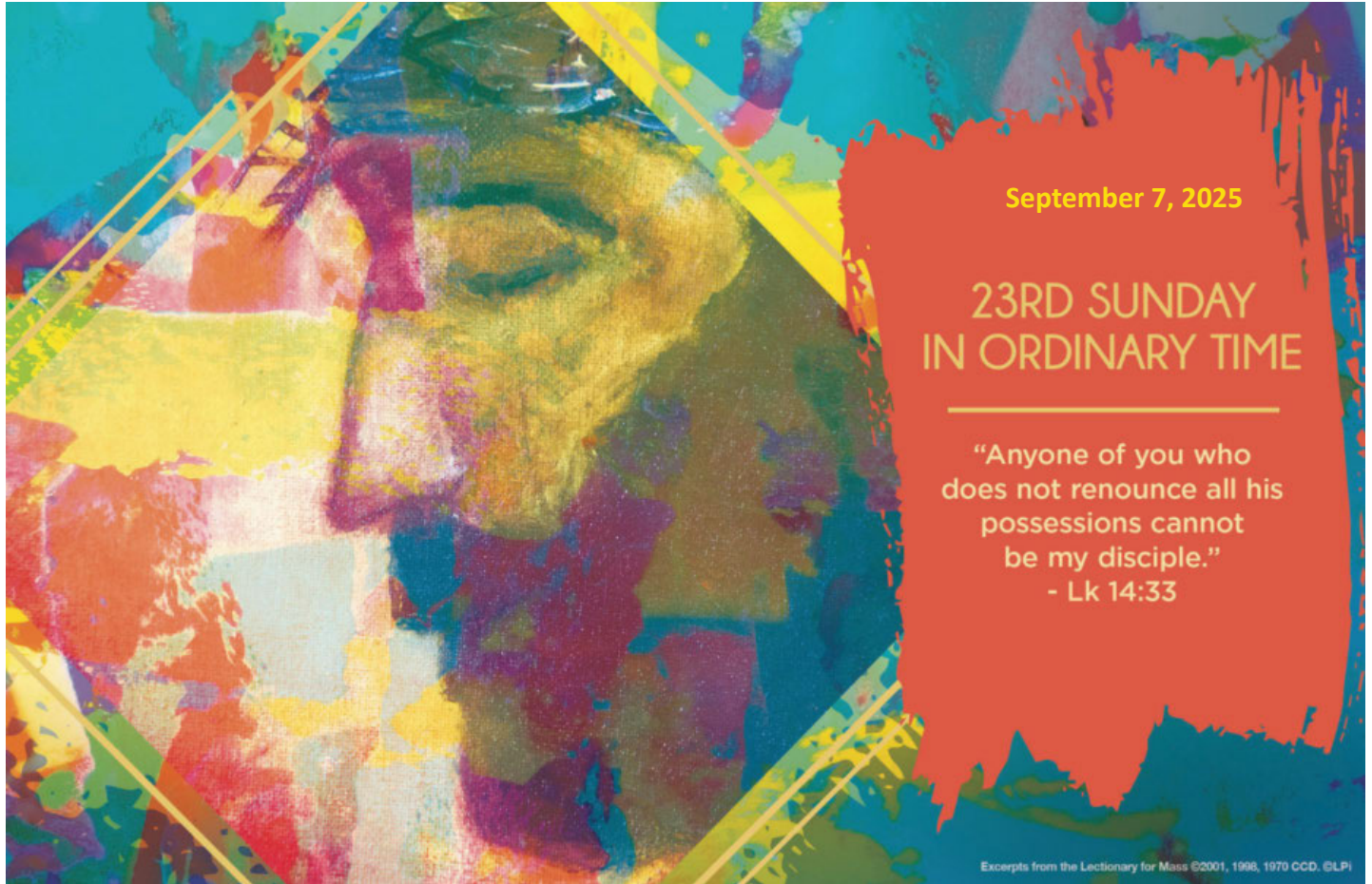




# ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

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**ST. CELESTINE CHURCH**  
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 6**

**4 PM ST. CYPRIAN**

+Phyllis Gossy

+Irene Neuenfeld

**5 PM ST. CELESTINE**

Deceased members of the Kucera

Family

+Linda Maibusch

**Sunday, September 7**

**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

+Pedro Guzman, Jr., Birthday

+Ann Marie Egan, Birthday

+Hubert Brand

+Teresa Milkowska

+Sophie and +Walter Sadlowski

Halina and +Henry Nowak

**Monday, September 8**

**8 AM ST. CELESTINE**

Karen Sala, Birthday

**Tuesday, September 9**

**8 AM ST. CYPRIAN**

Faithful Departed

**Wednesday, September 10**

**8 AM ST. CELESTINE**

+Fr. Bernard White

**Thursday, September 11**

**8 AM ST. CYPRIAN**

+Patrick Reilly

**Friday, September 12**

**8 AM ST. CELESTINE**

+Concetta Piraino

**Saturday, September 13**

**4 PM ST. CYPRIAN**

+Phyllis Gossy

+Craig Bastek

**5 PM ST. CELESTINE**

+Joseph and +Bette Wesol

+Louis and +Juliana DaPrato and

deceased members of

DaPrato Family

60th Anniversary of St. Celestine

Class of 1965

+Casimir (Casey) Czaja, Birthday

+Kathleen Kuroski

+Eugene Klich, 20th Anniversary

**Sunday, September 14**

**7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE**

People of the Parish

**9 AM ST. CYPRIAN**

+Irene Neuenfeld

+Andrea Trupiano

**11 AM ST. CELESTINE**

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk

+Frank Pudlo

+Zygmunt Ignaczuk

+Frank and +John Kucera

+Teresa Milkowska

## 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.



## 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).

Need help? Many services are provided by **Catholic Charities**. Call 312-655-7700 or go to [catholiccharities.net](http://catholiccharities.net).

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1-800-273-8255

Elder Abuse  
1-800-252-8966

[www.AddictionResource.net](http://www.AddictionResource.net)  
1-844-597-0006

## Bulletin Deadlines

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

**September 21** is due on Wednesday, September 10 at 9 AM

**September 28** is due on Wednesday, September 17 at 9 AM



### 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

**Mass on the Grass** Next Saturday at St. Cyprian, we will have mass outside on the grass behind the school building at 4 PM to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Cyprian. Light refreshment will follow after the mass. I would like to thank Jeanne Schnieder and Bevely Parylak and all those who help set up and organizing it. Please bring your chair and come to enjoy Mass on the Grass, and fellowship.

May God bless you and your loved ones!

*In prayer, Fr. Paul*

## Danny Hesslau to be Enrolled as Diaconate Candidate



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### Deacon Formation Program

#### Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders

Congratulations and blessings always!

After a year of prayer and discernment, Danny Hesslau will be enrolled by Bishop Robert Lombardo as a candidate for the diaconate through the Deacon Formation Programs of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake's School of Parish Leadership and Evangelization. The special liturgy will take place on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at USML's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception starting at 1:30 PM.

Candidacy is the first official recognition by the Church of the positive signs of his vocation to the diaconate, which must be confirmed in the next three years of formation—a period that includes spiritual formation and direction, theological reflection, pastoral ministry experiences, academic courses, human/personal development, field education, internships, and much more.

To get to this point in his formation,

Danny has journeyed through a one-year period of discernment called the Aspirant Stage that included prayer, a comprehensive course on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, days of reflection on the deacon's share in the bishop's ministries of Word, Liturgy and Charity, monthly spiritual direction, and retreats during which he prayed and reflected, with his family, over his possible call to Holy Orders.

His wife, Nina Hesslau, has also participated in the Aspirant Stage. Her goals were to learn more about the diaconate, and to discern whether she can continue to support her husband through the coming years of formation, and possibly as an ordained deacon. In fact, wives are required to write a letter to Cardinal Cupich that notes their free, informed consent to their husbands' moving to the Candidate Stage.

Overall, the diaconate is thriving in the Archdiocese of Chicago, with more than 500 active deacons. While

deacons are found in many parishes of the archdiocese, a frequently asked question is, "What is a deacon?"

With bishops and priests, deacons receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders. They are full-time ordained ministers living in the midst of the world, most often with full-time careers outside the Church. Deacons may baptize, proclaim the Gospel and preach, assist at the Eucharist, witness marriages, officiate at wakes and funeral services, preside at Benediction, minister at other liturgical/prayer gatherings, offer blessings, and more. These are functions most visible in the parish.

But a more important question is, "Who is the deacon?" The deacon is an emissary of the bishop, "the bishop's ear, mouth, heart and soul," as a Christian writer in the Patristic era described them. Once ordained, the deacon is assigned by the bishop to serve the people of God in whatever capacity is most needed by the Church, typically in the parish that helped him discern his diaconal vocation.

All are welcome to attend this Mass!

Please keep Danny, his wife Nina, all those in formation, and their families in your prayers that they might continue to answer God's call in their lives!



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. (Wis 9:18)

### Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

### Second Reading:

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,  
that you might have him back forever. (Phlm 1:15)

### Gospel:

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me  
cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:27)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Today, Jesus tells us the cost of true discipleship — and it turns out, it's everything. We must reject the world in order to love God. What attachments are holding us back from the relationship we could have — we *should* have — with our Lord?

## Observances for the week of September 7, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
<b>Monday:</b>	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Peter Claver, Priest
<b>Thursday:</b>	Patriot Day
<b>Friday:</b>	The Most Holy Name of Mary
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. John Crysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



## Devotions, *Explained!*

*Lectio divina* ("divine reading") is an ancient practice of praying through the reading of Scripture. It includes four steps: read (*lectio*), meditate (*meditatio*), pray (*oratio*) and contemplate (*contemplatio*).

## Prayer of Simplicity

Dear God,  
In my desire for You, take away anything that keeps me from knowing You, myself, or my mission here on earth. Help me to remember what is truly important, and to seek and treasure that.  
Amen.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** For someone who talks about love so much, it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

### How to Hate the Christian Way

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

It was a chair in my parents' foyer where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words "dumb," "stupid" or "hate." The rules in my house growing up were very clear. We don't call anyone stupid. We don't call anyone dumb. And we hate no one and nothing.

Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

For someone who talks about love so much — for whom love is a legacy and a commandment — it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

I'll let you guess which of the kids in my family spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair (Hi! It was me). But I didn't really think my sister was stupid, and I didn't really hate my brother. Those were just the words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden — maybe *because* they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings.

Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It's a word that gets people's attention. And I think what he wants to do today, more than anything, is get our attention. He wants to force us to consider the ways in which our attachments to this world — and even to other people — supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to radically evaluate what (and who) we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume.

It's a tough assignment, and we don't like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That's okay: hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What happens if someone drops a consecrated host?

### Answer:

Despite our best efforts, and this is as true in our liturgical celebrations as in all of life, accidents happen. Occasionally at Mass, a host may be dropped or some of the Precious Blood could even be spilled from the chalice, despite the best efforts of the priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion assisting at the liturgy.

So, when a host is dropped or the Precious Blood is spilled, we can take guidance from the U.S. Bishops' statement *Norms for the Distribution for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds*:

All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. Should there be any mishap — as when, for example, the consecrated wine is spilled from the chalice — then the affected "area . . . should be washed with water, and this water should be then poured into the sacrarium."

According to no. 280 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, the general rule is that a dropped host is picked up by the minister distributing Communion and reverently consumed. The minister should be careful to make sure that no other particles from the host remain on the ground. As we see in the instruction from the bishops, the Precious Blood would be absorbed (customarily with a purificator) and the area attentively and reverently washed with water which would then be disposed of properly. w



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

### Sunday:

Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17  
(1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

### Monday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

### Tuesday:

Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

### Wednesday:

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/  
Lk 6:20-26

### Thursday:

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Lk 6:27-38

### Friday:

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/  
Lk 6:39-42

### Saturday:

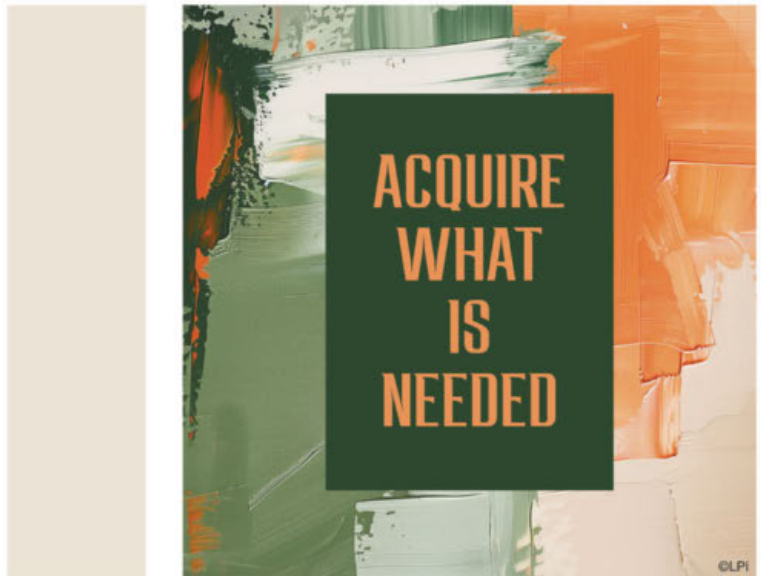
1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/  
Lk 6:43-49

### Next Sunday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,  
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— Father John Muir

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."  
- Lk 14:28, 33

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

The author of Wisdom teaches us that our limited understanding can be overcome by the gift of wisdom from God's Holy Spirit. Have you ever prayed for the gift of wisdom in discerning a difficult course of action?

### Second Reading:

Paul is asking Philemon to welcome back his runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ. Who do you consult when making difficult life decisions?

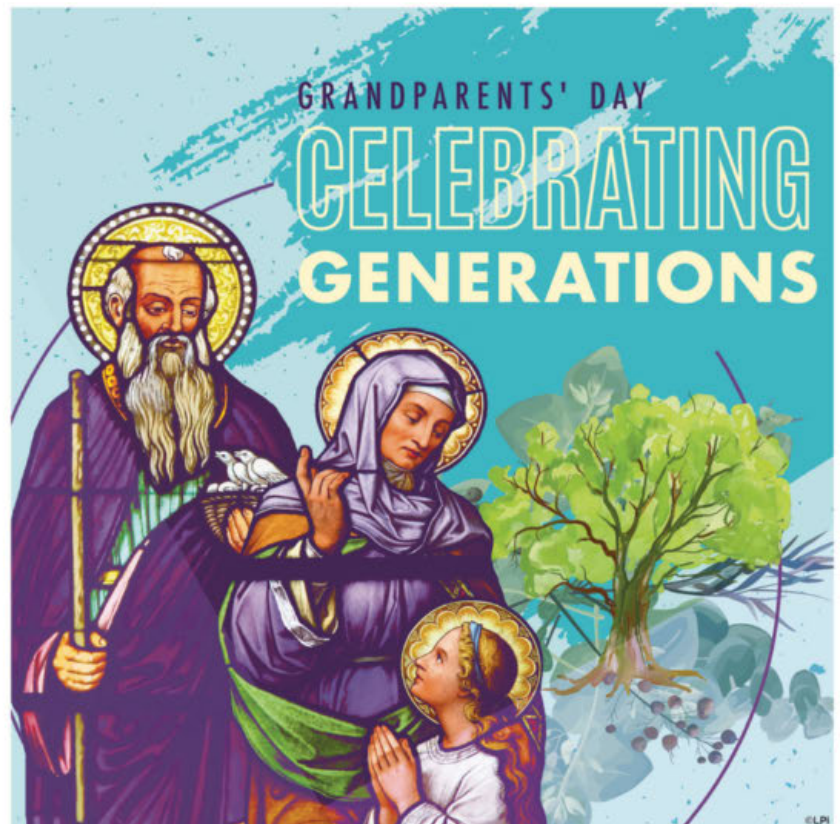
### Gospel:

Jesus challenges the crowds to weigh carefully the high cost of discipleship. What have you given up following Jesus?



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Daily, we hear heartbreaking stories of suffering from Gaza. So many innocent victims, including those who belong to Christian communities, face violence, dire living conditions, and hunger. Our Holy Father Pope Leo has said “Gaza is starving,” as he called for a cease fire. In a particular way, the faces of Gaza’s hungry children make an indelible impression on our hearts.

Perhaps we feel helpless to address this complex story that involves international players. There is, however, a pathway for us to respond. Two very reliable agencies of the Catholic Church are already there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded. They are the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

On the weekend of September 6-7, the parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago will take up a special collection that will be promptly forwarded to CNEWA and CRS.

Whatever you can give will go far to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. I know the compassion and generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In the name of all those who will benefit from your support, I thank you.

Finally, let us pray urgently for the gift of peace in our wounded world, a peace which only the Lord can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago





Join us for an outdoor Mass (weather permitting) on Saturday, September 13 at 4 PM at St. Cyprian. Please bring your own lawn chair.

## Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion.

The retreat is a chance to get away from the daily pressure of work and family, to focus on a painful time in life, and to begin healing through a supportive and non-judgmental process. Many preconceived fears of condemnation are transformed into blessings; memories of abandonment, pain, and confusion are replaced by reconciliation, grace and peace. Spiritual exercises focusing on God's forgiveness, compassion, and mercy are shared through psychological exercises that help participants work through repressed grief and anger that may exist. The retreat concludes with a Memorial Service. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into love and hope. Retreat Date: October 17—19, 2025 at Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Center at Sisters of Mt. Assisi in Lemont, Illinois. For more information, visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

## Queen of Hearts

Are you interested in restarting the Queen of Hearts raffle for St. Celestine School? Come to a planning meeting Wednesday, September 17 at 7 PM at St. Celestine School.

## From Craig Kamptner, Our Music Director

DO YOU LIKE TO SING? HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING THE PARISH CHOIR? Come, join your fellow singers! Rehearsals are once a week on Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM. No experience needed—just a joyful heart.

- **POSITIONS OPEN:** Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass.
- **PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS:** Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the church. Must have sufficient vision to see the Director ten feet away.
- **EXPERIENCE:** No application accepted from any person who has not sung, hummed, or whistled in the tub or shower.
- **WAGES:** Satisfaction and joy in God's service.
- **FRINGE BENEFITS:** Social security, we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.
- **HOURS:** Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities (at above mentioned wages)
- **VACATIONS:** Missed rehearsals and church services are primarily a matter of conscience and ability to return the glares of the Director will be overlooked.
- **RETIREMENT:** No particular age, but.... It is generally determined by prayer, printed notes getting too small, notes too high, church too hot (or cold) or organist unable to play the notes you sing.
- **REHEARSALS:** Once a week. One Wednesday off in a month with a few more free Wednesdays off throughout the season.
- **APPLY:** By attending next rehearsal. First rehearsal will be September 17 from 6:30—7:45 PM in the Music Room.



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**7:00 pm Concert**  
**September 25, 2025**

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## 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.

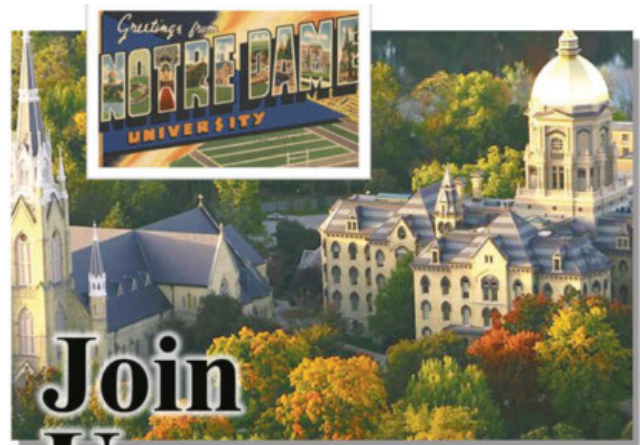
### WHO IS THE OCIA INTENDED FOR?

- 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.

## Notre Dame Pilgrimage



**Join Us** Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

**\$50** Bus Fee

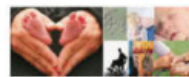
7am returning Early Evening

- ✦ Leave St. Celestine Church at 7 AM
- ✦ The Tour is a 1 ½ mile walk around the Campus
- ✦ Celebration Mass with Father Paul
- ✦ Lunch Stop at a local restaurant

We hope you are able to join us.

A sign-up sheet is located at the Parish Office.

*A non-refundable payment is due at the time of registration*



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## Pray the Rosary

with Lena Roy in the Chapel at St. Celestine on  
Wednesday, September 10 at 7 PM

## Memorial Gardens

Have you seen the beautiful Memorial Gardens at St. Celestine on 76th Court? There is one for our deceased love ones right next to the Pastoral Center and one for our pets who are no longer with us under the trees by the church sign. If you would like a stone hand-lettered with the name of your loved one on it, please drop a note in the collection basket or call or come into the parish office at 3020 N. 76th Ct. and one will be made for you. The suggested donation is \$10. Thanks to the Maraviglia family so making this garden so beautiful!



## St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

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## Pray for Them

### Sick

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

### Faithful Departed

Susan Shotsberger

### 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
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Gospel for September 7, 2025

Luke 14:25-33

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

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LEAVING  
WIFE  
CANNOT  
CARRY  
BUILD  
PEACE

TRAVELING  
MOTHER  
CHILDREN  
MY DISCIPLE  
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THOUSAND  
GIVE UP

COMES TO ME  
PARENTS  
SISTERS  
WHOEVER  
SIT DOWN  
TWENTY  
RENOUNCE

### RENOUNCE

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N E A A L S N A O D E E
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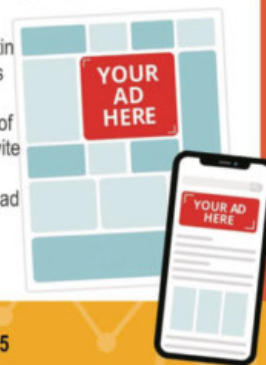
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## Parish Weekly Events

### Saturday, September 6

4 PM ST CEL The Parish Taste

### Monday, September 8

5:30 PM ST CEL Troop 47130 in the Annex

6 PM ST CEL Lion, Tiger, and Wolf meetings in the Lower Meeting Room

### Tuesday, September 9

6:30 PM ST CEL Knights of Columbus in the Annex

7 PM ST CEL Athletic Committee in the Lower Meeting Room

### Wednesday, September 10

8 AM ST CEL Book Fair in the Gym and Annex

6 PM ST CEL Boy Scouts in the Lower Meeting Room

7 PM ST CEL Book Fair in the Gym and Annex

7 PM ST CEL Rosary in the Chapel

### Thursday, September 11

3 PM ST CEL Troop 47441 in the Annex

4 PM ST CEL Food Pantry

5 PM ST CEL Troop 47362

6:30 PM ST CEL Good Grief in the Fireside Room

### Saturday, September 13

9:30 AM ST CEL Religious Education in the Church and School

4 PM ST CYP Mass on the Grass

## Save the Dates!

- **Religious Ed** begins Saturday, September 13 at St. Celestine
- **Mass on the Grass** Saturday, September 13 at 4 PM at St. Cyprian
- **Golden Wedding Mass** Sunday, September 14 at 2:30 PM at Holy Name Cathedral
- **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.

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, September 13

#### 4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider

Altar Servers

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Paul Cao

Isaac M.

Diego M.

John F. Madden

Anna Petras

Ruben Monterroso

#### 5 PM St. Celestine

Presider

Altar Servers

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Stan Ilo

TBA

Betty Blonski

Ann Giannini

Pat Strabley

Bob Mitchell, O.F.S.

Carol Gutkowski

Patricia Rinella

Bob Broz

Barbara Miller

### Sunday, September 14

#### 7:30 AM St. Celestine

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Altar Servers

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Paul Cao

Jazmin G.

Yasleen G.

Timothy Orr

Minnie Reillo

Tina Krzysko

Maria Mojek

Florence Smith

Mary Kay Macchione

Lerry Skelly

#### 9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider

Altar Servers

Fr. Ron Navoy

David D.

Marco D

Matthew D.

Lector

Eucharistic Minister

Bonnie Billa

Daniel LaCour

#### 11 AM St. Celestine

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Lector

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**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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