



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

stguerinparish.org

September 28, 2025

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'"

- Lk 16:25

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

3020 North 76th Court
Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
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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
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MASSES

Saturday 4 PM
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ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL

3017 North 77th Avenue, Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
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OFFICE HOURS

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

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Phyllis Gossy
+Craig Bastek
+Roberta Jarecki
+Nery Rodriguez
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
+Froylan Garcia, 1st 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

Monday, September 29

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Fr. Bernard White

Tuesday, September 30

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

Faithful Departed

Wednesday, October 1

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

Thursday, October 2

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Rugelio Paran
+Ann Marie Egan

Friday, October 3

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Joan Psak

Saturday, October 4

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Phyllis Gossy
+Nery Rodriguez
5 PM ST. CELESTINE
+Frances R. Campagna
+Victor Zavala
+Eileen Anne McMahon and Family
+Frank and +John Kucera
+Eddie Mizejewski

Sunday, October 5

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+John Szeszol
+Patrick Brennan, Anniversary
+Edward Patock
9 AM ST. CYPRIAN
+Angela Libreri
+Roland Wiemerslage
11 AM ST. CELESTINE
+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank Pudlo
+Ann Marie Egan, Anniversary
+Anne and +Martin Egan
+Martin T. Kulick, Birthday



St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

Welcome! If you are new to our churches or just visiting, please introduce yourself. We are happy to share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not home to you, we are open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. We invite you to become a part of our parish. Register by calling the parish office at 708-453-2555 or online on our website, stguerinparish.org.

Bulletin Deadlines

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

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

October 19 is due on Wednesday, October 8 at 9 AM

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Mass Intentions

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

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

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers at St. Celestine Church are for Joseph Slaski, Sr., from his family. "We miss you always."



Pray the Rosary

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

From the Pastor's Desk: Fr. Paul Cao

Pet Blessing On Saturday, October 4, we will have a pet blessing on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. The tradition of blessing animals is inspired by St. Francis, who had a deep love for all of God's creatures. Please bring your pets for the blessing at the parking lot at St. Cyprian at noon or in front of the 76th Court entrance of St. Celestine church at 1 PM.

Religious Education Last Saturday, September 13th, 195 students and their parents gathered in church to begin the Religious Education Program with the celebration of the Eucharist. It was good to see so many children and parents come back again to learn about Jesus. We also held a Mass of the Holy Spirit last week for our school.

In my homily, I talked about the two newest saints that Pope Leo canonized a few weeks ago: St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlo Acutis (see photo on right). They were both saints who died at a young age

and can be a great influence of faith on your children, especially St. Carlo Acutis, who died at the age of 15.

St. Carlo was a regular teenager. He loved video games, soccer, and computers. However, he lived with extraordinary spiritual maturity, reminding us that sanctity isn't only for monks, priests, or those in remote places. It's possible here and now, in the middle of modern life. I told them that you don't have

to be perfect or live apart from the world to become holy. God works through our everyday choices.

St. Carlo was also passionate about technology and taught himself programming and web design. He created a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles around the world—a project that continues to evangelize today. I encouraged the children to use the internet and technology or social media to spread truth, beauty, and goodness.

I told the children and parents to learn from St. Carlo, who had a deep love for the Eucharist. He went to Mass daily and often spent time in Eucharistic adoration. He called the Eucharist his "highway to heaven." I asked the parents to take this program seriously and ensure their children learn about their faith by

asking them about it after they return from Religious Ed. I also encouraged parents to learn together with their children about Jesus and be a good example of faith for

them. Bring your children to church every Sunday so they can be closer to Jesus and put into practice what they have learned from Religious Education.

I'm sure many parents are willing to take their children to practice sports without hesitation because they want their children to do well. It is the same way with faith. We need to practice our faith by coming to worship God every Sunday and building a good relationship with



Jesus in the Eucharist.

We have a Family Mass on the first Sunday of the month at 11 AM and a Liturgy of the Word for children on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11 AM. I hope to see many children at these masses.

Let us ask St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlo Acutis to intercede for us, especially for our children, that they may follow the examples of these two saints and live a life of holiness in this modern world. Along with our new saints, please remember to ask our parish patron saint, St. Mother Theodore Guerin, to intercede for us for the growth of our parish (see page 9 of this bulletin).

May God bless you and your loved ones!

*In prayer,
Fr. Paul*



Stewardship

August 2025

Sunday Envelopes	\$22,299.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 9,292.13
Electronic giving	\$ 6,900.00
TOTAL:	\$38,491.13

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,
and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,
devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

Gospel:

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses
and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from
the dead.' (Lk 16:31)

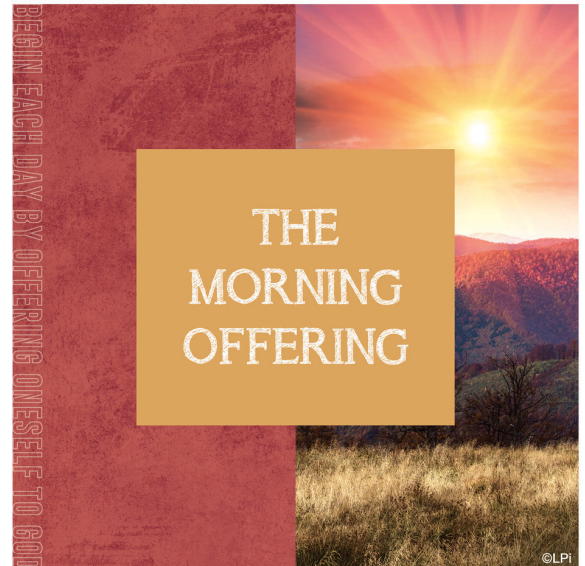
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The rich man had a chance, every day
of his life, to choose righteousness. But
righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He
discovered too late that the only time we
have to follow God is now. Here. This moment.
Will we take our chance?

Observances for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday:	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Tuesday:	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Saturday:	St. Francis of Assisi
Next Sunday:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

There are many variations of
the Morning Offering, but all
share the same purpose: to
begin each day by offering
oneself to God, along with
all the experiences, struggles
and blessings that the day will
bring.

Prayer for the Sick

For those in pain and in sorrow,
God be their comfort.
For caretakers and medical
staff, God give them grace.
Surround those afflicted with
Your love, care, and mercy, You
who are our healing and hope.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us.

Snow Days and Second Chances

Yesterday morning, my kids were playing outside in the snow, and I decided to take advantage of the quiet house to make a few important phone calls.

Fool. I forgot Murphy's Law of Parenting, which dictates that as soon as you dial a phone number, a bomb of irritation and neediness explodes within the heart of your loudest child. Sure enough, as soon as the person on the other end of the line picked up, my son was at the back door, whimpering loudly. Horror of horrors, he had snow in his boot.

I gestured to the phone. He whimpered more loudly. I mouthed and mimed threats. He threw his boot at me. I gave him The Look. He started to scream.

Well, needless to say, the phone call didn't go well, and my son's snow day was cut short. He begged for a second chance, but I explained to him that life doesn't always give you second chances. The phone call was over. Ruined. I couldn't get it back.

But that's when I remembered that moms have a superpower: creating second chances where none had existed before. So I told him that if he could be quiet while I made the rest of my calls, he could go back outside.

My son is young right now. I give him lots of second chances because second chances help him learn. Second chances are the training wheels of life.

I dread the day when the training wheels come off, and I can't save him from his bad decisions. I think every parent does.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us. It's because a truly endless supply of chances would strip us of our free will. It would deny us the right of being taken at our word — and God respects us too much to do that.

My son saved his snow day. It's a good reminder: take the second (and third and fourth) chance. Don't wait for the next one.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

Answer:

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have “endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life.” (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, “The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty.” (*AL*, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is “not a prize for the perfect,” but “a powerful medicine and nourishment” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday:

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday:

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday:

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday:

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday:

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/
Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday:

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: **“My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented” (Luke 16:25).**

Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— *Father John Muir*

“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’”

- Lk 16:25

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Amos is critical of the Israelites living in luxury while ignoring the social decay surrounding them. How can we avoid such insensitivity to the pain and suffering of others?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages Timothy to be a strong and faithful leader, focusing on the return of Jesus and the goal of eternal life. Who encourages you in your faith life?

Gospel:

Jesus forewarns the Pharisees about the great reversal in the afterlife awaiting the self-centered rich and the desperately poor. With whom could you be generous this week?



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Remember the Feast Day of St. Mother Theodore Guerin (St. Theodora)

Here is a timeline of St. Mother Theodore Guerin's life, from the website of the Sisters of Providence: spsmw.org.

From France to Indiana, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin (St. Theodora) lived an impactful life that still continues to inspire. She is remembered as a woman devoted to prayer, an educator, caregiver and leader. She was a champion of justice and was empathetic to those who suffered, inspiring the work of her Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods today.

You can visit Saint Mother Theodore's final resting place at the Shrine of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana.



October 2, 1798 Anne-Therese is born in France

From a young age she faced many challenges. Her trust in Providence—the protective care of God—helped her accomplish many things. After the tragic deaths of both her brothers and her father, young Anne-Therese spent many years taking care of her mother and sister. Her deep desire to serve God would have to wait.



1823 Sister St. Theodore

At the age of 25 her mother finally allowed her to follow her dream and devote her life entirely to God. Saint Mother Theodore entered religious life with the Sisters of Providence of Ruillé sur-Loir, France. It was around this time that she began having health issues that would plague her for the rest of her life. This did not deter her. As a new sister, Sister Saint Theodore Guerin was sent to various parishes in France where she taught, helped the poor and cared for the sick.

1840 Missionary to Indiana

When the bishop of Vincennes, Indiana requested sisters to come to the New World to help with the influx of Catholic immigrants, Saint Mother Theodore was thought to be the only woman who could undertake such a demanding mission. The journey was long and difficult. After traveling for nearly three months Saint Mother Theodore and her five companions arrived only to discover they were in the remote wilderness of Indiana known as Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. There was not a village or a house in sight. Life was not going to get any easier.

1841 Ministry and Expansion

Despite the obstacles, Saint Mother Theodore was able to open an academy for girls in less than a year. Once this was done she continued forward and established schools throughout Indiana and Eastern Illinois. She also opened two orphanages in Vincennes and a free pharmacy at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and Vincennes.

1856 Death of St. Mother Guerin

On May 14, 1856, Mother Theodore died at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and was buried there.

2006 Canonized a Saint

On October 15, 2006 at St. Peter's Square in Rome, Mother Theodore was canonized and received the title "Saint" from the Catholic Church. She is designated in the Vatican's official record as Saint Theodora.

Today

The legacy lives on. St. Mother Theodore Guerin's life and words continue to inspire thousands. You can visit St. Mother Theodore's final resting place at the Shrine of St. Mother Theodore Guerin at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. We have been a combined parish under St. Mother Guerin's patronship for 7 1/2 years. Her Feast Day is October 3.

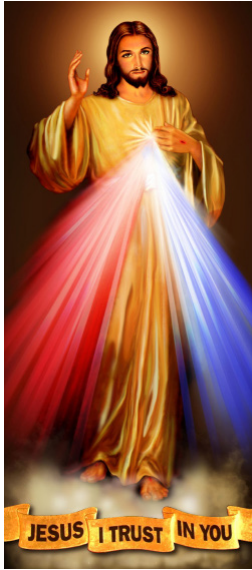


Religious Education and Mass on the Grass Pictures

On Saturday, September 13 we welcomed almost 200 students to Religious Education with a Mass and a chance to pick up their books, see their classrooms, and meet the catechists and their classmates. That afternoon the 4 PM Mass was held outdoors at St. Cyprian with a reception following.



Holy Hour October 3



A Holy Hour will take place at St. Celestine Church on Friday, October 3 at 3 PM.

A Divine Mercy Holy Hour takes place on the first Friday of each month at St. Celestine Church. Included are the Divine Mercy prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and time for quiet Adoration. The hour concludes with Benediction.

Please join us for this opportunity to pray in the presence of the Lord.

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 for more information.

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 or contact us at vocations@chicagomonk.org.



A Visit from the Archbishop of Milwaukee and His Mom



Archbishop Jeffrey Grob, now of Milwaukee, former pastor of St. Celestine before we became St. Mother Guerin, and his mom, Bonnie, had a quick visit at the Pastoral Center recently. It was wonderful to see them and we wish them well in Milwaukee.

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

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Women's Club Coat Drive



When: October 11–19
Where: St. Cyprian Cry Room and 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

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

Faithful Departed

Irma DiChristofano

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 28, 2025

Luke 16:19-31

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

IN PURPLE
TABLE
ANGELS
WATER
FLAMES
CHOSEN
PROPHETS

SUMPTUOUSLY
DIED
BURIED
COOL
MY CHILD
BROTHERS
REPENT

LAZARUS
CARRIED
ABRAHAM
MY TONGUE
COMFORTED
MOSES
RISE

MOSES and PROPHETS

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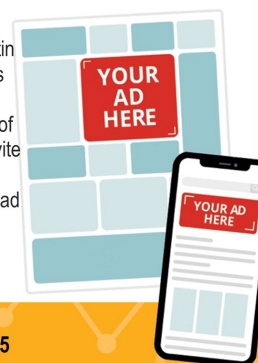
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B N E D I G T D E I D E
A A R S I U U R I S E R
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Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, September 28

8AM ST CEL Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast in the Gym

Tuesday, September 30

7 AM ST CEL Pilgrimage to Notre Dame

7 PM ST CYP Teen OCIA in the Rectory

Wednesday, October 1

6 PM ST CEL Troop Committee Meeting in the Lower Meeting Room

Thursday, October 2

4:30 PM ST CEL Troop 47943 in the Annex

4:30 PM ST CEL Troop 45703 in the Lower Meeting Room

6:30 PM ST CEL Boy Scouts Committee Meeting in the Lower Meeting Room

7 PM ST CYP OCIA in the Rectory

Friday, October 3

5:30 PM ST CEL Bingo in the Gym and Annex

Saturday, October 4

9:30 AM ST CEL Religious Education in the School

12 PM ST CYP Pet Blessing in the Parking Lot

1 PM ST CEL Pet Blessing in front of the 76th Court Church Entrance

Sunday, October 5

1:30 PM ST CEL Confirmation in the Church

Save the Dates!

- **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.

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.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, October 4

4 PM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Isaac M.

Diego M.

Beverly Parylak

Anna Petras

Ruben Monterroso

5 PM St. Celestine

Altar Server

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Macaria T.

Timothy Orr

Mary Joost

Barbara Miller

Pat Strabley

Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.

Mary Ann Dibari

Maria Mojek

Patricia Rinella

Sunday, October 5

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

TBA

Sandro Valdez

Minnie Reillo

Bill Lesch

Mary Kay Macchione

Larry Skelly

Ken Doyle

Michelle Doyle

9 AM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers

Lector

Eucharistic Minister

TBA

Valerie McCluskey

Tony Cannizzaro

11 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

TBA

Lynn Loftus

Debra DeSalvo

Sheila Klich

Alice Carella

Doti Geringer

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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30—8 PM; Friday 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30—5 PM
Saturday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM; Sunday closed



Holy Hour: First Friday of each month at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church.

Baptisms: To schedule, contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski at rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org or call 708-453-2555 x 5017. Baptisms take place at 12:30 PM on the second and fourth Sundays monthly at St. Celestine and the third Sunday of the month at St. Cyprian. Baptismal Prep classes take place on most first Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM at St. Cyprian; please call the office to sign up for the class.

Masses: See cover.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:30 PM at St. Cyprian and 4 PM at St. Celestine.

Weddings: Engaged couples are encouraged to call a year in advance of a preferred date. The couple must talk to Deacon Mike DeLarco before a wedding date can be reserved. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

Rosary: Second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the chapel at St. Celestine, after the 8 AM Mass Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at St. Celestine, at 7:30 AM before the 8 AM Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Cyprian.

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