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September 20, 2026

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— MATTHEW 18:27 —

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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, September 19

4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
 +Nery Rodriguez
 +Craig Bastek
 +Joseph Sweeney
 +Robert Paprocki
 +Gino D'Ovidio, Birthday

Sunday, September 20

7:30 AM +Concetta and +Sabatino
 DiCianno, Anniversary
 +Nick DiCianni
 +Guillermo Arellano
9 AM +Nancy Iovinelli
 +Joseph Morgan, Sr.
11 AM +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
 +Frank and +John Kucera
 +Richard and +Agatha Oravec
 +Anne Stika
 +Francis Lester Rubalcaba
 +Steven Gorney
 +Jeanette Hamilton
 Michael Medano, Birthday

8 AM Monday, September 21
 +Gerard Penczak

8 AM Tuesday, September 22
 Faithful Departed

8 AM Wednesday, September 23
 People of the Parish

8 AM Thursday, September 24
 +Harold Wiemerslage
 +Vivian Lacey Yasin

8 AM Friday, September 25
 +Pedro Guzman, Jr.,
 Anniversary

Saturday, September 26

4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
 +Nery Rodriguez
 Halina and +Henry Nowak
 +Sophie and +Walter Sadlowski
 +Juan Carlos Lopez
 +James E. McCarthy,
 Anniversary
 +Albert Maggio

Sunday, September 27

7:30 AM +Guillermo Arellano
 +Jose Dioscoro Balio
 +Cara Wilk, 2nd Anniversary

9 AM +Joseph Morgan, Sr.

+Geraldine Lustro

11 AM +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
 +Robert Paprocki
 +Angelina Alongi
 +Steve Gorney
 +Stanley Dziadus

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 26

4:30 PM
 Presider Fr. Fil Ngwila
 Servers Isaac M.
 Diego M.
 Nickolas F.
 Lector Brad Wdowiak
 E.Min. Mike Miller
 Pat Strabley
 Anne Petras
 Ruben Monterroso
 Peggy O'Donnell
 Tom Lepore

Sunday, September 27

7:30 AM
 Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
 Servers Joseph K.
 Yasleen G.
 Jazmin G.
 Lector Andy Johnson
 E.M. Bill Lesch
 Joanne Koziol
 Tina Krzysko
 Ken Doyle
 Michelle Doyle
 Mary Kay Macchione

9 AM

Presider Fr. Ton Nguyen
 Servers Henry V.
 Mary V.
 Lector Lynn Loftus
 E.M. Mary Graf
 John Madden
 Daniel LaCour
 Grisel Lopez
 Michael Wittrock
 TBA

11 AM

Presider Fr. Ton Nguyen
 Servers Christian C.
 Marshall M.
 Lucas R.
 Lector Josaphat Urytskyy
 E.M. Alice Carella
 Kathy Iversen-Jaroch
 Ray Maraviglia
 Paulette Maraviglia
 Lena Roy
 Charlie Roy

Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, September 20

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

Monday, September 21

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

Tuesday, September 22

4 PM Athletics in the Gym
 7 PM Mother of Perpetual
 Help Devotion in the
 Chapel
 Teen OCIA in the
 Fireside Room

Wednesday, September 23

6 PM Boy Scouts in the
 Lunchroom

Thursday, September 24

3 PM Troop 47441 in the
 Annex
 4 PM Athletics in the Gym
 7 PM Adult OCIA in the
 Fireside Room

Saturday, September 26

10 AM Religious Education
 5 PM Men's Club Open Gym

Sunday, September 27

9:45 AM Scout Leaders in the
 Lower Meeting Room
 11 AM Scout Mass
 Confirmation Retreat in
 the Church, Gym, and
 Annex
 4 PM Troop 45703 in the
 Lunchroom

Bulletin Deadlines

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

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

October 11 is due on Wednesday,
 September 30 at 9 AM

October 17 is due on Wednesday,
 October 7 at 9 AM

October 24 is due on Wednesday,
 October 14 at 9 AM

From the Administrator's Desk: Fr. Ton Nguyen



Knock, Knock, ...

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard." I love this image that Jesus uses. The landowner keeps going out—early in the morning, at noon, in the afternoon, and even near the end of the day. He meets people where they are and keeps inviting them into his vineyard.

Sometimes our temptation is to doubt God, doubt ourselves, or even judge our neighbors: Why did God choose that person? Why hasn't He called me? Am I good enough? The invitation is simple: relax, listen, and pay attention to His voice.

If you look at the photo with this article, you will see our beloved Fr. Paul Cao and familiar faces from our parish gathered at Holy Child Jesus for his installation. What a beautiful image of different vocations and different journeys, but one purpose: to know God, to love God, and to be with Him forever.

This weekend, we are invited to support Mundelein Seminary in forming future parish priests. But how does a

seminarian recognize his vocation? In many different ways! I grew up in a very small village in Vietnam. I watched my parish priest care for his people—not only sacramentally, but also by helping reconcile family conflicts and even disagreements over land. What? I know right! I was amazed by him. As a young boy, I even practiced my "vocation." When my family asked me to take the cows to the field, I imagined myself as a shepherd after the Good Shepherd. I searched for the best green grass and the best water for them. I even sang songs and recited poems to the cows. Crazy? They were probably my "first parishioners."

Still, I postponed answering Jesus' call. I finished college and worked for a year. Then one day, while praying near the Sacred Heart statue at my parish, I sensed a peaceful question in my heart: "Ton, what are you waiting for? When will you be ready to enter the seminary?" Others also began telling me, "You would be a good priest." Through prayer, those voices, and many little signs along the way, I finally responded. And now, here I am!

So, if you recognize the possibility of

a vocation to priesthood or religious life in someone, tell them! Your encouragement might be one of the ways God speaks. And if you yourself are discerning, don't be afraid to listen and have the courage to follow Jesus. I dearly love being a priest and would not trade this vocation for anything.

The Lord continues calling each of us into His vineyard. A big shout-out to everyone who helped begin our school year, our Religious Education and RCIA programs, and especially all who made the Taste of the Parish successful!

Beginning in October, First Friday Adoration will be extended from 3—7 PM with Confession available from 6—7 PM. Come and unburden your heart in God's grace. Knock, knock—the Lord is at the door of your heart. Will you let Him in?

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

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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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TO ME, TELLING ME
THAT WE SHOULD
SAY, 'GOD GIVE YOU
PEACE.'**

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OF ASSISI**

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Weekly Scripture

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near. (Is 55:6)

Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

I am caught between the two.
I long to depart this life and be with Christ,
for that is far better. (Phil 1:23)

Gospel:

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?” (Mt 20:14–15)

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Is 55:6–9/Ps 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18/Phil 1:20c–24, 27a/Mt 20:1–16a

Monday: Eph 4:1–7, 11–13/Ps 19:2–3, 4–5/Mt 9:9–13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1–6, 10–13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5–9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1–6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2–11/Ps 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7–9

Friday: Eccl 3:1–11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3–4/Lk 9:18–22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9–12:8/Ps 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b–45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25–28/Ps 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9/Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5/Mt 21:28–32

Observances for the week of September 20, 2026

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist; National Migration Week

Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Saturday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

(Practicing) Catholic—Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Why

Sometimes, the Gospel takes everything you think you know about Jesus, throws it in a box, shakes it violently, dumps it on the floor, looks you in the eye and says: "Clean it up."

And there you are, picking up the pieces, wondering how, after 2,000 years, someone can still keep you guessing.

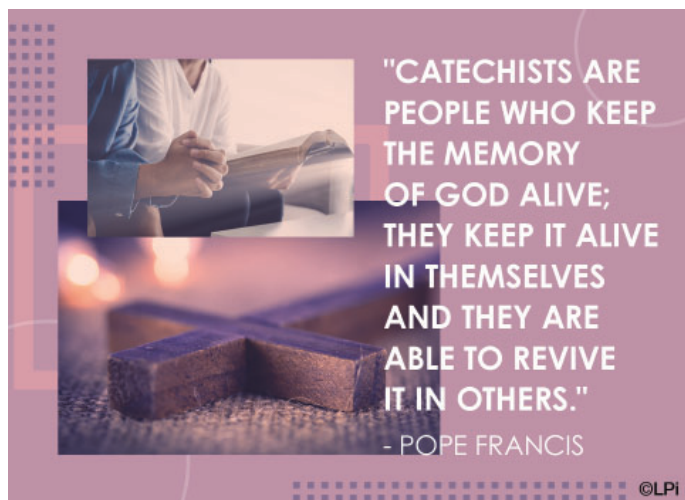
Today is one of those Gospels. We know Jesus as a champion of the poor. We envision him as a social justice warrior. And now he's advocating for time theft in the workplace? Make it make sense.

Well, at its heart, today's Gospel is a story about who gets what. A story about comparison, which we are told is the thief of joy—but without comparison, nothing would ever get done. In this world, wages are set, court cases are settled, international borders are drawn, all by comparing one entity to another and evaluating that comparison to make a judgment.

What this Gospel doesn't tell us is the "why." The workers who labored longest in the vineyard feel cheated because those who showed up later earn the same wage. This would be egregious—unless we consider that the only criteria used in the comparison is the length of the work day's duration. Quality and efficiency of work is never even mentioned. For all we know, those all-day workers could have been standing around fanning themselves, and should feel lucky to get what they did.

"Why" is a question we ask a lot in this life. Why did my dad die? Why did I get cancer? Why did my husband lose his job? As we pick up the pieces of today's Gospel, we should ask ourselves this: when we know what we know about Who decides who gets what, do we have to know the "why?"

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Religious Ed

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 started 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.

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 and begins 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.

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
- All four Mondays in October (October 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2026)
- Fireside Room

Our purpose

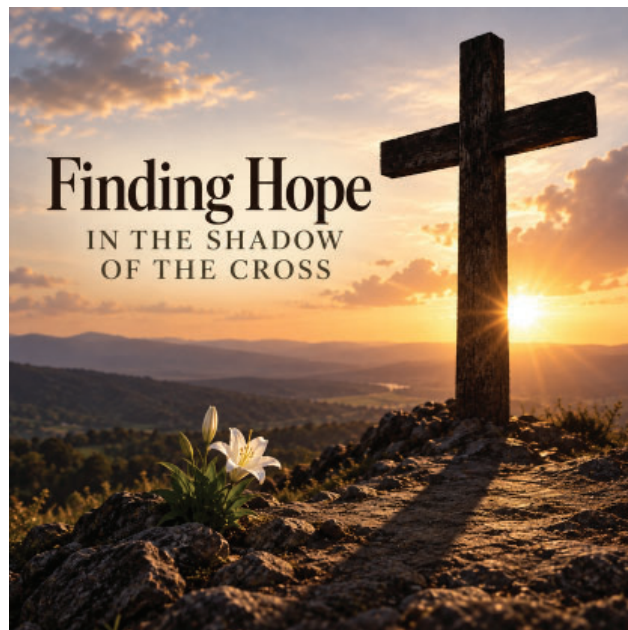
Grief can feel like a heavy cross to carry. The purpose of these sessions is to provide a safe, prayerful space to acknowledge your pain, find comfort in scripture, and discover hope through the Resurrection and the Communion of Saints. Guided by Fr. Paul Eruva, each evening will feature

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

Weekly Session Themes

- **October 5:** *The Weight of the Cross: Acknowledging Our Grief*
- **October 12:** *The Tomb and the Silence—Navigating Difficult Emotions*
- **October 19:** *The Resurrection and Our Hope—The Communion of Saints*
- **October 26:** *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.



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Suicide Prevention	Call or text 988
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www.AddictionResource.net	1-844-597-0006

Secular Franciscan Order

"The Mass has ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

How do we do that? Since 1959, members of the St. Juliana Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order have sought to follow the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi by "going from Gospel to life and from life to Gospel." If following the Rule of St. Francis might interest you, the SFO fraternity at St. Juliana meets once each month. For more information or just to visit, please contact Bob Mitchell at robertpmitchell1@gmail.com.

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 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

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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 14
- October 22
- October 29



Fireside Chats

JMJ,
Fr. Ton

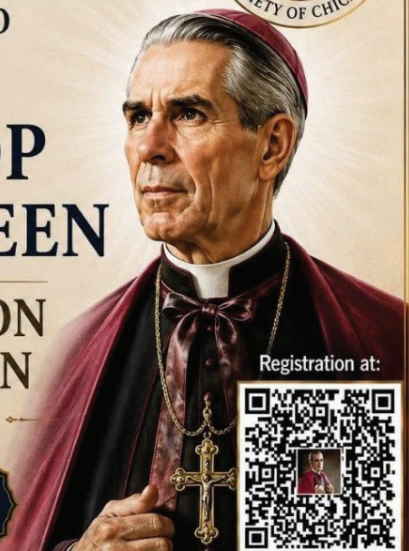
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THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

Registration at:



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
FIRST FRIDAY

Schedule:
10/02; 11/6 ; 12/02

3pm - 4pm: Divine Mercy,
Rosary and Scripture
Reflection.

4pm-7pm: Silent Prayer

6pm-7pm: Confession
Available.

7pm: Benediction

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**"Come to me, all of you who are
weary and loaded down with
burdens, and I will give you rest."**
Mt. 11: 28.



PET BLESSING
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3

NOON AT ST. CELESTINE
AT THE 76TH COURT
ENTRANCE




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, 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, Efre 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

Diana Ochoa

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; 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

Stewardship

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Weekly Budget \$8,610.00

Total Weekly Giving: \$9,359.00

Weekly Budget **Deficit** or Overage: \$749.00

Sunday Giving FY 2027 (July 1—September 6, 2026)

Fiscal Year to Date: **\$89,057.00**

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for September 20, 2026

Matthew 20:1-16a

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: learning about earnings. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

HEAVEN	LANDOWNER	VINEYARD
AGREEING	USUAL	NINE O'CLOCK
IDLE	AGAIN	AT NOON
FOUND	NO ONE	HIRED US
THE LAST	RECEIVED	GRUMBLED
EQUAL	BURDEN	HEAT
FRIEND	ENVOIOUS	GENEROUS

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Twenty-five people attended the first session of Fr. Stan Ilo's book discussion of *Dilexi te: A Church Formed by Love*; reflections on Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation. We will discuss Chapter 3 on Wednesday, October 7, Chapter 4 on October 14, and Chapter 5 on November 11, in the Fireside Room at 6:30 PM.



Parish Staff Spotlight: Receptionist Karen Jackson

Karen Jackson is our Saturday and Monday and Thursday evening office receptionist. She has been working for St. Mother Guerin parish for seven years.

Karen grew up in Chicago in Maternity BVM parish and attended Cameron Grammar School and Prosser High School. She has worked in freight logistics for Ocean Imports for many years. She and another staff member, Kim Hagerty, worked together at Fibre Craft in Niles years ago and were happy to be reunited!

Karen and her husband Ted were married at St. Celestine in 1991 (see if you can find her picture in the Bride's Room!) and have a daughter, Dawn, who attended St. William Grammar School, Trinity High School, and DePaul University.



Karen has a friendly and welcoming personality and can often be found volunteering at parish events with her daughter. (See her volunteering with Dawn at the Taste on the left). She's a hard worker, very organized and detail-oriented, and we all appreciate her help in the evenings and on Saturdays.



Karen, a St. Williams parishioner, likes working here because she enjoys the fellowship and feels like this community is her home away from home. She is a super Beatles fan, something she shares with her sister Lynn Schmidt, and in her little time off she loves to listen to the Beatles, read, sleep, and listen to music. She and Ted have a cockatiel named, ironically, Birdy.



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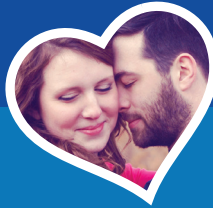
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