

St. Alexander Church

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026

The Palos Catholic



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"
- Lk 24:33-34

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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
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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
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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

ANSWER THE CALL TO SPIRITUALLY RENEW OUR PARISHES

A relationship with Jesus Christ is the most relevant relationship we have in finding meaning to life. These days, however, a majority of our younger generations did not grow up with active faith practice. We can no longer wait for them to come to us. We must seek them out.

Our renewal efforts will focus on walking with people across a path of Christian discipleship and will develop in two ways: Renewal support and formation for parishes and outreach for people exploring faith. Key areas of parish focus include building up parish leaders, offering Christ-centered entry points, building capacity for individual faith accompaniment, establishing small faith communities within the parish, fostering opportunities for spiritual encounter, and enabling faith witness. Additionally, the archdiocese will create tailored online workshops and curated content, hosted on a digital platform, that will invite those that are spiritually hungry.

ST. ALEXANDER'S CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Goal: \$1,615,000

\$ Raised: \$1,012,700

Percent raised: 63%

of pledges: 75

average gift: \$13,503



OUR PRIORITIES

- Priority 1: Accessible & welcoming entrance
- Priority 2: Strengthening school safety
- Priority 3: Caring for our parish facilities

.....GENERATION
TO GENERATION:
ANSWER THE CALL.....



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:

Adele Cadore, sister of Guy

WORD OF LIFE

“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”

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



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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| Lisa Krisik | Elizabeth Hannan Hurley |
| Edward Weir | Thomas Boll |
| Molly Flynn | Gerry McCall |
| Carol Miller | Barb Chwierut |
| Asher Bryant | 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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but “their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
April 20-26, 2026**

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/
Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/
Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/
Mk 16:15-20
- Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



**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!

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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,
APRIL 21ST**

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.



Intercessory Prayer Experience

Call on the Holy Spirit and expect Him to show up! The Father has promised Him to us.

“Jesus said: And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Luke 24:49

Come join us after Mass at 5:45PM on the first Saturday of each month.

Deacon Mike will offer time to pray with anyone for the intercession of the Holy Spirit regarding individual prayer intentions.

After Mass the Sacrament of Confession and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will also be available.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, April 25th

5:00 PM— Maureen Balich, Joan DeVito, Sharon Mundo

Sunday, April 26th

7:30 AM— Susan Murphy, Steve Lukasik, Susan Chillmon
9:30 AM— Melissa Duckett, Dorothy McCloskey, Wendy Loftus, MB Flynn (LG)
11:30 AM— Jim & Pat Fisher, Rosemary Dziuba
6:00 PM— Michael Collins, Sharon Ayres, Mary Beth Partyka



READERS

Saturday, April 25th

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers

Sunday, April 26th

7:30 AM— Paula Somers
9:30 AM— Rich Cruz, Frank Lonergan
11:30 AM— Ryan Alberts
6:00 PM— James Clark, Bob Ayres



Family Rosary ACROSS AMERICA®

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Katie Pall and Hannah Majercak were fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 4th.

I had the honor of receiving all three sacraments at the Easter Vigil and Becoming a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. I am beyond grateful to the community at St. Alexander who encouraged and supported me along the way. I look forward to becoming involved in ministry within the parish and continuing to grow in my faith. Thank you! —Hannah Majercak

Thank you to our OCIA team and the entire parish for their support and prayers throughout our initiation experience. I look forward to continuing to grow in my faith and getting to know everyone better. —Katie Pall





ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



St. Baldrick's Event



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

On the Friday evening before Palm Sunday, the Knights of Columbus hosted a parish Fish Fry featuring hot, delicious fried cod catered by Jack & Pat's on Ridgeland Avenue, along with mac and cheese, tater tots, salad, coleslaw, tartar sauce, and plenty of coffee, tea, water—and cake to finish the meal. This was offered as a community gathering, not a fundraiser.

Our inaugural Fish Fry was a tremendous success, welcoming more than 200 diners and supported by over 30 volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the evening run smoothly.

The Knights extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and especially to the volunteers whose generosity and hard work brought this new parish tradition to life.



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.

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.



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.

Contact the parish office if you would like to have a Mass intention for 2026 or 2027. Please note that Mass intentions are not just for the deceased but for anyone you would like to include in prayer.

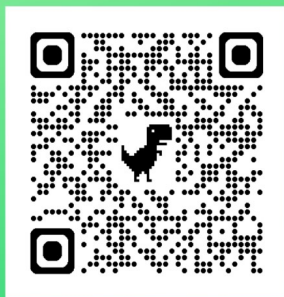
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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

RAIDER RUN 5K

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PALOS HEIGHTS, IL



6:00 PM - START 5:40 PM - KIDS DASH

register to run ♦ volunteer/service hours ♦ pledge a student ♦ sponsor the race

ALL ONLINE AT

StAlexanderSchool.com

ALL OF THIS YEAR'S PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD
SCHOOL SECURITY UPGRADES & ENHANCEMENTS!





ST. ALEXANDER
8TH GRADE



Spring Flower Sale

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE 8TH GRADE GRADUATION ACTIVITIES



FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

7:30 AM – UNTIL SOLD OUT
ST. ALEXANDER PARKING LOT

10" GERANIUM & PETUNIA HANGING BASKETS

Order Pick-Up AND Cash & Carry

\$20 each



Happy Spring! Support our soon-to-be St. Al's grads as their fundraising year wraps up! We'll be selling 10" geranium and petunia hanging baskets from Ted's Greenhouse in Tinley Park — perfect gifts for Mom, Grandma, or someone special on Mother's Day!

Pre-order by April 21st to guarantee your color, or stop by on May 1st to pick your favorites in person. A limited number will be available for cash & carry, so come early or order ahead! Order forms are available in the church narthex and the school E-envelope.

HANGING BASKETS	QUANTITY	PRICE = \$20.00 / ea
Geranium - Red		
Geranium - Pink		
Geranium - White		
Geranium - Lavender		
Petunia - Red		
Petunia - Blue		
Petunia - Pink		
Petunia - White		
Petunia - Purple		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <small>Make checks payable to St. Alexander School.</small>	TOTAL #	TOTAL \$

NAME: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Order forms (w/payment)
are due to the School
Office or Parish Center
by **April 21st**

St. Alexander's Daddy Daughter Dance

Kentucky Derby

Join us for an unforgettable night

◆ **April 25, 2026 5pm Mass 6-9pm Dinner & Dancing**
Semi formal dress - Think Southern Charm

◆ **Hats & Fascinators**
encouraged

◆ **Reservation due by**
Friday April 17th

◆ **Tom Killloran**
Photography
will have pictures
available for pick up at
the dance **ONLY**. Please
have payment ready.
Cash, check or Charge
\$20 frame/\$30 frame and magnet

◆ **Volunteers needed for Fri decorating or Sat dance**
Text Cindy Kennedy 708-921-0003




Return reservation slip to school or RE office by Friday April 17th

Dad's name/phone# _____	\$55
1 st Daughter/grade _____	Each additional daughter
2 nd Daughter/grade _____	\$15
3 rd Daughter/grade _____	\$15
Late Fee - Pay only after April 17th	\$10


Payment to St. Alexander - Total _____
Sorry NO payment accepted at the door

Domestic violence and child abuse both thrive in secrecy, isolation, and shame.



Both are built on power and control over the victim. Both are a pattern of behavior- not an isolated incident of abuse.

View more resources at www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

God of abundant and generous mercy, we gratefully acknowledge the many gifts you have given us across the years from the sacrifice of generations before us.

And so, we confidently trust that you will walk with us into the future.

We echo the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary: truly, your mercy is from generation to generation.

Help us now to respond generously to your gifts, as we support our Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago and work to bring faith forward for the generations that follow us.

By your grace and help, let our gifts be a blessing for our children, our grandchildren, and those who follow them.

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.

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Episodes of violence directed at the mother expand to include attacks on her child or children.

www.childadvocates.net



Children are physically hurt or threatened as a way of punishing or controlling a victim.

View more resources at www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Teacher Hiring Fair: South Side

Saint Xavier University
Warde Academic Center
April 22, 4 – 7 p.m.





Connect with Catholic schools throughout the city and suburbs and explore teaching opportunities rooted in faith and academic excellence.

You'll meet school leaders, learn about open positions, and even have a chance to apply and interview.

Catholic schools offer supportive communities, strong academics and the opportunity to make a lasting impact in students' lives. Come see where your gifts can make a difference.

Who Should Attend

- ✓ Educators interested in teaching preschool through 8th grade
- ✓ Aspiring teachers and recent graduates
- ✓ Current teachers exploring new opportunities
- ✓ Career-changers interested in Catholic education

Learn More
Scan the QR code to RSVP.



Mass Intentions For The Week



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 19, 2026

Saturday, April 18th

5:00 PM— Dale Yukich
Michael, Winifred Morrissey & Family
Dennis Kube
Vicki Liebegott
Denis Downs—4th Anniversary

Sunday, April 19th

7:30 AM— Judy McCarthy
Irene Brajner
Brian Cadore
Colleen J. Nix
Nancy Lukasik
David M. Yerkes Sr.
Penny Paetow
Vincent & Mary Hoban
Chet & Tom Chwierut
Beth Barth—Blessings
Larry Klieber—Healing Intention

9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt
Henry & David Michon
John Cronin
Ralph Dziuba
Joseph Callanan
David Yerkes Sr.
Don & Mary Tadda
Edward Sullivan

11:30 AM— Tom Scanlon
Susan Gildea
Martin Bergquist
Joseph Donovan
Mary Kilbane

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Monday, April 20th

8:30 AM— Anna Foster
Colleen J. Nix
Danny Bagniewski—2nd Anniversary
Mary Kennedy

Tuesday, April 21st (St. Anselm)

8:30 AM— Ann Purcell
Patricia (Patsy) Sullivan
Colleen J. Nix
Jennifer Aparo
Lisa & Alex Liceaga & Family
Vicki Liebegott
Claude Hyzy

Wednesday, April 22nd

8:30 AM— Tom & Kathleen Walsh
Colleen J. Nix
Laura J. Nagel
Mike—Healing Blessings

Thursday, April 23rd (St. George, St. Adalbert)

8:30 AM— Kevin Kelly
Colleen J. Nix
Mark Zempich & Family

Friday, April 24th (St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Concetta Garry
Kristina & Mark Wiseman & Family

Saturday, April 25th (St. Mark)

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Art & Lorraine Wittbrodt
William O'Neil
Chet & Tom Chwierut

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 26, 2026

Saturday, April 25th

5:00 PM— Dale Yukich
Eleanor & Gustav Heinemann
Marcella Minch
Raymond Schwaller

Sunday, April 26th

7:30 AM— Irene Brajner
Colleen J. Nix
Nancy Lukasik
Johanna Hoban
Robert Buttala
Chet & Tom Chwierut
Robert Barth
Robert Plescher—96th Birthday Blessing

9:30 AM— Michael Nazarczuk—1st Anniversary
Patricia Cherry
Raymond & Marion Hunt
Catherine Strain
Joan & Dan Bagniewski
David M. Yerkes
Andrew O'Keefe
Edward Sullivan
Joseph Callanan
Don & Mary Tadda

11:30 AM— Tom Scanlon
Tom Stuchly
Grace Wetzel
Mary Kennedy

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners
John Egan



Pray the Rosary

THE ROSARY IS PRAYED EVERY DAY
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY AFTER 8:30AM MASS
SATURDAY AFTER THE 8:00AM MASS
Please join us and pray the Rosary