



# ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

[stguerinparish.org](http://stguerinparish.org)

September 21, 2025

## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

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and St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish Office  
3020 North 76th Court  
Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707  
Phone: 708-453-2555

### MASSES

**Saturday** 5 PM  
**Sunday** 7:30 AM  
11 AM

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** 8 AM

**Reconciliation** Saturday 4—4:45 PM

**ST. CYPRIAN CHURCH**  
2601 North Clinton Street  
River Grove, Illinois 60171

### MASSES

**Saturday** 4 PM  
**Sunday** 9 AM  
**Tuesday and Thursday** 8 AM

**Reconciliation** Saturday 3:30—3:50 PM

**ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL**  
3017 North 77th Avenue, Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707  
[stcelestineschool.org](http://stcelestineschool.org) 708-453-8234

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 8:30 AM to noon and 12:30 to 8 PM; Friday: 8:30 AM to noon and 12:30 to 5 PM;  
Saturday: 8:30 AM—12:30 PM; Sunday: closed.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** "To do God's will as a unified, vibrant parish, and to foster an intentional relationship with Jesus through worship, witness, service, discipleship, and community."

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, September 20**

**4 PM ST. CYPRIAN**

+Phyllis Gossy  
+Esther Romano  
Michael Medrano, Birthday  
**5 PM ST. CELESTINE**  
+Albert Maggio  
+Maria and +Kazimier Zygmunt  
+Concetta and +Sabatino DiCianno, Anniversary  
+Nick DiCianni  
+Linda Maibusch  
Deceased members of the Bellipanni Family

**Sunday, September 21**

**7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE**

+Harry A. Egan, Anniversary  
+Richard Grisius  
**9 AM ST. CYPRIAN**  
+Ross Pollina  
**11 AM ST. CELESTINE**  
+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk  
+Frank Pudlo  
+Jeanne Panuncialman  
+Teresa Milkowska  
+Harry D. Schinski, 50th Anniversary of death  
+Patrick Reilly  
+Francisco Palattao, 1st Anniversary

**Monday, September 22**

**8 AM ST. CELESTINE**

+Fr. Bernard White

**Tuesday, September 23**

**8 AM ST. CYPRIAN**

+Harold Wiemerslage

**Wednesday, September 24**

**8 AM ST. CELESTINE**

People of the Parish

**Thursday, September 25**

**8 AM ST. CYPRIAN**

Communion Service

**Friday, September 26**

**8 AM ST. CELESTINE**

+Harold Kenning

**Saturday, September 27**

**4 PM ST. CYPRIAN**

+Phyllis Gossy  
+Craig Bastek  
+Roberta Jarecki  
**5 PM ST. CELESTINE**  
+Victor Lezza  
+Juan Carlos Lopez, 26th Anniversary  
+Joseph Sweeney  
+James E. McCarthy, Anniversary  
+Robert Martini  
+Helen Stypinski  
+Linda Zeman  
+Joseph Slaski, Anniversary

**Sunday, September 28**

**7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE**

Faithful Departed

**9 AM ST. CYPRIAN**

People of the Parish

**11 AM ST. CELESTINE**

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk  
+Frank Pudlo  
+Michael Torresso, 1st Anniversary  
+Randy Braglia, Anniversary  
+Teresa Milkowska  
+Lorraine Hetland



## 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](http://stguerinparish.org).

## Bulletin Deadlines

Please send information to Kim at [khagerty@stguerinparish.org](mailto:khagerty@stguerinparish.org).

**October 5** is due on Wednesday, September 24 at 9 AM

**October 12** is due on Wednesday, October 1 at 9 AM

## Multi-site Review Process

All parishes who have gone through the Renew My Church process are required by the Archdiocese to have a review of the state of the parish every five years. As one of the first parishes to be combined over seven years ago, it is time for St. Mother Theodore Guerin parish to go through the process.

The pastor asks a team of parish leaders to consider the feasibility of continued utilization of parish facilities and how to establish and

implement the goals of the parish. They review the facility holding costs and critical capital project needs and costs, the utilization of parish spaces, and the financial condition of the parish and project the needs of the next five years. After the team has reviewed a variety of information about the parish there will be a Town Hall Meeting to present the findings to the parish as a whole for feedback.

After that there will be a recommendation to the pastor as

to the future of the parish, and with the input and advice of the Parish Finance Council, a decision will be made and implemented.

This is being done under the direction of the Archdiocese, although they are adamant that they do not make the final decisions about the parishes. We will keep you updated as the process continues and let you know when the Town Hall Meeting will be.

## From the Pastor's Desk: Fr. Paul Cao

**Words of Thanks** The Parish Taste on September 6 was a great success. What a great turn out with hundreds of people! It was good to see so many young people from our parish. We thank God for giving us the good weather and all the good food that we had. I have received many compliments about the Taste. I wish I could take all the credit but I cannot. I just helped sell raffle tickets and mostly stood around talking or helped setting up at the beginning and cleaning up at the end.

We are so grateful to all the people who worked so hard on the Taste. So many people donated so much: time, money, raffle items, food, and drinks! In a special way I am so grateful to the staff: Laurie DePillo, Lynn Schmidt, Kim Hagerty, Ruthanne Swiatkowski, Eric Mueller, Andrea Mayer, Bob Vessini, Karen Jackson, and their families for their hard work and dedication and thanks so much to the many volunteers from our parish!

The food booths all looked great and the food tasted delicious. I would like to thank the following families and organization for the food booths: the Lis, Szewczyk, and Mojek families for the Polish food, Irma and Angel Rivera's family for the Mexican food, my family and friends for the Vietnamese food, Linda Santelli, Carm DePillo and Skip Marcucci for the Italian food, the Arenga family for the Filipino food, the Women's Club for the deserts, Ruthanne Swiatkowski and youth volunteers for the root beer floats, the Parents' Club for hot dogs and the School Board for the pizzas. Thanks to the Scouts and those who helped with set up and clean up afterward. Thanks to Aimee Park, Athletics, the Elmwood

Park Fire Department, and all those who helped with crafts, face painting, and games for the kids. Many thanks to Oscar Tesoro for donating all the beer and the Men's Club for serving the drinks. I also want to thank so many of our parishioners who helped donating all the drinks, deserts, and raffles, and Lorie Marcucci for making the baskets look great. Thanks to Ellen & the Guys band for the great entertainment. I apologize if I missed anyone.

We are grateful for the Elms and Belmont Funeral Homes that helped fund the raffle prizes. Here are the Grand Raffle winners: the 1st Prize 75 inch Smart TV was won by Vikki Klemundt, , second prize of \$250 was won by Susan Zwick, and the third prize of \$100 went to Aneta Feliciano.

We would like to especially thank the sponsors of the Taste: The Elms Funeral Home, Belmont Funeral Home, Suzanne Chmura, Village Towing, the Maraviglia Family, ORT Consulting, the Rivera Family, the Arrenga Family, the Marcucci Family, the Lis Family, the Mojek Family, the Farkas Cercso Family, Kimberly Bertucci, the Santelli/Vena Family, Jamie Birmingham, Hagerty & Sons Construction, the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Women's Club, and Viet Taste. We could not have a successful fundraiser without your help and the help of all our volunteers

The Parish Taste was a terrific reflection of our parish spirit. It was a chance to see so many people get together to enjoy and have fun to end our summer. To one and to all—**THANK YOU!!!**

### **Catechetical Sunday:**

This Sunday we honor and recognize those who serve us as catechists in



our parish, those individuals who instruct others in our Catholic faith. Let us honor all who serve as:

- Catholic School Teachers
- Religious Education Teachers
- Special Religious Education Teachers
- OCIA Team Members
- Adult Faith Formation Members

This is only the formal list, however. Are you a parent, a grandparent, a godparent? Do you have the responsibility of rearing a child—a teenager—a college-aged son or daughter? If you do, then you are a catechist too. In fact, your role as a catechist is more crucial than the list that appears above because you are the first teachers in the ways of faith.

I really encourage parents to be a good model of faith for your children. Ask yourself the question: "How am I doing as a teacher of the faith?" and we should all ask ourselves, "How are we doing as a parish? Where do we need some improvement?" Please make an effort to go to Mass every Sunday with your family and pray together. Let us commit ourselves to being more faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you and reward you for all your good work!!!

*In prayer, Fr. Paul*



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Never will I forget a thing they have done! (Am 8:7)

### Psalm:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113)

### Second Reading:

There is also one mediator between God and men,  
the man Christ Jesus,  
who gave himself as ransom for all. (1 Tm 2:5-6)

### Gospel:

"No servant can serve two masters.  
He will either hate one and love the other,  
or be devoted to one and despise the other.  
You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

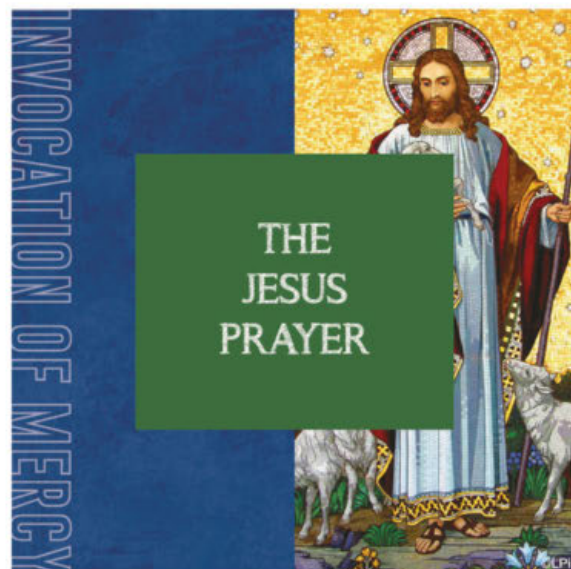
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

No servant can serve two masters, and in his goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of this world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?

## Observances for the week of September 21, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
<b>Monday:</b>	National Migration Week
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
<b>Friday:</b>	Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday



## Devotions, *Explained!*

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, its short form makes it ideal for meditative prayer.

## Prayer for Trust

Jesus,  
With your gentle mercy, build  
my trust. Help me to believe you  
when you say you want good  
for me. In every season, give  
me grace. In every need, be my  
answer.  
Amen.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones.

### God and Mammon

Dealing with money is unpleasant.

You might be good at dealing with money (I am not). You might even do it for a living (I do not). You might be careful to use as much of your money as you can for good purposes (I try to, but man, these skyrocketing grocery prices are killing me).

But ultimately, money does not bring out the best in us. We waste it. We manipulate it. We hoard it. We become obsessed by it. We let pursuit of it define our decisions. Money is something akin to — it corrupts by touch, it seems. But unlike witchcraft, you can't avoid money altogether. It's necessary. These dollars and cents keep us alive in this world, for a time. We need them for food, for warmth, for health.

Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones. But the parable reminds us that we can't escape money, just like we can't escape the world and all the barriers forged by this world between man and the happiness his Creator intends for him. We could retreat to the highest, remotest mountaintop, but the human condition would follow us there.

We would still feel doubt. We would still feel pain. We would still feel fear. We would still sin.

And we would still be hungry and cold. We would still need money.

Money will never be something that is easy to handle virtuously. But guess what? Nothing in this world is. And it's probably best that we remember that.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

### Answer:

For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

### Sunday:

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/  
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

### Monday:

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/  
Lk 8:16-18

### Tuesday:

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,  
4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

### Wednesday:

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/  
Lk 9:1-6

### Thursday:

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/  
Lk 9:7-9

### Friday:

Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

### Saturday:

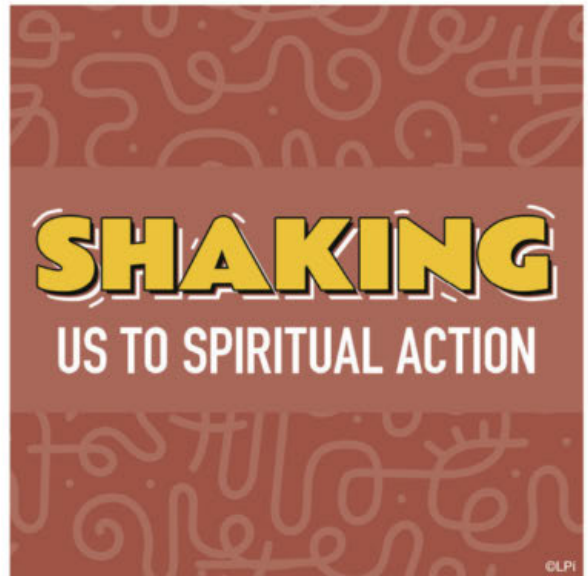
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/  
Lk 9:43b-45

### Next Sunday:

Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/  
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. “Really great work, John,” he said. “I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay.” I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus’ brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the **“master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently” (Luke 16:8)**. What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don’t care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he *wants* us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— *Father John Muir*



The Parish Taste 2025









## "The Ladies are Back in Town"



Ladies of the  
Parish:  
You are invited  
to come and join  
the  
St. Mother Guerin  
Women's Club

Don't let the onset of Fall & Winter keep you inside:

**Come check us out**  
**On Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 7 pm**  
**In the Annex (off the parking lot) at St. Celestine**  
**(Doors open at 6:30 pm)**

**Come meet us as we enjoy some light refreshments:**  
**Pulled-Pork Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Chips,**  
**Refreshments and Desserts!**

The Women's Club offers you...

- ~A night out - for you and maybe a lady friend
- ~No membership dues
- ~No commitment - you attend when you can
- ~A chance to get to know other ladies of the parish
- ~Share some light refreshments
- ~Share our Faith
- ~Share ideas for service and fun projects
- ~Learn new things
- ~Work on service projects
- ~Occasionally play a game or two
- ~Door prizes
- ~Raffle & Split-the-Pot prizes

**If you're looking for a ladies' night out and  
can spare an hour and a half, once a month to have a  
little fun? Then please, Come check us out!**

**Hope to see you on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>!**

**NO MEMBERSHIP DUES !**

## Wisconsin Visitors

We were very happy to see Archbishop Jeffrey Grob and his mom Bonnie September 10 when they dropped by the Pastoral Center on a quick trip to Chicago.



## Congratulations Danny Hesslau!



Congratulations to Danny Hesslau and his family as he begins the formation program to becoming a deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago at a ceremony at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary September 7. Our Ministry of Care Coordinator, Lois DeFelice, was there to cheer him on!



## Religious Education 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 13.

Registration for the 2025—2026 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](mailto:rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org).

## OCIA

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 in St. Cyprian Rectory beginning on September 23. Adult Classes meet on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 PM in the St. Cyprian Rectory beginning on September 25. 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](mailto:rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org) for more information.



*We welcomed the Bishop from seminarian Tien Dang's home diocese of Phan Thiet in Vietnam, Bishop Joseph, to the parish the weekend of September 6. He offered mass on Sunday, September 7 at 7:30 AM and Monday, September 8 with other Vietnamese priests.*

**Monastic Experience Weekend:** October 10–12, 2025; Monastery of the Holy Cross, 3111 South Aberdeen, Chicago. Join the Benedictine Monks of Chicago in their daily round of liturgical and personal prayer. For men ages 20—35 who are interested in learning more about contemplative monastic life. To register, please visit [www.chicagomonk.org](http://www.chicagomonk.org) or contact us at [vocations@chicagomonk.org](mailto:vocations@chicagomonk.org).



## St. Mother Theodore Guerin Women's Club Annual Coat Drive

- When:** October 11—19
- Where:** St. Cyprian Cry Room  
St. Celestine at the back of church
- What:** Any gently used or new coats, jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves (men's, women's, and children's)
- Who:** Donations will be given to St. Malachy + Precious Blood, our sharing parish
- Why:** To help people who are less fortunate than we are.

Thank you for your generosity!



## St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish BINGO NIGHT

*Join us for an evening of fun, concessions, raffles, and cash prizes!*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3**

**\$25 TO PLAY**  
8 REGULAR AND  
2 SPECIAL BINGO GAMES

Doors open at 5:30 PM,  
games start at 6:30 PM  
Win \$100 regular games  
\$200 special games

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WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO  
CHANGE PRIZE AMOUNTS  
BASED ON ATTENDANCE



## 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	Lisa Kostrzeski	Morgan Schlanger
Michael Binder	Justine Kucera	Joseph Serwa
Julie Boyce*	Robert Kucera	Mary Skelly
Edward Bray	Larry Lemanski	Julie Spaargaren
Elene Dimperio	James Nasti	Heidi Stringham
Cathy Downing King	Larry Nestor	Brian Swatek
Eleanor	Ron Nichols	Colleen Schlanger Thomas
Patsy Galecki	Sr. Louise Noesen	Dorothy Vessini
Tammy Garcia	Brendan O'Brien	Judy Virgilio
Maciej Gondek	Carolyn Paprocki	Robert Virnich
Peter Gonzalez	Robert Paprocki	Lillian Wardzala
Grace Hensley	Adrienne Pudlo	Jim Waterloo
Karl Humowiecki	Betty Quartello	Jim Wazorick
Renee Iman	Sr. Rita Mae Rabitoy	Sue Weber
Cindy Indurante	Aida Rivera	Joshua Wilmes
Kathy Johl	Austin Rose	Tamycka Ortega Zapata
Adele Johnson	Sarah Rotolo	
Bob Jurasz*	Warren Sarbacker	
Judy Kaner	Kathy Sassolino	

\*recently added

### Faithful Departed

Judith Iovinelli

### 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 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 September 21, 2025

Luke 16:1-13

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

I HEAR  
TO DIG  
I KNOW  
SIT DOWN  
CHILDREN  
ETERNAL  
HATE

TAKING  
ASHAMED  
WELCOME ME  
WHEAT  
GENERATION  
SERVE  
DEVOTED

STRONG  
TO BEG  
OLIVE OIL  
EIGHTY  
LIGHT  
MASTERS  
DESPISE

### ONE MASTER

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N E M E M O C L E W L T
A N A E A D E M A H S A
Y E O S Y T H G I E R K
E R S I L W K F R A E I
O D I P T H E V A T T N
L L T S R A E H I O S G
I I D E S T R O N G A C
V H O D E E J E B K M H
E C W R I M I K N O W O
O I N F D E V O T E D C
I A L I L Y T O B E G H
L I G H T O D I G J O O

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AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

# ROSARY RALLY

SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 11, 2025

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## Parish Weekly Events

### Sunday, September 21

11 AM ST CEL Catechetical Sunday  
Noon ST CEL Confirmation Retreat in the Annex

### Tuesday, September 23

7 PM ST CYP Teen OCIA in the Rectory  
7 PM ST CEL Alumni Committee in the School

### Wednesday, September 24

4 PM ST CEL Teddy Bear Picnic in the Annex  
6 PM ST CEL Troop Meetings in the Lunchroom

### Thursday, September 25

6:30 PM ST CEL Women's Club in the Annex  
7 PM ST CYP OCIA in the Rectory

### Friday, September 26

No School  
6 PM ST CEL Pack Night in the Lunchroom

### Saturday, September 27

10 AM ST CEL Special Religious Education in the Gym and Annex

## Save the Dates!

- **Catechetical Sunday** September 21 at 11 AM at St. Celestine
- **OCIA for Teens** begins Tuesday, September 23 at 7 PM at St. Cyprian
- **OCIA for Adults** begins Thursday, September 25 at 7 PM at St. Cyprian
- **Pilgrimage to Notre Dame** September 30 at 7 AM at St. Celestine
- **Bingo** Friday, October 3 at 6:30 PM at St. Celestine
- **Pet Blessings** Saturday, October 4
- **Craft Fair** Sunday, October 26 at 8:30 AM at St. Celestine
- **Parish Dinner Dance** Sunday, May 17, 2026 to celebrate Fr. Paul's 25th anniversary as a priest.

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## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, September 27

#### 4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider  
Altar Servers

Lector  
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Ron Navoy  
Isaac M.  
Diego M.  
John F. Madden  
Peg Gurnig  
Ruben Monterroso

#### 5 PM St. Celestine

Presider  
Altar Servers  
Lector  
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Paul Cao  
Sarah P.  
Joanne Bieschke  
Perlita Domingo  
Maryann Dibari  
Peggy O'Donnell  
Barbara Miller  
Mary Joost  
Carol Gutkowski  
Patricia Rinella

### Sunday, September 28

#### 7:30 AM St. Celestine

Presider  
Altar Servers

Lector  
Eucharistic Ministers

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

#### 9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider  
Altar Servers

Lector  
Eucharistic Minister

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

Gissell Abaujo  
Michael Wittrock

#### 11 AM St. Celestine

Presider  
Altar Servers

Lector  
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Paul Cao  
Nickolas F.  
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Sandro Valdez  
Skip Marcucci  
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**St. Cyprian Church** 2601 North Clinton Street, River Grove, Illinois 60171 [stguerinparish.org](http://stguerinparish.org)

**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](mailto: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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