

St. Alexander Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2025

The Palos Catholic



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you who are now
hungry, for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now
weeping, for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

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

Phone: 708-448-4861

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Pastor: Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227

Associate Pastor: Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223

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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

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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,

I ask that all people please read the enclosed brochure in today's bulletin regarding next week's 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. The brochure includes a short letter from Cardinal Cupich reminding us the importance of "Together we bring hope". It also explains how the monies collected from this campaign serves the many needs of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please pray this week over how generous you can be as you hopefully pledge next week at Masses on Commitment Sunday for the campaign. Please remember that each parish in the archdiocese must run this campaign and has a set goal of how much they should raise. I thank you for all you have given in the past to the Appeal and let us pray we once again as a parish meet our goal.

This campaign helps to fund many agencies in the Archdiocese of Chicago. As I have stated in the past, many times we here at St. Alexander parish have needed the expertise of the people who minister in these departments. For example, quite often I have called the Office of Divine Worship when I have had questions regarding liturgy. I also have needed the services of the office of real estate and the lawyers the archdiocese employs when we have sold properties and have other questions of legality. These are just a few examples of how this campaign affects our parish.

As I remind our generous parishioners every year it was through the Annual Catholic Appeal and your generosity that we eliminated our \$3.5 million debt we had in 2010. The Appeal matched every dollar we raised and were made solvent. We all know there are other parishes presently in need and your generosity to this campaign will hopefully help them in their times of struggle. We at St. Alexander do not stand alone, we are part of the Archdiocese of Chicago which represents collectively The Body of Christ.

This coming Wednesday, St. Alexander's eighth grade school, Religious Education Program, and Polish school children will be receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our young adults have worked very hard, attended a retreat, performed service hours, and have truly grown in their faith. Please keep them all in your prayers this week as they anticipate their Confirmation administered by Bishop Robert Lombardo.

Finally, just a reminder please purchase and return your tickets for this year's Annual Raffle at the parish office, the offering basket, or through the mail. Proceeds from this raffle will be of great assistance to our parish, school, RE program, and other parish ministries. The raffle will be held on Saturday, March 1st at our St. Patrick's Day Party. Please consider attending this year's party. Ticket sales so far are going slow so try to get a table together and celebrate the love we have for St. Alexander with fellow parishioners and friends.

God Bless,
Father Marty



SUNDAY 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.

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.



PRAY FOR THOSE SOON TO BE MARRIED
 II Mariclare Touhy & Michael Presbitero



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:

- Fred Hames**, husband of Marianna
- William Korda**, husband of Mary
- Christine McMahon**, aunt of Christine Taylor
- Michael P. Sweeney**, husband of Aggie

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK
February 17-23, 2025

- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
- Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": "Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of" (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the purpose of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26



Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick

Prayers
FOR HEALING

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:

- Dale Yukich
- Lisa Krisik
- Carole Holding

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.



**Society of 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!

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.

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 either Deacon Jim Horton or Deacon Fran Pendergast at 708-448-4861.



Sacrament of Communion

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

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.



PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, February 22nd

5:00 PM— Maureen Balich, Terry Horvath, Sharon Mundo

Sunday, February 23rd

7:30 AM— Steve Lukasik, Ruth Macey, Karen McNeal
9:30 AM— Wendy Loftus, Rich Cruz, Rosemary Dziuba, Nancy Dougherty (LG)
11:30 AM— Mike Kearney, Val Thoma, Pat Klaus
6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres



READERS

Saturday, February 22nd

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers

Sunday, February 23rd

7:30 AM— Paula Somers
9:30 AM— Melissa Duckett
11:30 AM— Joan DeVito
6:00 PM— Bob Ayres, James Clark



St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship

**Monthly Meeting
Thursday, February 20th
Parish Lounge — 11:30AM**

(use lounge doors on the south end of building)

Join us for Bingo and a little lunch!

Membership dues of \$25 will be accepted



Membership is open to all, you don't have to be a parishioner. Hope to see returning members and new members!



50% of young people who experience rape, sexual assault, or physical violence will attempt to commit suicide. www.edc.gov



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org



TEEN DATING VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH




Females between the ages of 16 and 24 are **3 times** more likely than the rest of the population to be abused by a dating partner. www.dosomething.org



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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

Together we bring hope

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal



Please Make Your Gift to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together we bring hope

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 schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us an opportunity to join with others and affirm that “together we bring hope” in addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. As we consider God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude in using and sharing those gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, or archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.

A Prayer for “Renew My Church”

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

- to hear you clearly*
- to listen to each other attentively*
- to imagine our future boldly*
- to discern your direction wisely*
- to persevere in your holy will courageously*

*to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations*

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

**OPEN REGISTRATION
FOR NEW FAMILIES
FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
BEGINS FEBRUARY 3**



PRE-K 3 THROUGH GRADE 8

**PROUD TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
AS THE NUMBER ONE SCHOOL IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY
FOR CATHOLIC IDENTITY**



**CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR PERSONAL TOUR OR
TO REGISTER TO BE A RAIDER - 708-448-0408**



ST. ALEXANDER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear St. Alexander Parishioners and Donors,

As a loyal supporter of our parish and school, you understand the importance and benefit of a Catholic education in the lives of our children.

We need your help in continuing to meet the challenge of assisting our students at St. Alexander School who are receiving scholarships. The Catholic Schools Scholarship Program, a fund that will provide need-based financial assistance to families who are committed to a Catholic school education, has been established to provide donors a way to make a monetary gift and still receive a 100% tax deduction (as allowable by law).

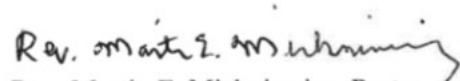
Gifts can be made online at: www.archchicago.org/scholarships

It is important to note that **your gift should be directed to St. Alexander School**. All monies directed to St. Alexander School is guaranteed by the Archdiocese of Chicago to support only St. Alexander students.

We hope everyone who knows and loves our school will consider joining us in this effort around scholarships. Please help make a Catholic school education a reality for a deserving student.

You have faith in St. Alexander School and we have faith in your support. Together we will ensure that our Catholic school is available and accessible for years to come.

With gratitude,


Rev. Martin E. Michniewicz, Pastor


Mrs. Sharon O'Toole, Principal

National Blue Ribbon Schools Awardee, 2005.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Sponsors Needed!

Qualities of an OCIA Sponsor:

- Be a model of faith, hope and love by being an active Catholic
- Comfortable relating to others
- Balanced spiritually and love for the Church

Responsibilities of an OCIA Sponsor:

- Keep regular contact with the candidate
- Encourage the candidate
- Listen to the candidate's faith story
- Sharing time and experiences in a friendly way
- Participate in at least half of the OCIA sessions
- Pray for the candidate

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Deacon Mike at mciciura@archchicago.org or 630-243-9342

PRAY FOR OUR



St. Alexander Parish lists the names of active military of parishioners and their family members in our weekly bulletin. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they protect our country and freedom.

If you have a relative who is an active member in the United States Military and would like them listed in the bulletin, contact Nancy at the Parish Office, 448-4861. Please inform us if the service person listed is no longer active in the military at home or abroad.

Our Knights of Columbus Council #14057 would like to offer military families Blue Star Banners. If you would like to receive a Blue Star Banner, please call the Parish Office at 708-448-4861.

Our Members in the Military

Scott Golich - U.S. Navy	Robert Brennan - U.S. Army
Stephen LaPiana - U.S. Army	Scott Milcarek - U.S. Army
Matthew Brennan - U.S. Air Force	Charles Berglund - U.S. Marines
Andrew Nissen - U.S. Marines	Patrick Pratl - U.S. Navy
Shannon Lungaro - U.S. Navy	Andrew Cleland - U.S. Army
Alan Filipiak - U.S. Navy	John Hoban III - U.S. Army
A. Amanda Cleland - U.S. Air Force	Mark Filipiak - U.S. Marines
Joshua Bramlett U.S. Navy	Steven Lungaro - U.S. Navy
Amanda Brennan - U.S. Army	Matthew Bramlett - U.S. Navy
Kyle Hite - U.S. Army	David Lindstrom - National Guard
Gino Albergo - U.S. Army	Daniel Weakley - U.S. Navy
James M. Bilder - U.S. Army	Stephen Vossler - U.S. Navy
Nicholas Wineman - U.S. Marines	Vito Barraco - U.S. Army
Kate Ridsen - U.S. Navy	Ryan Grant - U.S. Army
Kevin Lewis - U.S. Navy	Nicholas Crot - U.S. Marines
Michael Lindstrom - U.S. Army	Jose Sanchez - U.S. Army
Ryan Graeber - U.S. Marines	Ben St. Aubin - U. S. Navy
Mary Kate Wetzl - U.S. Marines	Hunter Leschman - U.S. Navy
Chloe Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army	Cody Goldman - National Guard
Hanna Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army	Cameron Smentek - U.S. Army
Isaac & Veronika Baines - U.S. Navy	Judith Hite - U.S. Army
Michael D. Faloona - National Guard	Jake Soukup - U.S. Army
Conor Knapp - U.S. Army	



ST. ALEXANDER PARISH
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

P Saint PATRICK'S DAY



SATURDAY
MARCH

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IN ST. AL'S
GYM

6:00 PM-11:00PM

*Tickets are \$35 each
Dinner will be served and Cash Bar
will be available*

Featuring music from
THE PONYBOYS

*Tickets will be sold after masses or
checks/money can be sent to
the school office.
Grand raffle winners will be announced!*



DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE
SATURDAY APRIL 5TH 2025



Princess Ball

Save the Date
Princess/Formal Dress Attire Suggested

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

5K
ANNUAL ST. ALEXANDER RAIDER
RUN

Running to raise funds
for new school technology

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 1st
WINNERS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE



ST. ALEXANDER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MINISTRY

The mission of the Domestic Violence Ministry of St. Alexander Parish is to raise awareness of domestic violence in our parish; to promote the development and delivery of services in our community; and to advocate for the prevention of domestic violence through education and parish activities.

If you need help contact:

- National DV Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- Illinois DV Helpline: 1-877-TOENDDV (1-877-863-6338)
- Crisis Center for South Suburbia: 1-708-429-SAFE (7233)

MASS TIMES WHILE OUT OF TOWN

Free apps available: Catholic Mass Times Church Directory and Mass Times for Travel. Or visit mass-times.org and findaparish.com.

Thanksgiving after Mass

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

O Mary, Virgin and Mother most holy, behold, I have received your most dear Son, whom you conceived in your immaculate womb, brought forth, nursed and embraced most tenderly.

Behold him at whose sight you used to rejoice and be filled with all delight:

him, whom, humbly and lovingly,

once again I present and offer him to you to be clasped in your arms, to be loved by your heart, and to be offered up

to the Most Holy Trinity

as the supreme worship of adoration,

for your own honor and glory and

for my needs and for those of the whole world.

I ask you therefore, most loving Mother:

entreat for me the forgiveness of all my sin

and, in abundant measure, the grace

of serving him in the future more faithfully,

and at last, final grace,

so that with you I may praise him

for all the ages of ages. Amen.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Any flyers, photos, or information submitted for the bulletin must be received in the Parish Office no later than 10 days prior to the bulletin publication date. Anything submitted after that time frame may not be included until a later date.

Please email your print ready information, in a word, jpeg or pdf file, to nromano33@aol.com. The information will be used as space in the bulletin is available.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to meet the deadlines required by our publisher!

Assisted Listening Systems for Church Sound

Our church is equipped with a hearing "loop" system which will allow those with a tele-coil (T-coil) in their hearing aid to hear more clearly. Some hearing aids will automatically switch to our "loop" system. Other hearing aids must be *manually* switched to the T-coil mode.

If you do not think your hearing aid is functioning properly with our "loop" system it may be because: A) Your hearing aid does not have a built-in T-coil OR B) You have to *manually* switch your hearing aid to the T-coil mode.

T-Coil Switches: If your hearing aid has a switch labeled **M-T-O** the switch should be set to the **T** position. If your hearing aid has switch labeled **M-MT** the switch should be set to the **MT** position.

Please consult your Audiologist with any questions, and to be sure that your hearing aid is equipped with a T-coil and is working properly.

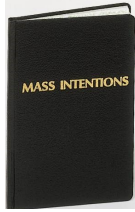
If you do not have a hearing aid with tele-coil (T-coil), we have purchased four individual hearing devices, specifically programmed for our system, that can be used during our liturgies on Sunday. They will be placed in a box on the bench outside the school office. We do ask that you please clean the hearing device after Mass, with the alcohol wipes that are on the bench, before returning them to the box. Thank you and we hope this will help to enhance your liturgical experience.

SAVE THE DATE!
PARISH LENTEN
MISSION
March 25th 7:00 PM




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




MASS INTENTIONS

Please visit, or call, the parish office if you would like to have a Mass intention for 2025 or 2026. Please note that Mass intentions are not just for the deceased but for anyone you would like to include in prayer.



E-Giving Made Easy

If you would like to make a one-time electronic donation, please scan this bar code.



Scroll down to "One –Time Gifts" and enter the amount and type of payment. It's that simple!

Find Support At Our Caregiver Resource Center

Untrained, informal family caregivers usually get the job unexpectedly. Caregivers of all ages are appointed the role by family or friends for a myriad of reasons: medical emergencies, sudden onset of a chronic illness, unanticipated issues related to aging or other scenarios.

The Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) at Pathlights can help. It links caregivers to training and education opportunities, emotional and financial support and resources to improve their lives and the lives of those they are caring for — all free of charge and many services are for people at all income and asset levels


The Center offers:

Respite that gives caregivers a break from their day-to-day duties for self-care.

Nutritious meals delivered to the home for older adults who are unable to manage meal preparation and those with limited or no access to food.

Information and assistance regarding availability and eligibility requirements of government programs and support; TCARE assessments to identify areas causing distress and recommend personalized interventions like respite and support groups to prevent burnout); and one-on-one individualized conversations to discuss challenges related to caregiving.

Support groups such as our new "Early-Stage Memory Loss" support group beginning in June; "Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers" for caregivers of those experiencing memory loss; "Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children" and Memory Cafes, monthly meet ups for people experiencing memory loss and their caregivers to engage with others in similar situations and participate in music, art therapy and other special programs.



FAITH DIRECT®
inspiring secure giving®

Many of you may take advantage of the convenience of electronic giving to our parish and we are grateful for that. For those of you who have yet to join us in giving online, we strongly encourage you to do so. Here's why:

Faith Direct enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

Faith Direct also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. **To cancel your monthly envelopes, please notify the parish office at 708-448-4861. This is not done automatically when signing up for electronic giving.**

Please visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Or, download the Faith Direct app onto your smartphone. Our parish code is **IL910**.

Mass Intentions For The Week

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Saturday, February 15th

5:00 PM— Tony Romeo
Joseph Rathnau
Jim Foscett
Mickey Havel
Eileen Mitchell

Sunday, February 16th

7:30 AM— Susan Carroll
Aggie Palmer
Thomas Chwierut
Johanna Hoban
Chet Chwierut
Colleen J. Nix

9:30 AM— Dorothy Janik
Raymond & Marion Hunt
Kevin Reynolds Sr.
Pat Stanton
Dan Stanton
Mary Foscett—Special Intention
Dan & Joan Bagniewski
Dolores Compton
Ed Wollenberg

11:30 AM— Bronislawa & Stanislaw Kopee
Anelia & Ludwik Karwaczka
Josephina & Wally Bartyzol
Stanley Mulica
Helen Brett
Ed Amberg—4th Anniversary
Brian McGinnis
Dr. Terry Wall

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

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

8:30 AM— Irene Foster
Colleen J. Nix
Robert & Patricia Oravec

Tuesday, February 18th

8:30 AM— Joseph Rathnau
Dale Musgrave
Colleen J. Nix
Fr. Leo Lyons—15th Anniversary

Wednesday, February 19th

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Chet Chwierut

Thursday, February 20th

8:30 AM— Manuel Meza—1st Anniversary
Patricia Hayes
Josephine & Anthony Rathnau
Colleen J. Nix
Barbara Hollis
Eleanor O'Neil

Friday, February 21st (*St. Peter Damian*)

8:30 AM— Special Intention
Karen Reid
Colleen J. Nix
Steve Weber
Birthday Blessing
Richard Ryan & Family

Saturday, February 22nd (*The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*)

8:00 AM— Tom & Kathleen Walsh
Chet Chwierut
Thomas Chwierut
Colleen J. Nix
Art & Lorraine Wittbrodt
John Woronick—Birthday Blessing

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Saturday, February 22nd

5:00 PM— David Hickey
Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells
Joseph Rathnau Family
Raymond Schwaller
Eleanore & Ken Reilly

Sunday, February 23rd

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer
Thomas Chwierut
Chet Chwierut
Colleen J. Nix
Judy McCarthy
Steven Plescher

9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt
Kevin Reynolds
Jim Foscett
William & Helen Brett
Matthew O'Brien
Michael Loftus

11:30 AM— Roberta Cartwright
James Ireton
Janice Yager

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

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Prayer When Facing the Unknown

Dear Jesus,
When you call me to places where I am
unfamiliar, be with me. When you invite me to
a mission I feel ill-equipped to handle, give me
your strength. Help me to leave everything and
follow you. Amen