

St. Alexander Church

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2024

The Palos Catholic



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

- Mk 6:7, 13

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

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St. Alexander School

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Principal: Sharon O'Toole

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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

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

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

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

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

ST. ALEXANDER PARISH SCHOOL – JOIN OUR RAIDER FAMILY

St. Alexander School is accepting registration for the 2024-2025 school year for grades first through seventh.

Our PreK 3, PreK 4 and Kindergarten have waitlist only availability.

Why choose St. Alexander School:

- Instruction and school culture focused on Catholic family values
- Curriculum includes foreign language, art, gym, music and technology classes
- Junior High robotics classes
- Daily religion classes, participation in liturgies and seasonal prayer services
- Social Emotional Learning curriculum and school counselor
- Before and after school care available
- Afterschool extracurricular clubs and athletic programs
- Active Family School Association and parent involvement



We are happy to provide personalized tours of our Blue Ribbon School and share with the families the exceptional education and school experience provided at St. Alexander School. For additional information, please contact the school office at 708-448-0408 or visit our school website at www.stalexanderschool.com.



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:

Timothy McGuire, brother of Katie Sullivan



Deacon Mike Ciciura baptized **Dani Sophia Dugan**, daughter of Brian & Jacklyn, on Sunday, July 7, 2024.

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

July 8-14, 2024

Monday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/ Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
 Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mt 10:34—11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/ Mt 12:14-21
 Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/ Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

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



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:

Tatiana Ranftl	Dale Yukich
Maggie Campbell	Lisa Krisik
Eileen Long	Ken Toth
Tim McGuire	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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, "He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself." It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, "two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts." Two-by-two: they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. Power over demons: they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. Without money belts: they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let's pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians — to live more like Jesus' communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

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.

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& 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!

**E-Giving Made Easy**

If you would like to make a one-time electronic donation, please scan this bar code.



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WORD OF LIFE

"Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives." Read more at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory.

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

COMMUNION MINISTERS**Saturday, July 20th**

5:00 PM— Terry Horvath, Sharon Mundo, Joan DeVito

Sunday, July 21st

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

9:30 AM— Nancy Dougherty, Wendy Loftus, Dorothy McCloskey

11:30 AM— Ryan Alberts, Pat Klaus, Tom Stuchly

6:00 PM—

READERS**Saturday, July 20th**

5:00 PM— Linda Buchanan, Bill Rogers

Sunday, July 21st

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Charlie Smith, Debbie Myron

11:30 AM— Donovan

6:00 PM— James Clark



Many of you may take advantage of the convenience of electronic giving to our parish and we are grateful for that. For those of you who have yet to join us in giving online, we strongly encourage you to do so. Here's why:

Faith Direct enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

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in our local community!

SAVE THE DATE!

2024 St. Alexander Golf Outing
Waters Edge Golf Club
Friday, September 20th



RCIA



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

PALOS
HEIGHTS
FOURTH
OF JULY
PARADE



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.

**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.

ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL NIGHT



**GET READY TO PAINT THE
BALLPARK GREEN AND
WHITE BECAUSE ST.
ALEXANDER SCHOOL IS
COMING TO GUARANTEED
RATE FIELD!**



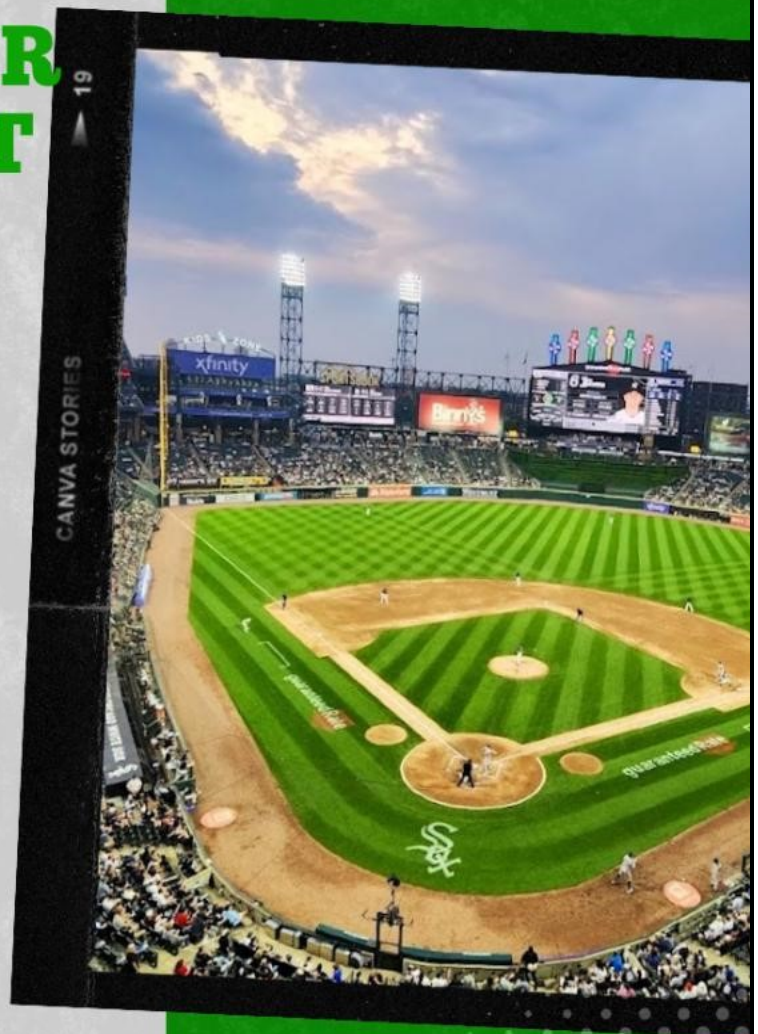
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2024



Thank you for
your prayers
and support!



Mass Intentions For The Week

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 14, 2024

Saturday, July 13th

5:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Robert & Dolores Gorski
Billy Gorski
Melissa Russell
Eleanore & Ken Reilly
Larry & Beverly Rountree—50th Wedding
Anniversary

Sunday, July 14th

7:30 AM— Poor Souls in Purgatory
Aggie Palmer
Catherine Hoban
Jack Maher
Colleen J. Nix
9:30 AM— Brian Cadore
Betty Jean Conroy
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren Feldner, DDS
Walter & Mary Smith
John Beatty
Jeanne Schoenke
11:30 AM— Wilson Family
Barbara Delaney
Bob Thoma

6:00 PM— Fr. Edward J. Cronin

Monday, July 15th (St. Bonaventure)

8:30 AM— Patrick Murphy
Gertrude G. Dickson
Colleen J. Nix

Tuesday, July 16th (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

8:30 AM— Dorothy Janik
Nancy Tarka
Evelyn Weiss
Dan Dunne
Colleen J. Nix

Wednesday, July 17th

8:30 AM— Irene Foster
Cindy Prendergast
Colleen J. Nix
Thomas Kewley

Thursday, July 18th (St. Camillus de Lellis)

8:30 AM— Eleanor O'Neill
Liam Hanley
Geraldine Burney
Joseph T. & Virginia M. Feldner
Brian Mitchell
Colleen J. Nix
Raymond Ekberg

Friday, July 19th

8:30 AM— Bill Somers
Joseph A. Feldner, SGM—Anniversary
Colleen J. Nix

Saturday, July 20th (St. Apollinaris)

8:00 AM— Daniel Dunne
Helen Jablonski —9th Anniversary
Colleen J. Nix

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 21, 2024

Saturday, July 20th

5:00 PM— Charles & Elizabeth Raz
Linda Barcelona
Richard Ach
Maureen Jordan
Michael Wilson

Sunday, July 21st

7:30 AM— For the Parishioners
Judy McCarthy
Joe Macey
Rosemary Murphy
Aggie Palmer
Johanna Hoban
Colleen J. Nix
9:30 AM— Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren Feldner, DDS
Peter & Francis Feldner
Dan & Joan Bagniewski
Marie Arnold
11:30 AM— John Svabek
Daniel Dunne
Allie Thoma
Cynthia & David Mankowski—
50th Wedding Anniversary
6:00 PM— Special Intention



TUNE IN FOR MORE WAYS TO PRAY EVERY DAY!



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CHAPLET**
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ACROSS AMERICA**
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to connect!**

