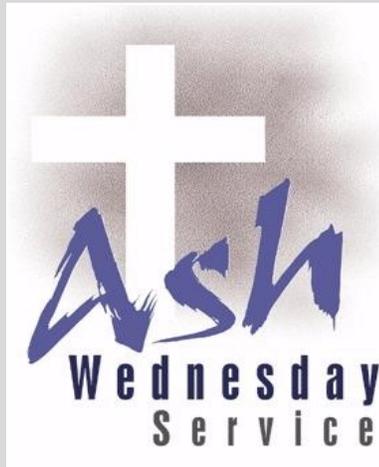


# St. Alexander Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026

The Palos Catholic



## DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

**Masses: 8:30AM & 7:00PM**

**Liturgy of the Word: 4:30PM**

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.**

**Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.**

## St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

### Parish Administrative Center

7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463

Phone: 708-448-4861

Pastor: ..... Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227  
Associate Pastor: ..... Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223  
Deacons: ..... Jim Horton, Michael Ciciura, Fran Pendergast  
Director Parish Home & Health Ministry: Jim Horton ext. 232  
Operations Manager: ..... Paula Somers ext. 233  
Director of Music: ..... Matthew Berardi ext. 224  
Youth Minister: ..... Tyler Ried—708- 448-6624  
Athletic Director ..... Michael Kennedy  
Parish E-Mail: ..... alchurch1@comcast.net  
St. Alexander on the Web: ..... www.stalexanderpalos.org

### St. Alexander School

7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463

Phone: 708-448-0408 Fax: 708-448-5947

Principal: ..... Sharon O'Toole  
Administrative Assistant: ..... Mary Ann Pellicore  
School Web: ..... www.stalexanderschool.com  
School E-Mail: ..... info@stalexanderschool.com

### Religious Education Office

7025 W. 126th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463

Phone: 708-448-6624

Coordinator of Religious Education: ..... Tyler Ried  
Religious Ed. E-Mail: ..... tried@archchicago.org  
Knights of Columbus: ..... 708-448-4861 ext. 400  
Knight of Columbus on the Web: ..... www.kofc14057.org

## Spreading the Holy Fire

### *Celebrating Christ Risen from the Dead through the 7 Sacraments*

#### SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

##### BAPTISM

###### *Celebration of Entrance into Christ's Church*

You should be a registered parishioner of St. Alexander, or willing to register and join our Faith Community. Relatives of St. Alexander parishioners are also welcome.

At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic. The other must be a Christian. Parents must register for a class on Baptism **BEFORE** your baby is baptized. Archdiocesan required classes are held once a month, usually on the first Tuesday of the month, and facilitated by trained parishioners.

**Baptism contact Joan DeVito 448-4861 ext. 237**

##### CONFIRMATION

###### *Celebration of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

This Sacrament is normally celebrated in 8th Grade and is a 2 year program of preparation.

**Confirmation Contacts:**

**Tyler Ried - Religious Education 448-6624**

**Sharon O'Toole - School 448-0408**

The Archdiocese also offers classes for adults wishing to receive Confirmation. **Adult Confirmation Contact -**

**Fr. Martin Michniewicz 448-4861**

##### OCIA *Celebration of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*

This process is for adults who would like to join the Roman Catholic Church and have never been Baptized, or were Baptized in another Christian denomination. There is also a process for children (OCIC) and teens (OCIT).

**OCIA/OCIC/OCIT contact - Fr. Martin Michniewicz 448-4861**

#### EUCCHARIST

##### *Celebration of Sharing Fully at Christ's Altar of Sacrifice & Communion with Jesus and His Church*

##### Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass)

Sunday Vigil: 5:00 PM (Saturday)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM, & 6:00 PM

Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM

Saturday Morning: 8:00 AM

First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 AM Mass

Holy Day: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

##### Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

On the 1st Wednesday of the month

6:00-7:00PM in the Church

#### SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

##### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

###### *Celebration of God's Restorative Love & Forgiveness*

Sacrament offers strength to the living. If someone becomes seriously ill, please call the Parish Administrative Center. Ministers of Care are available to bring Holy Communion and/or visit with the sick and homebound.

Also every 1st Saturday after the 5:00 PM Mass

##### RECONCILIATION

###### *Celebration of God's Forgiveness through Personal Confession*

Saturday Morning: 8:30 AM (until all are heard)

Saturday Evening: after the 5:00 PM Mass

Other Times by Appointment

#### SACRAMENTS OF COMMITMENT

##### MATRIMONY

###### *Celebration of God's Blessings on the Loving Union between Man and Woman*

Please call the Parish Administration Center at least 4 months in advance of your wedding. Pre-Cana for engaged couples is required by the Archdiocese.

**Matrimony Contact:**

**Fr. Martin Michniewicz or Fr Colm Mitchell 708-448-4861**

##### HOLY ORDERS

###### *Celebration of Ordained Service to the Church*

The three offices of the Sacrament of Holy Orders are bishop, priest and deacon. All three are conferred by the sacramental act called "ordination."

**Priesthood Contact - Fr. Michniewicz 448-4861 ext. 227**

**Fr. Colm Mitchell 448-4861 ext. 223**

**Archdiocese of Chicago Vocation Director:**

**Rev. Timothy Monahan 312-534-8298**



## FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As we look at our calendars, we realize that Ash Wednesday is a mere three days away. During the season of Lent, we are all called as Christians to take a personal inventory of our spiritual and everyday lives. It is time to ask ourselves many questions.

- Where is my relationship with God?
- Do I live out the Gospel of love for my family each day?
- Do I forgive those who offended me or do I hold grudges?
- Am I prejudice against people with different colored skin and backgrounds?
- Do I try to correct the sins in my life or do I accept them and continue to make the same mistakes?

Traditionally, many Catholics have always seen Lent as a time to abstain and “give up” things; sweets, television programs, movies and other pleasurable activities. This behavior is fine, but we must remember that Lent is a call to action, a time to improve our lives by living more in tune with the Gospel. It is a time to erase hate and sin with acts of charity, compassion, forgiveness and love. I pray that all of us collectively as a parish community accept our Lord’s challenge and make a commitment to improve our daily and spiritual lives.

During this prayerful season of Lent, remember our daily Mass schedule of 8:30AM, Monday thru Friday, and 8:00AM on Saturday. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Friday during Lent at 7:00PM. You can find our Ash Wednesday schedule on the cover of today’s bulletin.

Once again I ask you to please purchase and return your tickets for this year’s annual raffle at the parish office, in the collection basket, or through the mail. Proceeds from this raffle will be of great assistance to our parish, school, R.E. program and other parish ministries. The raffle will be held the evening of Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, the night of our Irish/St. Patrick’s Day party. Please know couples and singles, old and young (over 21), parishioners and non-parishioners, are all welcome to attend. The evening will be fun for all and will also be a great way to enjoy some time with friends and fellow parishioners. More information is on page twelve of this bulletin.

This past Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, St. Alexander’s eighth grade school, Religious Education Program, and Polish school children, received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by our local vicar Bishop Robert Fedek. Our young adults have worked very hard, attended a retreat, performed service hours, and have truly grown in their faith. Please keep them in your prayers as they grow in faith and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit throughout their lives.

God Bless,  
Father Marty

### St Vincent de Paul & Knights of Columbus FOOD COLLECTION

Please donate to our ongoing food collection for St. Blase. Donations should be placed on the bench across from the SAVE room. Thank you for your generosity!

**NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE!**

### Blessing of Love

Heavenly Father, Ignite us with Your love.  
Reveal to us Your will, guide us in Your path.  
Pour Your blessings upon us,  
You who are the giver of every good thing.  
Help us to live, work, act, and speak  
in ways that bring honor and glory to You. Amen.



We ask you to remember and pray for the souls of the faithful departed. May they forever rest in the Lord's peace. We especially pray for:

**Barbara Czajkowski**, mother of Rhonda Kruse  
**Annie Nitti**, daughter of Gloria & Paul



On Sunday, February 1, 2026, **Henry Steven Bergquist**, son of Brian & Amanda, was baptized by Fr. Martin Michniewicz.

We welcome him into the family of the church and offer his parents our prayers and good wishes.

We have been created for greater things.  
 Not just to be a number in the world,  
 not just to go for diplomas and degrees.  
 This work and that work. We have been  
 created to love and to be loved.



### Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick

As the faith family of St. Alexander, we unite with one another to pray for those who need healing of their body, mind or spirit. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join in prayer for:

Lisa Krisik	Elizabeth Hannan Hurley
Jerry Lynn McCall	Joseph Viliunas
Denise Jandura	Rich Jandura

If you or anyone in your family would like to be added to our *Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick* please contact the Parish Administrative Office by noon on Friday.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK February 16-22, 2026

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/  
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/  
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and  
17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/  
Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/  
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/  
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**WELCOME TO ST. ALEXANDER!**

We extend a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors who have graced us with their presence at today's liturgy. We hope that you feel at home here; please let us know if we can be of any assistance while you are with us.

**ST. ALEXANDER PARISH  
COMMUNITY DINNER**



**TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 17<sup>H</sup>**

Join parishioners for dinner and fellowship. Community Dinner's are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in our Parish Center.

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**



Anyone interested in bringing up the Offertory Gifts at a Mass, please let the ushers know a week in advance or you can ask when you arrive if they have someone.

**Home Bound or Ill?**

If you, or someone you know, are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion in their home, please call Deacon Jim Horton or Deacon Fran Pendergast at 708-448-4861.

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**St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship**

**Monthly Meeting Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Lounge — 11:30AM**  
*(use lounge doors on the south end of building)*



**Start out 2026 with Pizza and Bingo!**  
We will be collecting membership dues of \$25



You can also fill out the form below and return it in the Sunday collection basket with your \$25 dues

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

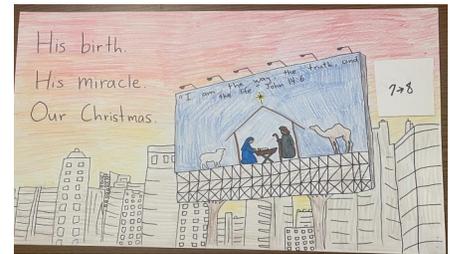
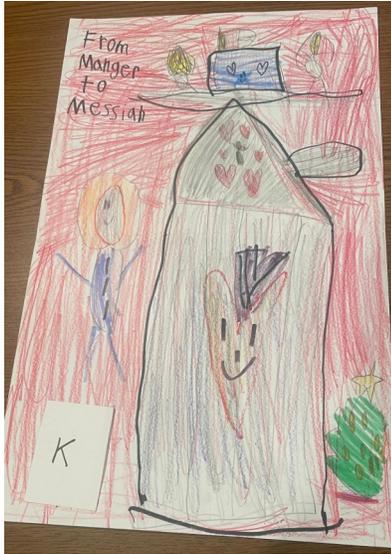
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### Knights of Columbus Aspire to Keep Christ in Christmas

This past Christmas season, the Knights of Columbus—together with Mrs. Meza, our school’s art instructor—invited all students from kindergarten through eighth grade to create artwork in the form of a poster reflecting the theme “Keep Christ in Christmas.” It was clear that every student put great care, thought, and time into their posters.

This year, our St. Alexander Council awarded a medal to one student in each grade for the best poster in their class. In addition, five students received medals for being the top winners in their respective age brackets, as determined by the Supreme Council. These five students now have the opportunity to advance through multiple levels of judging: council, district, regional, national, and even international.

The five photos below showcase the posters selected to move forward in the competition. The notes on the posters indicate the grade level of the artist.





# ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Our 7th graders are thinking like engineers as they design, build, and test high-energy roller coasters that bring the laws of motion and energy to life through creativity and problem-solving!



# For Your Lenten Journey

## WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

—excerpt from USCCB  
“What Is Lent?”



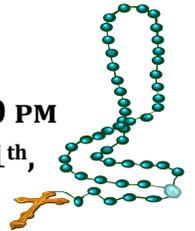
## SOUP & ROSARY NIGHTS

During Lent we encourage families to teach their children that fasting and prayer can make unimaginable changes. Make a change and add something to your life you wouldn't normally do. We look forward to sharing a meal with you but more importantly, we look forward to praying with you. We meet every Wednesday evening during Lent.

**ST. ALEXANDER PARISH  
ROOM 311/312**

**Wednesday Nights 6:00-7:00 PM**

**February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>,  
18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & April 1**



For additional information please contact  
Kathy Yerkes at (708) 704-3259

\* Soup provided by Country House Restaurant

# LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



### Fasting

Ash Wednesday  
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

### Abstinence

Every Friday  
during Lent

Ages 14+

### How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

### Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).



## Stations of the Cross Every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 PM

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years old and older on all Fridays of Lent.

The Paschal Fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and is encouraged to continue until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday Night). This special fast is to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

When fasting, a person may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

## CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT

Many families will keep a copy of this bulletin, as a reminder of this special day of Confirmation with their child's name posted. We use this as an opportunity to remind those newly confirmed to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are the leaders of society in the not too distant future. The years of high school and college pass quickly. Like the seeds that lie motionless in fertile ground, germinating, cracking open their shell, so too, these next eight years are the years for your faith to germinate and grow. Stay close to Christ. Stay close to your faith. We are united in helping you to be the best version of yourself with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help you be good leaders of our future. You have received a blessing from God, now be a blessing from God to all whom you meet.



# CONFIRMATION 2026

## Bishop Robert Fedek



Jenna Anderson	Evelyn Dabrowski	Madelyn Kennedy	Lucia Smith
Caitlin Augustyn	Jackson Doorhy	Izabella Knych	Gabriel Suchinski
Brianna Bettinardi	Eleanor Doyle	Mikaela Kuehn	Brian Szwab
Beatrice Bizzieri	Elle Enright	Isabela Maciol	Audrey Tylka
Laura Brinkis	Abigail Guevara	Elena Nowobilski	Cecilia Weston
Addison Brown	Alexander Gurczak	Lucas Paolicchi	Alexander Woods
Lukas Burcheri	Jacob Hach	Alyssa Ramirez	Juliana Zagata
Robert Carroll	Nolan Hobart	Andre Ramos	Marek Zarotynski
Isaac Castro	Emmett Hughes	Gavin Reed	
Maeve Coffey	Matthew Kadamus	Noah Schwartz	

The family of St. Alexander hopes and prays that the gift of the Holy Spirit will guide you. May you also continue to develop and deepen your relationship with the Lord and the Christian community in years to come. Congratulations and God Bless.



## Pilgrimage

The app for your Catholic journey

**Do you attend Mass regularly, but crave something more?**

Using the new Pilgrimage app, you can journey through Scripture with friends, and your group. Your group will have access to a message board, which enables you to ask questions, start discussions, share content and connect with fellow group members, all from within the app. Learn more: [www.pilgrimage.americanbible.org/](http://www.pilgrimage.americanbible.org/)

**Dear Parishioners of St. Alexander - Greetings!**

Now that Lent has begun, we want to share with you that we, Sisters of Mercy, have been the recipient of some 20 boxes of new spiritual and other books from our now closed religious bookstore in California.

For anyone interested in your own, or others, spiritual and faith growth you are asked to consider purchasing one or more of these books for yourself or as a gift for another.

Books range in price from \$1.00 to \$10.00 at most and payment can be made in one of two ways: Cash or check made out to "Chicago Area Associates." Proceeds will be used for the Sisters of Mercy many ministries for those in most need.

Some of these are: Mercy Focus on Haiti, Mercy Beyond Borders, Mercy Housing, Catherine's Caring Cause for Migrants, Mother McAuley High School, Saint Xavier University

Sale of books will be after Masses on February 21st and 22nd. If invited, we can also come to other parish group meetings. If you have any questions, please call Sister Carol Mucha at 708-297-4232 or 773-253-3713. You may email at [cmucharm5@gmail.com](mailto:cmucharm5@gmail.com).

Thank you kindly,

Sister Carol Mucha, RSM and Mercy Associates

**Low-Gluten Hosts**

At the 9:30AM Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Communion will be available with low-gluten hosts. The Extraordinary Minister will be located at the entrance of the ramp which leads to the sanctuary on the side where the statue of our Blessed Virgin is presented.

**LEGACY PLANNING**

Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish when you update your estate plans. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations.

Prepare or update your will or trust today by contacting an attorney. For sample bequest language, contact Fr. Marty at 708-448-4861.

**ST. ALEXANDER ANNUAL PARISH & SCHOOL****GRAND RAFFLE****\$20 RAFFLE TICKET**

GRAND PRIZE	\$5,000
1ST PRIZE	\$2,500
2ND PRIZE	\$ 500

**\$50 RAFFLE TICKET**

GRAND PRIZE	\$15,000
1ST PRIZE	\$ 7,500
2ND PRIZE	\$ 1,500

**TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN ON MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>  
WINNERS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE**

**WORD OF LIFE**

“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”



**SUNDAY SALE HOURS**  
**10:15-11:30AM**

SAVE orders may also be brought to the Parish Administrative Center. Orders dropped off by 5:00PM on Wednesday are available for pick-up Thursday after Noon at the PAC. They may also be picked up during sale hours in the SAVE room on Sunday.

**MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If any parish ministry or organization would like to have an announcement made at Mass we ask that you please have the information to the office by noon on Friday. This allows us to compile the books we need for weekend liturgies by the end of Friday. Also, please limit announcements to one or two sentences.

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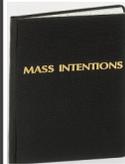
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**MERCY HOME SUNDAY MASS**  
**9:30AM on WGN-TV Channel 9**



Contact the parish office if you would like to have a Mass intention for 2026. Please note that Mass intentions are not just for the deceased but for anyone you would like to include in prayer.

**2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

**Together we bring light**

Many families in our parish should have received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries of the parishes and school's that receive funding from the appeal, we thank you for your gifts. The Annual Catholic appeal offers us opportunity to join with others and affirm that "together we bring light". Envelopes will be on the back tables for anyone who didn't receive a mailer and would like to give.

**Prayer to Begin the Day**

Lord God, may everything we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your help, so that all of our work today will bring us closer to you. Guide us in our work today, that we may do it not for ourselves alone, but for the common good of all. We ask this in your name. Amen.

**FLOSSMOOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL**

Please join the 40 Days for Life vigil at Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor on any day from Feb 18th through March 29th. Choose any hour from 7am to 6pm (ending at 7pm) for prayer on site at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Flossmoor IL at 19831 S. Governors Highway. Public parking is available 1/2 block north of the Planned Parenthood site on 198th St. which goes west from Governors Hwy, or along the alley that runs east from Governor's Hwy behind the Vollmer Road strip mall (parking spots facing Planned Parenthood). Thursday is a known abortion day. St. George parishioners will target 10-11am on each Thursday from Feb 19th through March 26th.

This vigil is part of the national call for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion running from Feb 18th through March 29th and is one of over 650 in 30 nations. During these 40 days, please make an extra effort to pray and fast for the end of abortion in our nation You can schedule your vigil time at [40daysforlife.com/en/flossmoor/](http://40daysforlife.com/en/flossmoor/)

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

**Saturday, February 21st**

5:00 PM— Sharon Mundo, Mary Ceebin, Rosemary Dziuba

**Sunday, February 22nd**

7:30 AM— Susan Murphy, Betty Chwierut, Karen McNeal

9:30 AM— Dorothy McCluskey, Wendy Loftus, Nancy Dougherty, Pat Karrasch (LG)

11:30 AM— Val Thoma, Patricia Klaus, Joan Obiala  
 6:00 PM—



**READERS**

**Saturday, February 21st**

5:00 PM— Linda Buchanan

**Sunday, February 22nd**

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Rich Cruz, Melissa Duckett

11:30 AM— Joan DeVito

6:00 PM— James Clark



**TIPS FOR TALKING TO YOUR TEEN ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**

1. Encourage open and honest reflection.
2. Be sensitive and firm but respect difference of opinion.
3. Be considerate of your teen's development into a young adult.
4. Understand teen's pressures; help think through the situation.
5. Take a clear stand.
6. Make most of "teachable moments" using friend's experience, social media, or movies to discuss healthy relationships
7. Discuss how to be an "upstander" when he/she observes negative behavior.
8. Accentuate the positive; talk about attributes of "good" dating.
9. Be active in teen's life. Find ways to spend time together.
10. Be prepared to make mistakes; stay committed!



The Respect Challenge  
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## Mass Intentions For The Week

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 15, 2026

#### Saturday, February 14th

5:00 PM— Dale Yukich  
Paul Lunter  
Ralph Dziuba  
Nancy Lukasik  
Florence Jastrzebowski  
Ken & Eleanore Reilly  
Mickey Havel

#### Sunday, February 15th

7:30 AM— Judy McCarthy  
Evelyn Hurley  
Irene Brajner  
Johanna Hoban  
Chet & Tom Chwierut  
John & Mary McAleer  
Colleen J. Nix

9:30 AM— Manuel T. Juarez  
Raymond & Marion Hunt  
Helen Wann  
Mary Foscett  
Ed Fioretti  
William Gibbons  
Don & Mary Tadda  
Carol & Steve Stefan

11:30 AM— Tony Romeo  
Tom Scanlon  
Paul Lunter  
Mary Ann Carroll  
Michael Belczak  
Charles & Loretta Klimkiewicz—60th  
Wedding Anniversary

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

#### Monday, February 16th

8:30 AM— Susan Carroll  
Colleen J. Nix  
Sr. Maria Goretti Domovich, SSFCR  
Dorothy Janik  
Sean Hanlin—Healing Ingention

#### Tuesday, February 17th (*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*)

8:30 AM— Irene Foster  
Colleen J Nix  
Jennifer Aparo  
Lisa & Alex Liceaga & Family  
Richard Nowak

#### Wednesday, February 18th (*Ash Wednesday*)

8:30 AM— Joseph Wolf  
Dale Musgrave  
Fr. Leo Lyons—16th Anniversary  
Colleen J. Nix  
Nancy Lukasik  
Dale Yukich  
Mary & John Stephens  
Chet & Tom Chwierut  
Don & Mary Tadda

7:00 PM— Special Intention

#### Thursday, February 19th

8:30 AM— Natalia Slipkevych  
Colleen J. Nix  
Diane & Ray Martinez & Family

#### Friday, February 20th

8:30 AM— Patricia Hayes  
Eleanor O'Neil  
Colleen J. Nix

#### Saturday, February 21st (*St. Peter Damian*)

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Chet & Tom Chwierut  
Michael & Darllae Macey & Family  
Special Intention—Birthday Blessing

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 22, 2026

#### Saturday, February 21st

5:00 PM— Janeen Feldner-Pikula—1st Anniversary  
Dale Yukich  
Annie, Marty, Joe Broderick & Family  
Vickie Liebegott  
Carol Ann Stefan  
David Carlig

#### Sunday, February 22nd

7:30 AM— Irene Brajner  
Colleen J. Nix  
Chet & Tom Chwierut  
Robert Barth  
Virgil Bennett  
Steven Plescher

9:30 AM— Maurice D .McClure—1st Anniversary  
Raymond & Marion Hunt  
Don & Mary Tadda  
Tom & Kathleen Walsh  
Mary Ann Swanson  
Nancy Lukasik  
Joan & Dan Bagniewski  
Kevin & Jane Byrne  
William Korda

11:30 AM— Tom Scanlon  
Paul Lunter  
Susan Gildea

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners



### ST. ALEXANDER PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you know someone who needs to be remembered? Do you have a relative, friend or neighbor who needs to know someone is praying for them?

We have a gift for you. St. Alexander's Prayer Shawl Ministry has handmade shawls and blankets that have been blessed, and are available to anyone who needs them. You just need to pick them up. They are available to all parishioners at the Parish Administrative Center during normal business hours.