

St. Alexander Church

The Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

The Palos Catholic



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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

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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,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity, where we honor our Triune God: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. We remember at Mass that God has so much love for us, His people, that it is shown in three distinct persons. We are reminded of this deep love every time we pray and cross ourselves.

Monday, June 1st, is the 106th anniversary of the birth of St. John Paul II. As Pope, we recall that St. John Paul was instrumental in bringing down communism in Eastern Europe as he worked with other world leaders. In most countries communism fell with protests that were held in a peaceful manner. Let us pray that our country will take the example of St. John Paul II and achieve a change of heart amongst people without violence, and in a peaceful way. Let us all pray for Pope Leo XIV as he continues to guide the church and the world to a path of peace and freedom in his second year of his Papacy.

Today our bulletin cover honors the twenty three young men and women who have completed their grammar school education at St. Alexander School. This past Wednesday, May 27th, we honored the St. Alexander's Graduating Class of 2026 at a special Mass and ceremony. The priests, parish staff, school staff, and all parishioners are very proud of the many accomplishments our graduating students have achieved during their grammar school years here. Many thanks to Mrs. O'Toole, our Principal, the faculty, parents, and all who dedicate themselves to help educate and send their children to our fine school.

Congratulations to our Preschool class who will graduate on Tuesday, June 2nd and our Kindergarten children who will graduate on Wednesday, June 3rd at a ceremony in our church. May they have a safe summer and we look forward to seeing them at St. Alexander School for many years to come.

God Bless,
Father Marty

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



Wedding Banns

PRAY FOR THOSE SOON TO BE MARRIED

III Abigail Bania & Ryan Kenny
I Katherine Hinde & Eric Straggles

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

—Pope Francis

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.



**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
Edward Weir

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**



I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

June 1-7, 2026

- Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/ Mk 12:1-12
- Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/ Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168/Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/ Mk 12:38-44
- Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

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.



Hospitality Ministry

Join us for Hospitality after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Mass on the first Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there!

Contact the parish office at 708-448-4861 if you would like a Mass intention for 2026. or 2027.

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.

Join us for a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



**Every first Wednesday of the month 6-7pm in Church
Wednesday, June 3rd**

“A Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament so pleases the Heart of Jesus, that every man, woman and child on earth receives a new effect of God's graces.” - St. Faustina

IN-PEW WEEKEND

Today, all parish families are invited to participate in the Generation to Generation campaign In-Pew Event. Our parish community is preparing for the next generation of Catholics at St. Alexander and across Cook and Lake Counties. Please join with all families at Mass today in support of the campaign. Recognizing all we have and all we are is a manifestation of God's love, we are called to return gifts in thanksgiving for God's generosity and goodness to us.

Total Gift*	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
\$25,000	\$417	\$104	\$15
\$18,000	\$300	\$69	\$10
\$12,000	\$200	\$46	\$7
\$9,000	\$150	\$35	\$5
\$6,000	\$100	\$23	\$3
\$4,800	\$80	\$18	\$3
\$3,600	\$60	\$14	\$2

* Gifts have been rounded to the nearest dollar

OUR PRIORITIES

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

ST. ALEXANDER'S CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Parish goal: \$1,615,000
Dollars raised: \$1,847,550
% of goal: 114%
Number of gifts: 158
Average gift: \$11,693

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



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



What has become an annual tradition our Kindergarten class and our graduating eighth graders work together to plant flowers in the Mary Garden.





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.

ParishSOFT



If you would like to make a one-time electronic donation or sign up for recurring gifts please scan this bar code.



**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!



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**

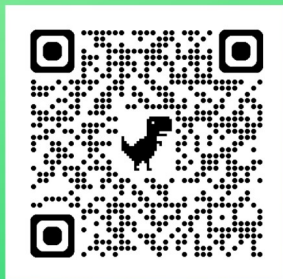
**MERCY HOME SUNDAY MASS
9:00AM on WGN-TV Channel 9**

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.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR
INFORMATION ABOUT

- Religious Ed
- Youth Ministry (JR High/ High School)
- Stay and Play



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COMMUNION MINISTERS



Saturday, June 6th

5:00 PM— Terry Horvath, Marh Ceebin, Sharon Mundo

Sunday, June 7th

7:30 AM— Susan Murphy, Susan Chillmon, Bob Straz

9:30 AM— Rich Cruz, Dorothy McCloskey, MB Flynn, Wendy Loftus(LG)

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

6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres, Michael Collins

READERS

Saturday, June 6th

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers

Sunday, June 7th

7:30 AM— Mark Foster

9:30 AM— Frank Lonergan, Linda Buchanan

11:30 AM— Debbie Myron

6:00 PM— James Clark, Bob Ayres



WORD OF LIFE

"Dignity is a gift from God, who created the human being in his own image and semblance (cf. Gen 1:26). It is not something that is obtained by merit or effort; nor does it depend on what we possess or achieve. It is a gift that goes before us: it is born of the look of love with which God wanted us, one by one, and continues to want us."

—Pope Leo XIV, Message to Participants in "Building Communities that Safeguard Dignity"

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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.

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.

Office Administrative Position - Part-time Oak Hills Country Club Village 13250 S. 76th Avenue, Palos Heights, IL

Part-time position for 2 days a week, 9-5, Tuesdays & Thursdays, with the ability to work other days when asked. Position is ready to be filled. Pay is \$17/hour. (This is an in-office position, not remote.)

Qualifications: High school diploma or GED required, Excellent verbal and written communication skills and customer service focus, Computer proficiency with MS Office—Word and Excel. Publisher is a plus. Exceptional organizational skills. Strong attention to detail.

Equal Opportunity Employer Send resume or to learn more about the job, please contact Christine Walsh at cwalsh@oakhillscv.com.

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.



24/7 HOTLINE: 708-429-SAFE
WE SUPPORT VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Mass Intentions For The Week



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY MAY 31, 2026

Saturday, May 30th

5:00 PM— Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells
Dale Yukich
David Carlig
Raymond Schwaller
Helen King
Holly Wall
Sandra K. Klabunde

Sunday, May 31st

7:30 AM— Irene Brajner
Nancy Lukasik
Colleen J. Nix
Robert Buttala
Chet & Tom Chwierut
9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt
Fr. Charles Huegelmeyer, MM—11th Anniv.
Helen Wann
Olivia Manske
Mike Sullivan
Don & Mary Tadda
11:30 AM— Edmund Obiala
Tom Scanlon
Helen Carroll
Mary & Peter Gavigan
Carla Allison—Special Intention
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Monday, June 1st (St. Justin)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
John Janik
Matthew Skiba

Tuesday, June 2nd (Sts. Marcellinus and Peter)

8:30 AM— Fr. Edward J. Cronin
Colleen J. Nix
Beth King
Emeline Cunlas-Salud, MD—3rd Anniv.
Jennifer Aparo
Tommy Grady
Peggy Leonard
Lillian Bodach

Wednesday, June 3rd (St. Charles Lwanga and Companions)

8:30 AM— Paul Lawler
Colleen J. Nix
Dorothy Janik
Mike—Healing Intention
Mark Zempich & Family

Thursday, June 4th

8:30 AM— Bill Stine
Colleen J. Nix
Leonard Korby
John Janik
John & Rose Cranley
George Lombard—7th Anniversary

Friday, June 5th (St. Boniface)

8:30 AM— Mary Moore
Colleen J. Nix
Ann & Joseph Malacina
Lisa Nolan
William & Sandy Macey & Family

Saturday, June 6th (St. Norbert)

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Tom & Chet Chwierut
John A. Falduto
Our Blessed Mother's Intentions
John & Janice O'Neil
Jim & Colleen—75th Wedding Anniv.
Don Tadda
Holy Souls
Tom, Margaret, Pauline & Tommy Macey
Michael Block—Birthday Blessing
3:00 PM— Wedding: Abigail Bania & Ryan Kenny

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 7, 2026

Saturday, June 6th

5:00 PM— Geraldine Dacko
Nancy Lukasik
Dale Yukich
Ralph Dziuba
Norbert Kuksta
Rosie Quinn Anhalt
Infant Milo Appolonia Ortega

Sunday, June 7th

7:30 AM— Irene Brajner
Colleen J. Nix
Nancy Lukasik
Tom & Chet Chwierut
9:30 AM— Ed Fioretti
Penny Paetow
Steve & Carol Stefan
Joseph Callanan
Don & Mary Tadda
Lisa Licega—Birthday Blessing
11:30 AM— Tom Scanlon
Tom Stuchly
Art & Lorraine Wittbrodt
John & Rose Svabek—Wedding Anniv.
George Lombard
Mary Kennedy
Ray Ekberg
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

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.