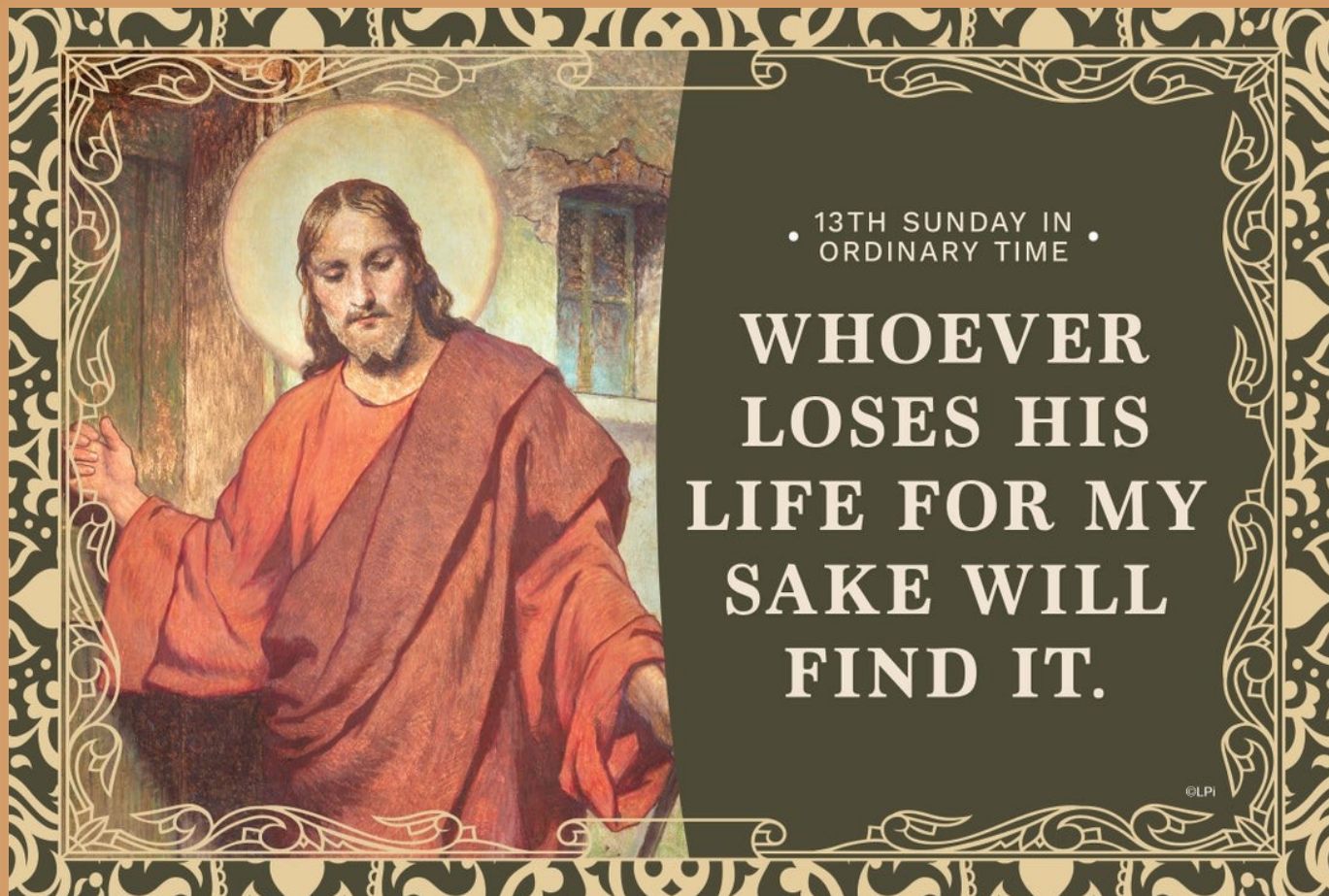


St. Alexander Church

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2026

The Palos Catholic



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

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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,

This Saturday, the Fourth of July, we celebrate the 250th birth of our great nation. As we witness the governments in many countries throughout the world we see many people who live under dictatorships and other forms of rogue regimes. As a result the population of these nations suffer from poverty, lack of educational opportunities, and many other travesties. We here in America are blessed to live in a country where we have fair elections, due process of law, liberty, justice, and freedom of religion. While celebrating the Fourth of July, let us remember and appreciate the great country we live in, and the people throughout the years who have laid down or risked their lives for the United States of America.

Our Mass on the Fourth of July will be at 8:00AM, please join us as we celebrate the men and women who gave so much so that we can be the great country we are today. Let us never forget that our nation is based on faith and the principles of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please note that the Parish Administrative Office will be closed on July 3rd. No matter what our nationality or where we were born let us all remember that we live in the greatest nation on God's green earth. Also I would like to thank all those parishioners who gave me condolences over the Las Vegas Golden Knights losing the Stanley Cup to the Carolina Hurricanes. Then again, it's only a game. I'm sure we will be celebrating a White Sox world series victory this fall. (I truly am a dreamer and a man of hope.)

Recently I had read that more young people are turning to the church as they seek meaning to their life. Unfortunately atheism is also on the rise not only in our country but throughout the world. Once again I turn to Bishop Fulton Sheen for wisdom on this subject of the atheist.

"The modern atheist does not disbelieve because of his intellect, but because of his will; it is not knowledge that makes him an atheist...The denial of God springs from a man's desire not to have a God—from his wish that there were no Justice behind the universe, so that his injustices would fear not retribution; from his desire that there would be no Law, so that he may not be judged by it; from his wish that there were no Absolute Goodness, that he might go on sinning with impunity. That is why the modern atheist is always angered when he hears anything said about God and religion. He would be incapable of such a resentment if God were only a myth."

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



Joshua James Moreno, son of Sergio & Elizabeth, was baptized on Saturday, June 20, 2026 by Fr. Martin Michniewicz.

We welcome him into the family of the church and offer his 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:

Jayne Dvorscek, sister of James
Mabel Pell, aunt of Debra Joyal

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"



Prayers
FOR HEALING

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	Barb Chwierut
Molly Flynn	Terry Horvath
Joe Cucio	Gloria Nitti

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 still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ's claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I've learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find... everything, and everyone, in him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42



READINGS FOR THE WEEK June 29-July 5, 2026

Monday:	Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/ Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/ Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Saturday:	Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17
Sunday:	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

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.

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.

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 Deacon Jim Horton or Deacon Fran Pendergast at 708-448-4861.

**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.



There will be one Mass celebrated at 8:00AM on Saturday, July 4th
The Parish Administrative Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd

ENJOY A SAFE & HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!

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

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, July 1st**

"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

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 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.



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

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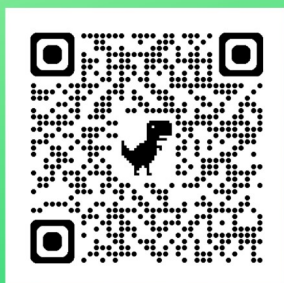


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If you have any questions please contact Paula Somers, Business Manager, at 708-448-4861.

A fun afternoon for some of the Over 50 Fellowship members at Drury Lane. Lots of laughs at Nunsense. No July meeting. See you in August with our ice cream social! Have a great summer and Happy Birthday America



4TH OF JULY PARADE!

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!**



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you curious about the Catholic Faith?

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

(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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

St. Alexander Parish lists the names of active military of parishioners and their family members in our weekly bulletin. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they protect our country and freedom.

If you have a relative who is an active member in the United States Military and would like them listed in the bulletin, contact Nancy at the Parish Office, 448-4861. Please inform us if the service person listed is no longer active in the military at home or abroad.

Our Members in the Military

Scott Golich - U.S. Navy
 Stephen LaPiana - U.S. Army
 Matthew Brennan - U.S. Air Force
 Andrew Nissen - U.S. Marines
 Andrew Cleland - U.S. Army
 John Hoban III - U.S. Army
 A. Amanda Cleland - U.S. Air Force
 Amanda Brennan - U.S. Army
 Kyle Hite - U.S. Army
 Gino Albergo - U.S. Army
 James M. Bilder - U.S. Army
 Nicholas Wineman - U.S. Marines
 Kate Ridsen - U.S. Navy
 Kevin Lewis - U.S. Navy
 Michael Lindstrom - U.S. Army
 Ryan Graeber - U.S. Marines
 Mary Kate Wetzel - U.S. Marines
 Cody Goldman - National Guard
 Isaac & Veronika Baines - U.S. Navy
 Michael D. Faloona - National Guard
 Conor Knapp - U.S. Army

Robert Brennan - U.S. Army
 Scott Milcarek - U.S. Army
 Charles Berglund - U.S. Marines
 Patrick Pratl - U.S. Navy
 Alan Filipiak - U.S. Navy
 Mark Filipiak - U.S. Marines
 Joshua Bramlett U.S. Navy
 Matthew Bramlett - U.S. Navy
 David Lindstrom - National Guard
 Daniel Weakley - U.S. Navy
 Stephen Vossler - U.S. Navy
 Vito Barraco - U.S. Army
 Ryan Grant - U.S. Army
 Nicholas Crot - U.S. Marines
 Jose Sanchez - U.S. Army
 Ben St. Aubin - U. S. Navy
 Hunter Leschman - U.S. Navy
 Cameron Smentek - U.S. Army
 Judith Hite - U.S. Army
 Jake Soukup - U.S. Army



SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE

Peter's Pence Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

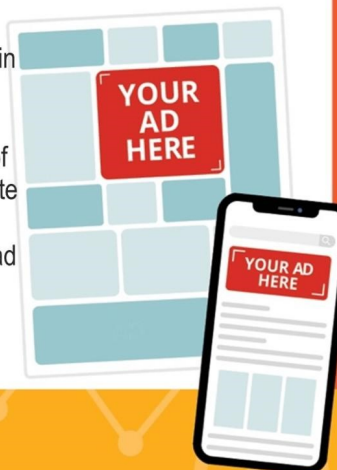
If any parish ministry or organization would like to have an announcement made at Mass we ask that you please have the information to the office by noon on Friday. This allows us to compile the books we need for weekend liturgies by the end of Friday. Also, please limit announcements to one or two sentences.

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

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Jeff Hansen from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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JHansen@4lpi.com



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!
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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.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, July 4th

5:00 PM— Mary Ceebin, Maureen Balich, Linda Horton

Sunday, July 5th

7:30 AM— Bob Straz, Nancy Foster, Ed Sobczak
 9:30 AM— Wendy Loftus, Patti Hartig, Nancy Dougherty, Pat Karrasch (LG)
 11:30 AM— Ryan Alberts, Joan DeVito
 6:00 PM— Mary Beth Partyka, Sharon Ayres, Michael Collins



READERS

Saturday, July 4th

5:00 PM— Linda Horton

Sunday, July 5th

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski, Mark Foster
 9:30 AM— Rich Cruz
 11:30 AM— Ryan Alberts
 6:00 PM— James Clark, Bob Ayres



Mass Intentions For The Week

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 28, 2026

Saturday, June 27th

5:00 PM— Father's Day Novena
Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells
Helen Rose Durack
Nancy Lukasik
Dale Yukich
Raymond Schwaller
Joseph Callanan
Michael Gniady
Tom Donovan
Joan Lynch—10th Anniversary

Sunday, June 28th

7:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Nancy Somers
Rose Diorio
Margaret Corbett
Johanna Hoban
Jerry Lawler
Chet & Tom Chwierut
Barb Chwierut—Healing Intention
9:30 AM— Owen & Theresa McAlinden
Joan & Dan Bagniewski
Don & Mary Tadda
John Norton
Cathy Staron
Joseph Callanan
11:30 AM— Gertrude Bochenek
Peter Bochenek
Susan Gildea
Carol Bochenek
Maron Gildea
John Lazzara
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Father's Day Novena

Monday, June 29th (Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles)

8:30 AM— Father's Day Novena
Colleen J. Nix
Florence C. Jastrzebowski
Paul Macey
Rose Diorio

Tuesday, June 30th (The First Martyrs of the Holy

8:30 AM— Dan Greco *Roman Church)*
Colleen J. Nix
Jennifer Aparo
Unborn Children
Rose Diorio
Tracey Hyde—Birthday Blessing
Hyde and Benham Families

Wednesday, July 1st (St. Junipero Serra)

8:30 AM— Maureen Buescher
Colleen J. Nix
John Janik
Patick Lloyd
Mary McCarthy
Rose Diorio

Thursday, July 2nd

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Tommy Grady
Julie Luksetich
Lori Czech
Rose Diorio

Friday, July 3rd (St. Thomas, Apostle)

8:30 AM— Tom Scanlon
Mary Reilly—1st Anniversary
Colleen J. Nix
Dorothy Janik—3rd Anniversary
Carol Reckwerdt—3rd Anniversary
Ann & Joseph Malacina
Rose Diorio

Saturday, July 4th

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix
John & Dorothy Janik
Chet & Tom Chwierut
Rose Diorio
Blessed Mother's Intentions

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 5, 2026

Saturday, July 4th

5:00 PM— Dale Yukich
Ralph Dziuba
Tom Donovan
Isabelle Cook

Sunday, July 5th

7:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Vincent & Mary Hoban
Chet & Tom Chwierut
Rose Diorio
Robert & Sheila Barth
Russ Lamantia—Healing Intention
9:30 AM— Nancy Lukasik
Rosie Quinn Anhalt
Steve & Carol Stefan
11:30 AM— Helen Carroll
George Lombard
Mary Ann Carroll
Joze F. Sarga
Marianne Moore
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners



ST. ALEXANDER PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you know someone who needs to be remembered? Do you have a relative, friend or neighbor who needs to know someone is praying for them?

We have a gift for you. St. Alexander's Prayer Shawl Ministry has handmade shawls and blankets that have been blessed, and are available to anyone who needs them. You just need to pick them up. They are available to all parishioners at the Parish Administrative Center during normal business hours.