Let someone else help the kids with their homework one night a week!
- It's a great workout for your brain.
- You don't need to buy any equipment.
- You'll learn a lot of choir jokes.

Parents, I know you are very busy. I will even give this a special name. It's called "Come When You Can." You will never be fired if I don't see you on a Wednesday or Sunday.

Please call me at 708-453-2555, email me at ckamptner@stcelestineschool.org or come to our first choir practice on Wednesday night, September 16 in the Music Room of the school at 6:30 PM. You can enter off the gym entrance. I hope to see you on September 16.

Craig Kamptner
Director of Music Ministry

Stewardship

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Weekly Budget	\$8,610.00
Total Weekly Giving:	\$5,293.00
Weekly Budget Deficit or Overage:	\$3,317.00

August Monthly Electronic Giving: **\$5,805.00**

Sunday Giving FY 2027 (July 1—August 30, 2026)

Fiscal Year to Date: **79,698.00**

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.

Stewardship of Talent Opportunities

Our parish community is a gift from God. The Lord gathers us as one family to worship Him, care for one another, and continue His work in the world. Within this community, each person has been blessed with unique gifts, talents, experiences, and skills. Some are gifted teachers, leaders, or organizers. Others enjoy welcoming people, working with children, visiting those in need, singing, preparing meals, or serving behind the scenes. Others have practical skills in cleaning, gardening, construction, maintenance, technology, administration, and many other areas. Whatever our gifts may be, God invites us to use them for the good of others and the building up of our parish.

Stewardship is about much more than financial giving. It is our grateful response to God for all that we have received. It includes the stewardship of our time, talent, and treasure. When we share our talents, we strengthen our parish community while participating more deeply in its mission.

We invite every parishioner to complete our **Stewardship of Talent Opportunities Form**. The form will help the parish learn more about your interests, talents, professional skills, and the ministries or groups in which you might like to serve. Completing the form does not mean that you are committing yourself to every opportunity you select. Rather, it allows us to connect you with ministries where your gifts and interests can make a meaningful difference.

Perhaps you have served for many years and are ready to try something new. Perhaps you recently joined the parish and are looking for a way to become involved. Or perhaps you have a talent that you never realized could benefit our community. There is a place for you.

Healthy ministry grows when responsibility is shared. When many people offer their gifts, no small group is left carrying all the work, and our parish becomes a community where everyone has an opportunity to participate, serve, build friendships, and experience the joy of belonging.

Please prayerfully consider your gifts and complete the Stewardship of Talent Opportunities Form. The form was passed out at the Masses last weekend, is posted on the website, and available in the office and the back of church. You can return it to the office or in the collection next weekend. No gift is too small. In the spirit of St. Teresa of Calcutta, we each possess different gifts. Together, we can do something beautiful for God.

Sr. Carol Meyers, SP, checks in

We recently checked in with Sr. Carol Meyers, SP, who is now living at the Sisters of Providence motherhouse in Indiana. She wanted to let us know that she is doing okay, has some serious health issues, misses the Chicago area, and to please pray for her and she will for us. If you would like to send her a card, her address is

Sr. Carol Meyers, SP
Lourdes Hall
1 Sisters of Providence
St. Mary of the Woods, IN 47876

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, Mary Coronado, Ellison Deehr, Elene Dimperio, Michael Garcia, Tammy Garcia, Luciana Giamarusti, Maciej Gondek, Dorota Gondek, Thomas Gruber, Grace Hensley, Rachel Hindery, Mark Hroma, Kathryn Knipp, Kathy Johl, Adele Johnson, Juliette Jimenez, Lisa Kostrzeski, Justine Kucera, Robert Kucera, Kathy Mizejewski, George Moskaliuk, Sandra Moskaliuk, Efre Munoz, Martha Munoz, Ron Nichols, Gregory Olsen, Carolyn Paprocki, Gerard Palattao, Elliot Perez, 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

Steven Gorney, Dennis Detty, Robert Graves

Military

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Upcoming Events

- Monday, September 14 6:30 PM in the Chapel **Lectio Divina**
- Thursday, September 17: 7 PM **Women's Club meeting**
- Saturday, September 19: **Religious Ed** begins, Basement Painting
- Sunday, September 20: **Catechetical Sunday**
- Tuesday, September 22: **Teen OCIA** begins
- Thursday, September 24: **Adult OCIA** begins
- Friday, October 2: 3 PM **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** followed by extended adoration and confession
- Saturday, October 3: Noon St. Francis **Pet Blessing**
- Sunday, October 4: **Family Mass and Fellowship**
- Saturday, October 17: 4:30 PM **Anointing Mass**
- Sunday, October 25: 8:30 AM in the Annex and Gym **Craft Fair**

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for September 13, 2026

Romans 14: 7-9 / Matthew 18:21-35

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

PETER	AGAINST	HOW OFTEN
SEVEN TIMES	KING	SETTLE
ACCOUNTS	ORDERED	TO BE SOLD
CHILDREN	PAYMENT	REFUSED
PRISON	WICKED	IN ANGER
BROTHER	HEART	NONE
CHRIST	DEAD	LIVING

ACCOUNTINGS

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A	E	B	R	L	I	L	Y	I	B	H	C
R	T	O	B	N	E	R	D	L	I	H	C

It was a beautiful evening on Saturday, August 29 at Holy Child Jesus Parish Church (formerly St. Margaret Mary) in Rogers Park when Fr. Paul Cao was installed as the second pastor of the parish by Bishop John Siemianowski. The church was packed and his family, fellow priests, seminarians (including our favorite seminarian Tien), religious Sisters, and St. Mother Guerin parishioners attended the mass and reception. We are happy Fr. Paul has such a welcoming and beautiful parish.





Join Us
for the
Fall CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
8:30 AM TO 2 PM

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Can You Help Paint?

The Men's Club is sponsoring a Saturday Painting Project on Saturday, September 19 from 8:30 AM til about 2:30 PM. The Staff Room in the lower level of the Pastoral Center is getting a facelift to make it a more attractive meeting room. We are in need of a few people who know how to paint to help us prep, prime, and paint the old paneling and ceiling.

Parents, this could be a good way to get your volunteer hours in for the school! The day's been divided into three two-hour shifts. To sign up, please scan the QR Code or call the office. Wear painting clothes, paint and supplies will be provided, and thank you so much for making the meeting room more attractive!



Paint the Basement

Men's Club Open Gym

Being true men, a little painting will not tire us out, so there will also be an Open Gym Night the evening of Saturday, September 19 from 6 to 8 PM and you are welcome to come join us.

Parish Staff Spotlight: Receptionist and Financial Assistant, Andrea Mayer

If you come to the office in the evening or you are navigating Virtus training, you have probably been met by one of our evening receptionists, Andrea Mayer. Andrea grew up in Chicago and attended Falconer Grammar School and Notre Dame High School for Girls. Andrea earned her Associates degree from Triton in dental lab technology and worked for many years for a Japanese import wholesaler before joining the staff at St. Mother Guerin three years ago.

As a receptionist, Andrea makes you feel welcome as soon as you come in, and helps you find your way to whatever you need (keys? Bible Study? Mass intentions? Your Virtus password?). She is the face of the parish to people who come in at night. During the week she uses her meticulous accounting skills and her ability to be detail-oriented to help our Business Manager, Laurie DePillo, handle the parish finances, a very difficult job. She's a hard worker and our



program coordinators appreciate her help in setting up, organizing, and cleaning up from evening events.

Andrea enjoys meeting the different parishioners and says her stress is lower because she works with an awesome staff.

Andrea has two sons, Michael and Richard, and a daughter-in-law Daylin. She loves her 12-year old rescue dog, Lucy, and the way she makes that dog dress warmly in the winter is quite a sight to see (see Lucy dressed warmly on the left.).

In her time off Andrea loves to hike, garden, do woodworking and refinishing, and travel. Ask her about her birthday trip to Egypt.



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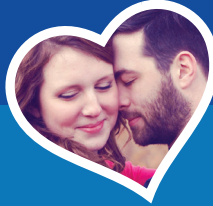
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