# St. Alexander Church Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 23, 2024 The Palos Catholic



### St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

#### **Parish Administrative Center**

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

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Pastor: Rev	. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227
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#### St. Alexander School

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School Web: www.stalexanderschool.com
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#### Religious Education Office

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

Phone: 708-448-6624

Coordinator of Religious Education: Tyler Ried Religious Ed. E-Mail: tried@archchicago.org
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### **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

#### **RCIA** Celebration of the Rites 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 (RCIC) and teens (RCIT).

RCIA/RCIC/RCIT 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

#### **Evening of Healing Prayer** and Eucharistic Adoration

On the 1st Saturday of the month 4:30 PM - Recitation of the Rosary 5:00 PM - Regular Vigil Mass for Sunday 5:45 PM - Eucharistic Adoration for one hour of quiet prayer

#### 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 is St. Alexander's Annual Parish Picnic which follows the 11:30AM Mass. The picnic will be held on our parish grounds until 5:00PM. Set some time aside to visit with friends and enjoy good food. This year all the food will be provided by the parish for free. There will be a foam machine and other activities for the children. We will also have a DJ to provide music, the egg toss, musical chairs our popcorn machine, and dessert. This is the perfect opportunity to gather as parishioners of all ages to celebrate God's gift that we have here at St. Alexander Parish.

As you well know my brothers and sisters, we are blessed to have a beautiful campus here at St. Alexander Parish which includes our church, school buildings, parish center (better known as the gym), the parish offices, homes for the priests, our well maintained grounds, and athletic fields. Many of you being homeowners yourselves know that we all have to maintain our facilities and keep up on basic maintenance. This summer we are replacing the roof on the original school building, removing several dead and unnecessary trees from our property, and furnishing the newly completed meeting room which used to be rooms 311 and 312. Due to your generous contributions we are able to complete these projects and thus protect the integrity of our parish buildings. Once again, thank you for your financial support of St. Alexander Parish which enables us to keep our parish grounds one of the most attractive and best maintained parishes in our archdiocese. Please remember that your money is spent wisely at our parish as we continue to maintain our parish buildings and grounds while continuing to support our many ministries.

That's all I have to say this week my friends for I am writing this article on June 11th due to the fact I was away for the Priest Convocation on June 18<sup>th</sup> when I would usually write my article. In the meantime, let's pray for one another and for peace in this troubled world we live in. Never underestimate the power of prayer and what can be achieved when people use the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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



**Hadley Anneliese Gruca**, daughter of Kyle & Lauren, was baptized on June 15, 2024 by Fr. Colm Mitchell.

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

Contact the parish office at 708-448-4861 if you would like a Mass intention for 2024 or 2025.



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK June 24-30, 2024

Monday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/

Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:

2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35,

36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/

Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/

Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/

Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11,

12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



## 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:

Tatiana Ranftl Dale Yukich
Maggie Campbell Lisa Krisik
Eileen Long Dorothy Rafferty
Ken Toth Tim McGuire
Richard Budz Kathleen Mannix

Fran Paynton Levickas

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.



III Gina Merritello & Eric Marek



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:

**Peter Murphy**, husband of Kimberly **Ann Purcell**, mother of Gene Conway

# SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



Right now, you and I are only worried about one of only two things: wind or water. Bear with me. This week we hear the account of the terrified disciples waking Jesus in a sea-storm. He chastises them for their lack of faith, and then, "rebuking the wind, he said to the sea, 'Quiet, be still!'" He rebukes the wind and stills the water. In the Bible wind and water represent the two most fundamental poles of our experience of creation. Wind means heaven, spirit, that which gives identity, unity, order, light. Water stands for earth, variation, potential, that which can be drawn into identity, darkness, chaos.

Too much "wind" is when things get way too rigid, abstract and ideological — when we face oppressive leaders and tyrants, when we get addicted to our own way of doing things, when our attention is too narrowly focused on one thing. Too much "water" is excessive novelty, passivity, indifference, and chaos — when our attention is too broadly diffused on many things, when things seem to be crumbling without direction into the dark abyss. We know both terrifying experiences all too well.

The point of the miracle is that God in Christ is the One who brings final cosmic harmony between these two vital but threatening forces. He ultimately does so from the wood of the cross, when he breathes forth the wind of his spirit and pours forth the water from his side to establish a new creation, filled with harmonious peace. When the wind and water are out of control, trust him.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-4



June 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

In anticipation of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, which will make its way through the Archdiocese of Chicago June 26-30, I am writing to share with you the events taking place during those days. You can find them listed on our website at <a href="archchicago.org/eucharisticpilgrimage">archchicago.org/eucharisticpilgrimage</a>. I encourage you to participate as you are able, hoping that as many as possible can join in accompanying one another during this time of Eucharistic Revival.

Please note that there will be a specific event for high school age students on Wednesday, June 26 from 4-7 p.m. at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary (1000 East Maple Avenue, Mundelein, IL 60060). I genuinely hope that as many as possible will join other young people from around the archdiocese for the celebration of Mass, which will be followed by testimonies from young adult pilgrims, Eucharistic Adoration and a Eucharistic Procession on the campus.

Additionally, for those who recently received the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, we invite you and your families to join me on Sunday, June 30 from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral (735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654) for Sunday Mass and a Eucharistic procession. I am especially looking forward to this occasion to celebrate with the families of those young people having just received these Sacraments of Christian Initiation. Young people who are recently Confirmed and are First Communicants are welcome to wear their sacramental attire for the occasion. In order to participate in either of these events please RSVP using the QR code below. See <a href="archchicago.org/eucharisticpilgrimage">archchicago.org/eucharisticpilgrimage</a> for details on these and other Pilgrimage events that may interest you.

Assuring you of a place in my prayers and with warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

RSVP for either or both of these events using the QR code below







# TO ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS







Last day of school picnic for grades first through seventh!









DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO — AWARENESS—SERVICES—PREVENTION www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org For Information call 708-215-5418

#### 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.

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



The Southwest Catholic Soccer Association (SWCSA) championship was recently held at Marist High School. Both St. Al's teams, the Junior Varsity Girls and Junior Varsity Co-Ed, made it into their division's championship game. Each team consists of combined 5th/6th grade students. JV Co-Ed finished as runner up and the JV Girls, coached by Tim Kennedy and Tim Eyer, finished as champions! JV team pictured: Bea Bizzieri, Maeve Coffey, Sofia Dabrowski, Eleanor Doyle, Elle Enright, Olivia Eyer,

Madelyn Kennedy, Mikaela Kuehn,

Ceci Weston and Julie Ziel.



#### **COMMUNION MINISTERS**

#### Saturday, June 29th

5:00 PM— Maureen Balich, Rosemary Dziuba

#### Sunday, June 30th

7:30 AM— Karen McNeal, Susan Chillmon, Pat Sobczak

9:30 AM— Guido Cadore, Pat Karrasch, Wendy Loftus

11:30 AM— Patricia Klaus, Mary Beth Flynn, Joan Obiala

6:00 PM- Mike Collins

#### **READERS**

#### Saturday, June 29th

5:00 PM— Joan DeVito

#### Sunday, June 30th

7:30 AM— Paula Somers

9:30 AM— John Kelbowski, Ryan Alberts

11:30 AM— Mary Ann Klimek, Mary Lally

6:00 PM— James Clark

#### SAVE THE DATE!

**2024 St. Alexander Golf Outing**Waters Edge Golf Club

Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>





# Are you curious about the Catholic Faith? If any of these reasons apply, RCIA might be exactly what you're looking for!

(RCIA means The Rite 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 RCIA 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



#### WORD OF LIFE

"O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith."

—USCCB "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"



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

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

#### **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.

# The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Feast Day: June 24<sup>th</sup>

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John...." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "Yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).







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#### WHAT ARE CAMPS LIKE AT ST. RITA?

St. Rita High School is the place to be this summer as our summer camps offer your child the opportunity to learn, play, and compete in the best way possible!

Between new offerings like the early childhood **Mini Mustang Camp** and decades old Recreation Camp (now renamed the **Swoosh Camp** in honor of Coach Jay "Jay Bird" Standring), 2024 summer camps allow grammar school students from grades 1st through 8th to **learn**, **play** and **compete** in a new way while honoring long standing St. Rita traditions.







#### 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.





**VICARIATE V** 

# Vigil Mass and Eucharistic Devotion

Saturday, June 29, 2024 | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish

8245 West 111th Street, Palos Hills, IL 60465

Join us as we celebrate the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

Vicariate V invites you to join us for our Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m., Adoration and Benediction at 5:30 p.m., and Reception at 6 p.m.



To learn more and register for this event, please visit **EucharisticRevivalChicago.org**.







## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 23, 2024

Saturday, June 22nd

5:00 PM— Colin Myron

Christine Craven Robert Gorski Chuck Siemiawski

John & Genevieve Laskey Francis J. Pendergast Jr.

Sunday, June 23rd

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer

Martha Richards Colleen J. Nix

9:30 AM— For the Parishioners

Chester J. Shure

Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM

Loren Feldner, DDS

Edna Murphy Dan Dunne

Harold Vineyard—Anniversary Blessing

Martin Gianotti John Beatty Jeanne Schoenke

Kathleen Noone

11:30 AM— Kevin Kelly

Cory John Clause—35th Anniversary

Donahue Family Barbara Delaney Martin Gianotti

6:00 PM— Father's Day Mass Novena

Monday, June 24th (The Nativity of St. John the Baptist)

8:30 AM— Father's Day Mass Novena

Kevin P. Keİlly—1st Anniversary Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM Anne Biskoski —2nd Anniversary

Colleen J. Nix

Alice, Walter & Paul Kozlowski

Tuesday, June 25th

8:30 AM— Fr. Daniel Tomich—2nd Anniversary

Colleen J. Nix

Wednesday, June 26th

8:30 AM— Daniel Dunne Colleen J. Nix

Thursday, June 27th (St. Cyril of Alexandria)

8:30 AM— Helen Rose Durack

Robert & Janine Pikula

Maureen Jordan

Dave Vasil—Birthday Blessing

Colleen J. Nix

Friday, June 28th (St. Irenaeus)

8:30 AM— Margaret Corbett

Colleen J. Nix

Saturday, June 29th (Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles)

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix

3:00 PM— Wedding: Gina Merritello & Eric Marek

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 30, 2024

Saturday, June 29th

5:00 PM— Raymond Schwaller

Joseph Sloyan Catherine Wells

Florence C. Jastrzebowski Francis J. Pendergast Jr.

Robert Westphal

Sunday, June 30th

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer

Colleen J. Nix

9:30 AM— Francis & Verle Clare

Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM

Loren Feldner, DDS Alex Michael Plane Katherine Flanigan

John Harris Maureen Jordan

11:30 AM— For the Parishioners

Barbara Delaney Bob Thoma Seamus Ryan Joseph Marth

6:00 PM— Concepcion Montenegro Pefianco

#### 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.