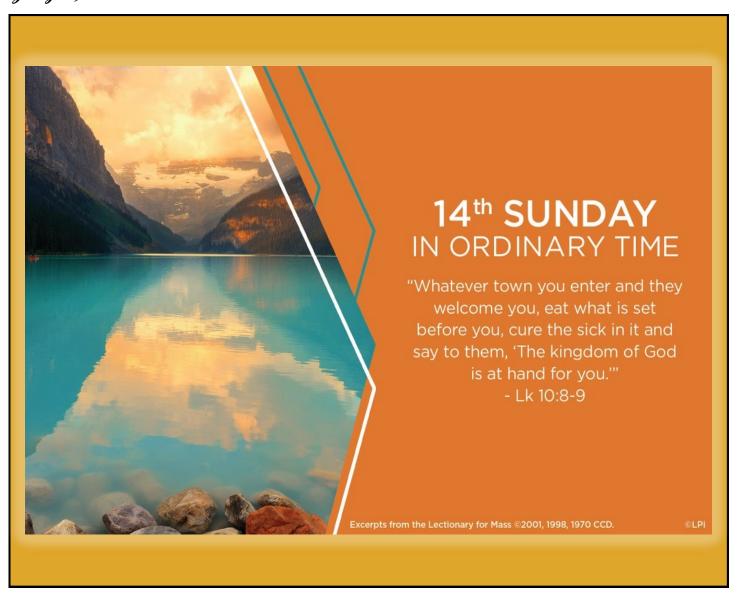
# St. Alexander Church Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 6, 2025 The Palos Catholic



### 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
	Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223
Deacons: Jim Horton, M	lichael Ciciura, Fran Pendergast
Director Parish Home & Hea	alth Ministry: Jim Horton ext. 232
Operations Manager:	Paula Somers ext. 233
Director of Music:	Matthew Berardi ext. 224
Youth Minister:	Tyler Ried-708- 448-6624
Athletic Director	Michael Kennedy
Parish E-Mail:	alchurch1@comcast.net
St. Alexander on the Web: .	www.stalexanderpalos.org

### 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 Religious Ed. E-Mail: tried@archchicago.org
Knights of Columbus: 708-448-4861 ext. 400
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,

The heat of the summer is upon us. Unfortunately with the heat of the summer, Sunday Mass attendance does have a tendency to drop off a bit. Some of this is due to summer vacations and some is due to the attitude that one can take a "vacation" from church. Please remember and remind parishioners and children throughout the year that we should all gather each week as a community to worship our Lord, give thanks and appreciate the fact we are one unified community striving to live the life of the Gospel. We are a strong, faith-based parish at St. Alexander and we need to worship each and every Sunday. As we evangelize to others it is vital that we support our parish and one another.

If you are away for the weekend or on an extended vacation, please find a local Catholic church and worship there. Check out the notice on this page for apps you can download. If you are unable to attend Mass at St. Alexander's, I ask that you please remember to drop your missed Sunday envelopes in the next collection basket, drop them at the parish office, or in the mail.

Please remember Palos Hospital does not have a full-time priest chaplain on staff. They have employed various priests to celebrate daily and weekend Masses which are televised into patient rooms. Although one or two part-time retired priests are occasionally ministering in the hospital they are not always available or present. If you plan on going to the hospital for surgery or another medical procedure and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick please call the parish office and ask for Fr. Colm Mitchell or myself. We will be more than glad to come to your house or you can come to the Parish Administrative Center and we can celebrate the Sacrament at that time. Also, we are available to anoint you after any weekday or Sunday Mass. Please remember that the Anointing of the Sick also takes place after the 5:00 PM evening Mass on the first Saturday of the month when we have Individual Prayer Opportunity and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Also, we are more than willing to anoint our parishioners at Palos Hospital. Unfortunately the chaplains from hospice do not always inform us when somebody is ill and needs to be anointed. Many still think the sacrament is the Last Rites. For many years it has been the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It is much more meaningful for the person to be anointed if they are conscious and aware that they are receiving the Sacrament of Healing from our Lord. Once again, please do not hesitate to call us at St. Alexander if you or a loved one would like to receive this beautiful sacrament.

> God Bless, Father Marty

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#### MASS TIMES WHILE OUT OF TOWN

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

#### WORD OF LIFE

"O God our Creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society."

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Prayer for Religious Liberty"

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



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK July 7-13, 2025

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/

Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab,

8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3,

10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17,

18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,

39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4,

6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,

36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



### 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 Carole Holding
Paul Lunter Laurie Walters
Mary Egan Susan Lorden
Tara Sarahar

Tom Scanlon

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.



The following children were baptized by Deacon Mike Ciciura on Sunday, June 22, 2025.

### Hannah Jean Kwiatkowski,

daughter of Anthony & Courtney

Brooks Norbert Putlak, son of Kevin & Jennifer

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

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, "Racism is to-day's great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it." I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don't we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus' words this week help. He says, "Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9



### 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!** 

### **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.

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### COMMUNION MINISTERS Saturday, July 12th



5:00 PM— Mary Ceebin, Rosemary Dziuba, Bob Straz

#### Sunday, July 13th

7:30 AM— Karen McNeal, Betty Chwierut, Sue Murphy

9:30 AM— Carol Schuemann, Dorothy McCloskey Nancy Dougherty, Patti Hartig (LG)

11:30 AM— Patricia Klaus, Tom Stuchly 6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres, Merrill Jurgens

#### **READERS**

### Saturday, July 12th

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers, Linda Horton

### Sunday, July 13th

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Debbie Myron, Ryan Alberts

11:30 AM— Briana Knight

6:00 PM— Bob Ayres, Johanna Jurgens

# St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship

No Monthly Meeting in July See you on August 21<sup>st</sup>



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. THEODORE GUERIN COUNCIL #14057

Meeting: Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **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.



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



SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE

### Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



### Opportunity for Spiritual Direction

Christion Spiritual Direction is an ancient spiritual discipline that is a way of companioning people as they seek to look

closely, through the eyes of their heart, at the guidance and transforming work of God in their lives. Direction is given by one believer to another and helps the seeker to respond to the Holy Spirit's communication by living out this relationship with God. The focus of this type of spiritual direction is on experience, not ideas, and specifically on the religious dimension of experience.

Moreover, experiences are viewed as an expression of the ongoing personal relationship God has established with each one of us. The director is considered a gentle guide in this process. Spiritual direction meetings take place once a month in a one on one setting. Prayer, silence, and listening are used to assist the seeker in discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives. All conversations take place in strict confidentiality.

If you are interested in getting more details about or using Spiritual Direction ministry, please contact Deacon Mike Ciciura at 630-243-9342 or mciciura@archchicago.org

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### SUNDAY 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.



### **E-Giving Made Easy**

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# Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Sponsors Needed!

### **Qualities of an OCIA Sponsor:**

-Be a model of faith, hope and love by being an active Catholic

-Comfortable relating to others

-Balanced spiritually and love for the Church

### Responsibilities of an OCIA Sponsor:

-Keep regular contact with the candidate

-Encourage the candidate

-Listen to the candidate's faith story

Sharing time and experiences in a friendly way

-Participate in at least half of the OCIA sessions

-Pray for the candidate

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Deacon Mike at mciciura@archchicago.org or 630-243-9342

### PRAY FOR OUR



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 Knights of Columbus Council #14057 would like to offer military families Blue Star Banners. If you would like to receive a Blue Star Banner, please call the Parish Office at 708-448-4861.

### 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 Risden - U.S. Navy Kevin Lewis - U.S. Navy Michael Lindstrom - U.S. Army Ryan Graeber - U.S. Marines Mary Kate Wetzel - U.S. Marines Chloe Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army Hanna Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army 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 Cody Goldman - National Guard Cameron Smentek - U.S. Army Judith Hite - U.S. Army Jake Soukup - U.S. Army

### SAVE THE DATE! 2025 St. Alexander Golf Outing George Dunne National Golf Course Oak Forest Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM Shotgun Start Details to follow...







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

### 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.

### Catholic Charities Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) You don't have to grieve alone...please join us

The LOSS support group meets in person monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago. (Please enter at the Main Entrance with the flagpole. The meeting is held in the conference Room inside the Main Office.)

#### 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.



### SAVE THE DATE

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### **Mass Intentions For The Week**

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 6, 2025

Saturday, July 5th

5:00 PM— Joseph Wolf

James Lamoureux Norman B. "Lefty" Reno Patricia Ann O'Connell

Sunday, July 6th

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer

Chet & Thomas Chwierut

Colleen J. Nix Mike Sweeney Irene Brajner

9:30 AM— William "Bill" Brett

Raymond & Marion Hunt

**Thomas Cosgrove** 

11:30 AM— Tess & Tom Skelly—1st Wedding Anniv.

George Lombard Helen Carroll Ed Obiala

Don & Mary Tadda

The Vasil Family—Special Intention
The Skelly Family—special Intention

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Monday, July 7th

8:30 AM— Deborah M. Krates

Colleen J. Nix

Ann & Joseph Malacina

**Daniel Miller** 

Tuesday, July 8th

8:30 AM— Joey—Birthday Blessing

Colleen J. Nix Joe McDonnell Jennifer Aparo Leo Petkus

Wednesday, July 9th (St. Augustine Zhao Rong)

8:30 AM— Frank E. Narel

Margaret Cunningham Tom & Kathleen Walsh Colleen J. Nix

Maria 7

Mark Zempich & Family

Thursday, July 10th

8:30 AM— Robert Oravec Family Blessings Colleen J. Nix

Friday, July 11th (St. Benedict)

8:30 AM— Meghan Cawood & Phillip Harter—

Wedding Blessing

Anna & Nathaniel Ringelstein— 6 Month Wedding Anniversary

Colleen J. Nix

Fr. John Crosby—24th Anniversary

Saturday, July 12th

8:00 AM— Sister M. Jude Marie Naiden

Colleen J. Nix Fr. George McKenna Steven P. Follenweider Chet & Thomas Chwierut

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 13, 2025

Saturday, July 12th

5:00 PM— Robert Cruz Jennifer Aparo Charles Vorderer

Sunday, July 13th

7:30 AM— Macey Family

Aggie Palmer

Chet & Thomas Chwierut

Colleen J. Nix Irene Brajner Paul Domico Elizabeth King Robert Barth

Brendan Barth—Special Intention

9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt

Irene Pajda Teri Piechocki Martin Hurson Bunny Rivoli Dr. Nilda Lavgo

Dr. Nilda Laygo-Salud Kirstina Kaczmark

11:30 AM— Bronislawa & Stanislaw Kopec Anelia & Ludwik Karwaczka

Art & Lorraine Wittbrodt

Wilson Family

Richard Hallstein—6th Anniversary

Don & Mary Tadda

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

### 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

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.