

St. Alexander Church

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

The Palos Catholic



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

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St. Alexander School

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

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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,

During this prayerful season of Lent, remember our daily Mass at 8:30AM Monday through Friday, and Saturday at 8:00AM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday mornings after the 8:00AM Mass until all are heard and also after the 5:00PM Mass. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 7:00PM every Friday during Lent. If you have a stations booklet (The Way of the Cross) we ask that you please bring it to Friday stations. If you do not own a copy of The Way of the Cross booklets will be available in the church.

Fortunately, the Lenten and Easter season is not filled with hour upon hour of shopping, wrapping, decorating, and parties. This is the perfect opportunity for us to concentrate on our personal relationship with God through reflection and prayer.

Once again please remember that our one day Lenten Parish Mission will be on Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00PM and will feature a one man presentation of *Peter the Rock*.

Many thanks to Stacy Sheerin and the committee who ran the St. Pat's Grand Raffle Party and all those volunteers who put in many hours of preparation ensuring our raffle party would be a great success. Those who attended enjoyed an evening of great fun, food, drink, and music. Adults of all ages attended and there was truly a spirit of community and love of St. Alexander parish that filled the gym. Thank you to those parishioners who attended the party, sold/purchased raffle tickets, and those who made donations. Our profit from this year's Grand Raffle was \$57,784.

Continue to pray for the people of the Ukraine, Africa, the Middle East, and other countries in the world being invaded by other nations or are currently involved in a civil war. One can only imagine the horror and fear a person experiences when bullets and bombs explode around them day and night. May God bring us all peace and an end of war. Maybe someday world leaders will have the wisdom and courage to settle disputes in a peaceful and diplomatic manner.

Also my dear brothers and sisters we should pray each and every day for an end of the senseless violence that takes place in today's society. The senseless killings that take place on school campuses, the car jackings, the robberies, and all other actions that we wake up to each and every day as we watch the morning news and read our daily papers. Let us always remember that we are a people of hope and that the majority of Americans are law abiding citizens who uphold the values of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Throughout history men and women have caused great evil whether it be war, the Holocaust, or forced repression of human rights on peoples of many nations. Righteousness and goodness will not only survive through these difficult times but it will endure. Be positive and put your trust in the Lord.

God Bless,
Father Marty



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PRAY FOR THOSE SOON TO BE MARRIED

III Emily O’Keefe & Timothy Delaney

*Don’t try to shine so that others will see you.
Shine so that through you, others will see Christ.*

—Pope Francis



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
March 10-16, 2025**

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/
Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/
Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/
Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9,
13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/
Lk 9:28b-36



**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:

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| Dale Yukich | Lisa Krisik |
| Carole Holding | Bob Redman |
| John Bajorek | Shauna Ragan |
| Bill Sheridan | Irene Brajner |

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.

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.

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**SCRIPTURE
REFLECTION**



One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn’t. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was “the greatest man in the world.” Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don’t. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus’ greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says “no” in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus’ temptations. Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying “no” to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you’ll discover true greatness.

— Father John Muir

Today’s Readings: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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.



Celebrate St. Patrick with Fr. Mitchell

Monday, March 17th

8:30AM Mass

Tea, coffee, and soda bread in the parish lounge following Mass



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. THEODORE GUERIN
COUNCIL #14057**

**Meeting: Wednesday, March 12th
7:00 PM - Parish Lounge**

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, and growing in your faith, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. For membership information please call Deacon Fran Pendergast at 708-448-4861 or visit kofc14057.org for membership info.

Contact 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!



Conquer Childhood Cancers



Fr Mitchell will be joining our St Alexander School children in supporting those with childhood cancer by having his head shaved on March 13th. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. Use the QR code below or go to the url provided:



<https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/FrMitchell>



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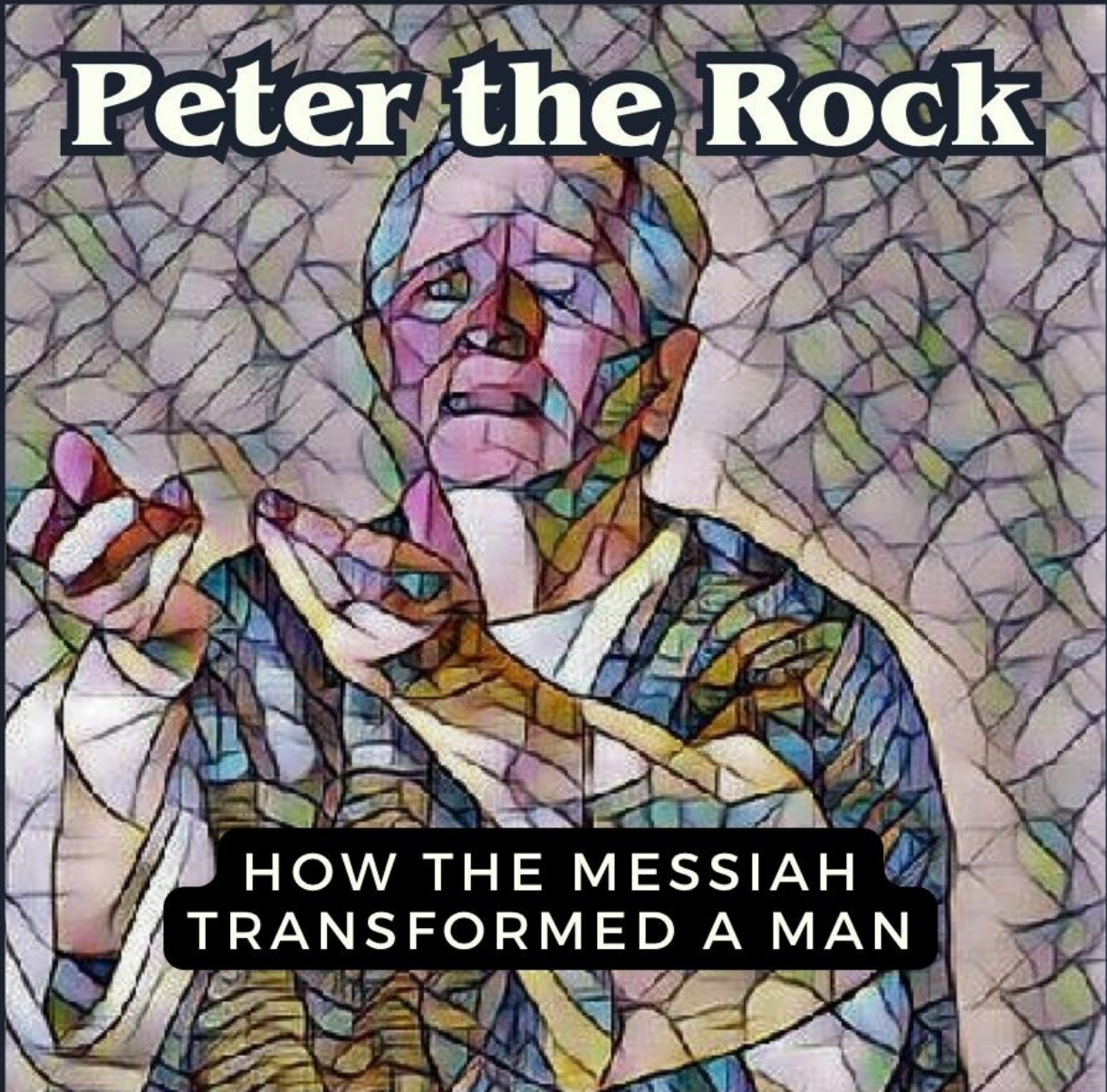
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- Jesse Guerrero** \$ 1,500

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**CONGRATULATIONS AND
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Peter the Rock



**HOW THE MESSIAH
TRANSFORMED A MAN**

ST. ALEXANDER CHURCH

MISSION NIGHT

MARCH 25, 2025

7:00 pm

For Your Lenten Journey



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



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
 TEACHER'S LOUNGE**

Wednesday Nights 6:00-7:00 PM

March 12th, 19th & 26th

April 2nd, 9th, & 16th



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

* Soup provided by Country House Restaurant

LENTEN REGULATIONS

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.

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.



St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship

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

(please enter on the south side of the lounge)

Back by popular demand, Paul Strolia will once again entertain us with his musical talent. Keeping in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, he will fill the air with Irish music.



Join us for the wearing of the green and corned beef sandwiches!
All are welcome! Membership still being taken!

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, March 15th

5:00 PM— Mary Ceebin, Rosemary Dziuba,
 Steve Lukasik

Sunday, March 16th

7:30 AM— Nancy Foster, Ruth Macey,
 Betty Chwierut
 9:30 AM— Dorothy McCloskey, Wendy Loftus,
 Dave Heide, Patti Hartig (LG)
 11:30 AM— Val Thoma, Tom Stuchly
 6:00 PM— Michael Collins, Sharon Ayres,
 Merrill Jurgens

READERS

Saturday, March 15th

5:00 PM— Linda Buchanan

Sunday, March 16th

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski, Mark Foster
 9:30 AM— Rich Cruz
 11:30 AM— Joan DeVito
 6:00 PM— Bob Ayres, Johanna Jurgens



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT LENT AND LENTEN PRACTICES



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
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Q. Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.

A. It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.



Q. So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?

A. Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

Q. I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I'm not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?

A. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs--- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

Q. I've noticed that restaurants and grocery stores advertise specials on expensive types of fish and seafood on Fridays during Lent. Some of my Catholic friends take advantage of these deals, but somehow I don't feel right treating myself to the lobster special on Fridays during Lent.

A. While fish, lobster and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer.

Q. I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?

A. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, *but combined they should be less than a full meal*. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Q. Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

A. 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. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

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.

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

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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!

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.



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.

Dear Father Michniewicz,

Mid-winter blessings!

On behalf of the retired religious of the Archdiocese and of the United States, I would like to thank you and the St. Alexander parish community for your generous contribution of \$7,237.00 (ck #13751) towards the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Your parish gift continues to make it possible for religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who served the People of God through years of dedicated service.

Please be assured of the prayers of all religious, both retired and active, asking God's continued blessings upon your parish throughout the year. If you have any questions regarding the Retirement Fund, please don't hesitate to contact me at 312-534-8234 or jzonsius@archchicago.org.

Gratefully,
Sr. Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.
Retirement Fund for Religious
Coordinator

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February 18, 2025

Rev. Martin Michniewicz
Pastor
St. Alexander Church
7025 W. 126th St.
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Dear Fr. Michniewicz:

We are greatly touched by and humbly grateful for the generosity of the families and individuals of St. Alexander Parish and their donation of \$6,630.00 on February 5, 2025. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to share our mission with your caring parishioners. Thank you!

In February, we are still in the midst of winter in Chicago. But the frigid days with biting winds do offer us many moments to thank God for the warmth of our home and also of the hearts of such kind benefactors as parishioners of St. Alexander, who support the mission and work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. This vital, indispensable generosity enables us to care for fragile and vulnerable seniors in great need and to serve each attentively, tenderly, and cheerfully.

Although a month with fewer days, February is not without many lively activities and happenings at St. Mary's Home. This month brings us Groundhog Day, Super Bowl Sunday, Valentine's Day, and Presidents' Day, in addition to several Resident birthdays. It is month to celebrate moments and milestones. And while the weather is cold outside, our seniors are staying cozy inside for movies and popcorn and for myriad games of chance and strategy, including bridge, Uno, Bunco, bingo, LCR (Left, Center, Right), and Kings in the Corner. Invited guests will warm things up with their entertainments. In addition to musical performances, we welcome a special demonstration of martial arts. Indeed, February is bustling with action!

All of us at St. Mary's Home thank St. Alexander Parish for helping to make these special days—but also the everyday activities and daily care—possible. The community of St. Alexander Parish is our supporter and sustainer.

With the promise of heartfelt prayer by our community of Little Sisters of the Poor and our dear Residents, we ask our Heavenly Father to smile warmly upon you and your parishioners.

Gratefully,

Sr. Bernadette

Sr. Bernadette, lsp

Thank you so much Father for the opportunity to visit your parish. St. Alexander's is such a welcoming and hospitable community. Thank you for your generosity towards us. Be assured of our prayers for your mission. God Bless you

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hopesontheway.org

Questions? Contact Miha Vidmar at miha.vidmar5@gmail.com



**St. Alexander
Class of 1975
50 Year Reunion**

The St Alexander's Class of 1975 is planning their 50 year reunion and is looking for members of their graduating class. Please request to join their Facebook Group: St. Alexander's Class of 1975 or send an email to Kathy Lombard Byars at stalsclassof75@gmail.com to be put on the invite list.

WORD OF LIFE

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life". (The Gospel of Life 28).



**Hand-Carved Olive Wood
Gifts from the Holy Land**
*Proceeds benefit Catholic schools
in the Holy Land*

Did you know that 600 Christian families living in Bethlehem are completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood? The recent clashes in the Middle East have stopped the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of those families serious harm in earning their living and forcing many of them to leave their homeland. Emptying the land of Christ from Christians can have tragic consequences on the Holy sites. Issam, from the "Star of Bethlehem" group came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious handicrafts. The cost of goods goes to benefit the Christian carvers to keep them working in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the profit from sales goes directly to the needy Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land. The Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops and dioceses of Jerusalem. Please show your generosity to our Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land.

**Please take a look at these beautiful artifacts
this weekend**

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

SATURDAY APRIL 5TH 2025



Princess Ball

Save the Date
Princess/Formal Dress Attire Suggested



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Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

St. Alexander School is hosting its Raider Run 5K on Thursday, May 8, 2025. This fun-filled family and community event will benefit the St. Alexander School Computer Lab/Technology Department. Here is how you can help! If your family and/or business would like to become a **SPONSOR** for the Raider Run 5K, please consider the following opportunities listed below.

**Choose your Sponsorship level
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<p>Gold Sponsorship \$1,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo on event day Sponsor banner • Logo on back of Race Day t-shirt • Logo in Church Bulletin • Logo on School website 	<p>Silver Sponsorship \$500:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo on back of Race Day t-shirt • Logo in Church Bulletin • Logo on School website
<p>Bronze Sponsorship \$250:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo in Church Bulletin • Logo on School website 	<p>Green Sponsorship \$100:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo on School website

All sponsorship opportunities (for logo submission) are available thru April 16, 2025. If you would like to be a participant and/or a volunteer for the **Raider Run 5K** please contact us! Visit www.StAlexanderSchool.com for more Race Day information. We appreciate your support, commitment and loyalty to St. Alexander School and Parish.

For Sponsorship information please contact Amanda Byrne at ambyrne18@gmail.com or 708-218-1034.

Mass Intentions For The Week

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 9, 2025

Saturday, March 8th

5:00 PM— Helen & Joseph Hertko
Kitty Giblin
Joan Barry

Sunday, March 9th

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer
Thomas Chwierut
Josephine Data
Chet Chwierut
Catherine Hoban
Colleen J. Nix

9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt
Tom & Kathleen Walsh
Kevin Reynolds
William Zarod
Ervin Dybisz
Kate McGrath—5th Anniversary
Patrick Michael Loftus
Mary Foskett—Special Intention
Rose Barth—Blessings
Tom Grady
Helen Brett

11:30 AM— Sharon Moriarty
Hannah Lebert
Brendan Quealy
Marie Hohmer

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Malachy Casey

Monday, March 10th

8:30 AM— Bernice Wisniewski—12th Anniversary
Michael Hanley
Colleen J. Nix
Joseph Pajda

Tuesday, March 11th

8:30 AM— Marie Hayes
Colleen J. Nix
William (Boleslaw) Zarod
Marjorie Reckwerdt

Wednesday, March 12th

8:30 AM— Pamela A. Szeniewski
Colleen J. Nix
Dr. Terry Wall
Lorraine Durkin

Thursday, March 13th

8:30 AM— Catherine Gorman—1st Anniversary
Colleen J. Nix
Eric Bauer—1st Anniversary
Annabelle Reynolds
Irene Gaw

Friday, March 14th

8:30 AM— Janet Arnold
Colleen J. Nix
Cynthia Prendergast—3rd Anniversary

Saturday, March 15th

8:00 AM— Dale McClain
Colleen J. Nix

3:00 PM— Wedding: Emily O'Keefe &
Timothy Delaney

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 16, 2025

Saturday, March 15th

5:00 PM— William (Boleslaw) Zarod
Anna C. Carter

Sunday, March 16th

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer
Kavanaugh Family
Thomas Chwierut
Chet Chwierut
Johanna Hoban
Colleen J. Nix
Judy McCarthy

9:30 AM— Eileen Lestinksy
Dorothy Janik
Raymond & Marion Hunt
Kevin Reynolds Sr.
Kevin Reynolds Jr.
Dan Stanton
Pat Stanton
Helen Wann—Healing Intention
Matthew O'Brien
Mary Foskett—Healing Intention
Tom Grady
Helen Brett

11:30 AM— Bronislawa & Stanislaw Kopec
Anelia & Ludwik Karwaczka
Marie Hohmer
Elizabeth M. Sullivan

6:00 PM— Cara Daly
For the Parishioners

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.