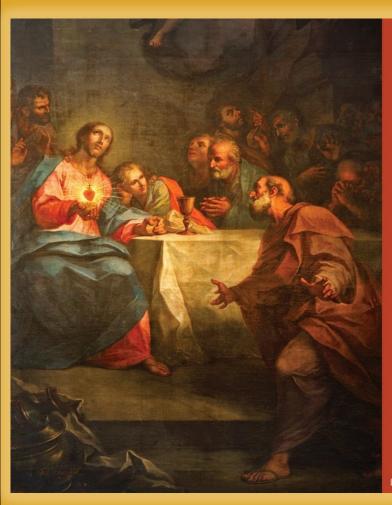
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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[Jesus said to his disciples:]

"Whoever loves me will
keep my word, and my
Father will love him, and
we will come to him and
make our dwelling with
him." - Jn 14:23

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

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

Phone: 708-448-4861

	. Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227
Associate Pastor:	Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223
Deacons: Jim Horton,	Michael Ciciura, Fran Pendergast
Director Parish Home & H	ealth Ministry: Jim Horton ext. 232
Operations Manager:	Paula Somers ext. 233
Director of Music:	Matthew Berardi ext. 224
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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
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School Web: www.stalexanderschool.com
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Religious Education Office

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

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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

EUCHARIST

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,

On this Feast of Pentecost our Lord Jesus Christ blessed His apostles and followers with the gifts of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit of Love, Peace and Joy. The same Holy Spirit that came into the Apostles in tongues of fire two thousand years ago still enflames our hearts with the same gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Today we are called to be modern day apostles sharing our gifts with one another and spreading the good news of Christ to all people.

As we celebrate The Feast of the Pentecost, we recall that Jesus breathed on the apostles and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit". Before that Jesus twice told his apostles, "Peace be with you". Our Lord Jesus Christ wishes that each and every man and woman on this earth live in peace and harmony with one another. He made no distinctions whether somebody was white or black, Jew or Gentile, or any other nationality. As we live in these times where there are massacres in schools and in our streets, violence is rampant everywhere, innocent lives are taken, racial and ethnic tensions still exist, we must remember that our Lord wishes us all to be at peace and be a peaceful people.

Today's second collection is for PRMAA, which is the Priest's Retirement and Mutual Aid Association, of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Your generosity to this campaign impacts our many active and retired archdiocesan priests who serve the many parishes and ministries of the Church of Chicago. Please turn to page five of today's bulletin and read Cardinal Cupich's letter on this important collection.

This past Thursday, June 5th, our children and faculty celebrated the end of the school year with a Eucharistic liturgy and began their summer vacation. Let us all pray they have a relaxing and safe summer. On behalf of the parish and myself, a heartfelt thanks to all our faculty and parishioners who serve the children of our school with their generosity, prayers, and love of our school.

Many thanks to the Stroner family who continues to take care of the Marian Shrine on the east side of our parking lot. This truly is a beautiful gift to both our Blessed Mother and our parish. Please remember to visit the shrine and the other areas of devotion that adorn our campus.

Finally, please remember the repose of the soul of Bishop John "Jack" Gorman who passed of this world to eternal life this past Monday. Bishop Gorman served the archdiocese as a parish priest, rector of the Major Seminary St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, vicar of Vicariate 1, and many other ministries. Bishop Gorman was just shy of his 100th birthday while still being active at our neighboring parish Our Lady of the Woods. In 1973 Bishop Gorman became the pastor of St. Michael's parish in Orland Park. I was honored to be in his first eighth grade graduating class in June of 1974. He was truly a spiritual man and shared his gifts and love with many people. Please keep him in your prayers as he is now one with the Holy Trinity in the kingdom of heaven.

God Bless, Father Marty



Do you attend Mass regularly, but crave something more?

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



The following children were baptized by Fr. Martin Michniewicz on Sunday, June 1, 2025.

Landon Robert Blake, son of Joseph & Terese Beatrice Rose Cahill, daughter of Matthew & Joline Maeve Amelia Delaney, daughter of Michael & Michele Navy Jeanne Haberkorn, daughter of Joe & Kathleen Layken Jo Malecki, daughter of Maxwell & Lauren Emmy Roberta Penders, daughter of Ryan & Jennafer Ava Rusnak, daughter of Piotr & Kathy

We welcome them into the family of the church and offer their parents our prayers and good wishes.



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:

Edmund Obiala, husband of Joan

PRAY DAILY

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

-St. Francis de Sales



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:

Dale Yukich
Carole Holding
James Dugan
Dan McNamas
Molly Flynn

Lisa Krisik
Bob Redman
Elaine Krisik
Shauna Regan

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.



PRAY FOR THOSE SOON TO BE MARRIED

I Catherine Wildner & Daniel Walsh III Elizabeth Mata & Saul Barajas

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, "Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn't bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?" We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23). Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word "sin" comes from an ancient word that means "to split" or "render asunder." Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual "breath" leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



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June 8, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Very shortly, we will celebrate Fathers' Day, an opportunity to celebrate the men who gave us life and supported us across the years. It marks a time of memory and gratitude. As we remember and thank these men who gave us physical life, I invite you to extend that gratitude to those who have been spiritual fathers to us, priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Certainly, you remember how your priests have been present at every season of your lives—from birth and growing up in the early years to sacramental celebrations. They have walked with you in times of great joy and times of deep sorrow.

Now, we have an opportunity to express our gratitude to these priests who number 386 active and 247 retired with the gift of our support for their health and retirement needs. This weekend, we will take up a second collection for the Priests' Health and Retirement. Your contribution will support their health care, nursing care, and retirement. Those who will benefit from your generosity to this collection are our Chicago priests of the archdiocese. As you may recall, a different collection for men and women belonging to religious orders (including their priests, brothers and sisters) was taken up several months ago.

Please join me in making a generous contribution to this weekend's second collection. You may also want to consider naming the Priests' Health and Retirement as a beneficiary in your will, something that I have done.

Above all, raise a prayer to God in thanksgiving for the archdiocesan priests he has given us and raise a prayer of petition for them, so that they can continue to serve God's people with the heart of Christ, the Good Shepherd.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Store Coud. Carriel
Archbishop of Chicago

St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship

Monthly Meeting Thursday, June 19th Parish Lounge — 11:30AM

(use lounge doors on the south end of building)

Join us for our ever popular lce Cream Social!

Make your own sundae, meet old friends and make new friends.



All are welcome! Remember, NO July meeting.

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

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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.



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!





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!



Meeting: Wednesday, June12th 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.



PLEASE NOTE

SAVE sales will be closed from June 15th to July 3rd



FLAG DAY June 14th Commemorating the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777

Home Bound or III?

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.



of Communion

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK June 9-15, 2025

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2,

3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132,

133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7,

8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, Thursday:

11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/

Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,

11-12/Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/

Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO PRIESTS' HEALTH & RETIREMENT



Our Promise to Our Priests

Please support the health and well-being of our priests by making a generous gift to the Priests' Health and Retirement/ PRMAA collection for the benefit of their healthcare and retirement needs.

Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA

1400 South Wolf Road Building 3, Floor 2

prmaa.org Hillside, IL 60162

COMMUNION MINISTERS



Saturday, June 14th

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

Sunday, June 15th

7:30 AM— Steve Lukasik, Ruth Macey, **Betty Chwierut**

9:30 AM— Rosemary Dziuba, Wendy Loftus, Joan Obiala, Patti Hartig (LG)

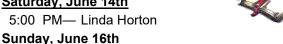
11:30 AM— Jeff & Ofelia Foreman, Tom Stuchly

6:00 PM— Michael Collins

READERS

Saturday, June 14th





7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Rich Cruz

11:30 AM— Joan DeVito

6:00 PM— James Clark

WORD OF LIFE

"Dearest St. Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of 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.



Are you curious about the Catholic Faith?

If any of these reasons apply, OCIA might be exactly what you're looking for!

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA means The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- 1. You're marrying a Catholic. (Sharing and practicing your faith together is a great *foundation for married life.*)
- 2. You're already married to a Catholic and your children are being raised Catholic. (It's natural to want to feel a closer bond by sharing in the sacraments with family.)
- 3. Your children are learning about the Catholic faith. (You'd like to learn more about this faith tradition, still unsure if you'd like to become a Catholic..)
- 4. You've lived in a "Catholic world" all your life, so people assume you are already Catholic. (You'd like to find out if you are closer than you think in mind and heart.)
- 5. You don't know much about Catholicism, but a friend or neighbor has inspired you to learn more. (With no strings attached, this is a wonderful way to check things out.)
- 6. You have experienced personal loss or family struggles. (You are seeking ways to deepen your spiritual life by exploring the Catholic faith tradition.)

You don't know why, but you feel something urging you to the Catholic Church. (It's probably the Holy Spirit.)

Our OCIA sessions begin in September. If you are interested in joining us, contact Fr. Marty at the parish office (708) 448-4861 or Deacon Mike at mciciura@archchicago.org

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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.

Contact the parish office at 708-448-4861 if you would like a Mass intention for 2025 or 2026.



ST. ALEXANDER WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE PALOS HEIGHTS PARADE.

WE ARE ASKING FOR CANDY DONATIONS. PLEASE DROP OFF TO THE PARISH RECTORY BY JUNE 30TH.

PLEASE HAVE CANDY BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED, NO CHOCOLATE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 8, 2025

Saturday, June 7th

5:00 PM— Dan & Janet Crowley—40th Wedding Anniversary Blessing

Sunday, June 8th

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer

Thomas Chwierut Chet Chwierut Catherine Hoban Colleen J. Nix Irene Brainer

Ruth & Walter Nojay

9:30 AM— Jimmy Pasquinelli

Raymond & Marion Hunt Owen & Theresa McAlinden

Janeen Pikula

Karen Read—Special Intention

Bunny Rivoli

Cheryl Jean Larson Weyh

Don & Mary Tadda

11:30 AM— Brian McGuire

George Lombard—6th Anniversary

Church)

Len Bruinius Helen Carroll Michael Hurley John Svabek

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Monday, June 9th (Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the

8:30 AM— Deborah M . Kates

Colleen J. Nix John McNamara John Svabek

Merrill Jurgens Sr.

Tuesday, June 10th

8:30 AM— Michael Hanley

Colleen J. Nix Mary Stephens Joseph Rathnau Jennifer Aparo

Ana Liceaga—Birthday Blessing

Merrill Jurgens Sr.

Wednesday, June 11th (St. Barnabas, Apostle)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix

Richard Robert Reckwerdt

Gabriella Liceaga—Birthday Blessing
Ray & Monica Koepke—Special Intention

Merrill Jurgens Sr.

Thursday, June 12th

8:30 AM— John Foster

Colleen J. Nix Thomas McQuinn Mary Kate Graf

Mike—Healing Blessings Merrill Jurgens Sr.

Friday, June 13th (St. Anthony of Padua)

8:30 AM— Chet Chwierut

Colleen J. Nix Timothy Jarema Gerry Verzak Richard Quinn Steve Weber Arlene Bortman

Michael & Darllae Macey & Family

Merrill Jurgens Sr.

Saturday, June 14th

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix

Chet & Thomas Chwierut

Merrill Jurgens Sr.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY JUNE 15, 2025

Saturday, June 14th

5:00 PM— Ann Purcell

John Sexton Sr. Richard Mundo Sr. Joseph Rathnau Family Eleanore & Ken Reilly Joseph Wolf

Joseph Wolf Brian J. Daly Clement Michaud

3:00 PM— Wedding: Elizabeth Mata & Saul Barajas

Sunday, June 15th

7:30 AM— Frank A. Narel, Joe Macey

Thomas McInerney, Arthur J. Data Sr. James J. Laski Sr., Judy McCarthy Aggie Palmer, Thomas Chwierut Chet Chwierut, Johanna Hoban

Jim Nix—Special Intention, Colleen J. Nix

Robert Corbett, John Lahey

9:30 AM— John Janik, Albert Mientus

James O'Malley, Don & Mary Tadda Peter Murphy, Raymond & Marion Hunt

Kevin Reynolds, Bill Lowery William Gibbons, Jim Flanagan William (Boleslaw) Zarod,

Fr. William Henkel—22nd Anniversary Gregory Lentini, Patrick Michael Loftus

Matthew O'Brien, Brock Mavity John Stephens, Dan Bagniewski Joseph Pipolo, Michael Nazarczuk

Peter "Paul" Domico

11:30 AM— Slanislaw Kopec, Ludwik Karwaczka

Bo Restaino, Art Wittbrodt

Martin Berquist Family, Michael Sweeney

James Grisolano, Ed Obiala

John Svabek

PRAYING TO THE ANGELS

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Father's Day Novena Merrill Jurgens Sr.

We pray to the angels, for they are given to us as guardians.

—St. Ambrose