# St. Alexander Church Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 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
Associate Pastor:	Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223
Deacons: Jim Horton,	Michael Ciciura, Fran Pendergast
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Operations Manager:	Paula Somers ext. 233
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### St. Alexander School

### 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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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

### 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...** 



# EXCITING NEWS FOR THE PARISH OF ST. ALEXANDER!



Commencing August 21<sup>st</sup>, and every third Thursday of the month, we invite you to study the Catholic Bible, diving into both the Old and New Testaments.

We will be meeting in Room 311 of the church/school building from 2:00-3:30pm. All are welcome to join. Please bring your Bible and love of faith with you. More information to come.



### SAVE THE DATE

ST. ALEXANDER ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT

-Religious Ed

-Youth Ministry (JR High/ High School)

-Stay and Play



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### **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 intensions.

After Mass the Sacrament of Confession and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will also be available.



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:

> Patricia Cherry, mother of Paul Thomas Scanlon, husband of Peggie Susan Seipp, cousin of Ralph Jones



**Sofia Odette Pulver**, daughter of Steven & Cindy, was baptized on Sunday, July 13, 2025 by Deacon Jim Horton.

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

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



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK July 21-27, 2025

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/

Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,

5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,

27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54,

55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3,

4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/

Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/

Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



### 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 Mary Egan

Susan Lorden

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



One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work-domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



### 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!** 

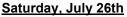
### **Low-Gluten Hosts**

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.

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### **COMMUNION MINISTERS**



5:00 PM— Steve Lukasik, Maureen Balich, Joan DeVito

### Sunday, July 27th

7:30 AM— Nancy Foster, Pat Sobczak, Ruth Macey

9:30 AM— Guido Cadore, Dorothy McCloskey,

Caroline & John Kelbowski (LG)

11:30 AM— Patricia Klaus, Rosemary Dziuba

6:00 PM— Michael Collins, Sharon Ayres

### **READERS**

#### Saturday, July 26th

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers

### Sunday, July 27th

7:30 AM— Mark Foster

9:30 AM— Charlie Smith, Linda Buchanan

11:30 AM— Ryan Alberts

6:00 PM— Bob Ayres

# St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship

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

### **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.

### 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

### 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.

### 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.

### **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.



### 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.

### WORD OF LIFE

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Married Love and the Gift of Life"

## 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 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. Navv 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

### 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



### 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

# ST. ALEXANDER & ST. CHRISTINA YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER!!!

### BAGS TOURNAMENT! DOUBLE ELIMINATION

Where: St. Alexander When: August 2nd

-8:45-9:30AM Walk up registration/Check in

-9:45AM First round of games start!

Cost: \$30 Per team

- Sign up as a team and play together (Or sign up individually and we will pair players up accordingly)

Prizes will be based on number of teams registered!

### Game Play

- All games to 21
- No bust rules (you can go over 21)
- No slaughter rules (all games play out)



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM

Any questions,
Contact:
Tyler Ried
(309)826-2049
Tried@archchicago.org
OR
Tim O'Brien
(773)612-5745





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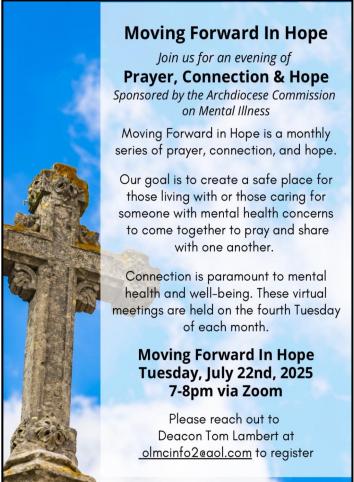
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### St. Alexander Class of 1975 50 Year Reunion

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.



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

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **JULY 20, 2025**

Saturday, July 19th

5:00 PM— Leona Laska Jennifer Aparo

Thomas Linnane

Maureen Chiara Mannarelli

Dale Yukich Norbert F. Wiley

Sunday, July 20th

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer

Tom & Chet Chwierut

Brian Cadore

John R. (Jack) Howard

Colleen J. Nix Linda Barcelona Judy McCarthy Irene Brainer

Vincent & Mary Hoban

9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt

Catherine Greaney

Helen Jablonski—10th Anniversary

Thomas & Gerry Krull Carmen Tuazon Paul Domico Tom Wysocki Don & Mary Tadda

11:30 AM— Arlene, Robert Jr. & Jill Sypniewski

Helen Carroll Ed Obiala

Patricia Ann O'Connell

Bill McNicholas Dave Dykstra Tom Scanlon

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Rapacz Family—Special Intention

Monday, July 21st (St. Lawrence of Brindisi)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix **Brock Mavity** Paul Domico

Mary Reilly

Tuesday, July 22nd (St. Mary Magdalene)

8:30 AM— Lisette Romeo Christine Craven

John & Kaitlyn Busch

Colleen J. Nix

Julian P. Jastrzebowski

Jennifer Aparo

Walter & Valerie Tadda

Wednesday, July 23rd (St. Bridget)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix

**Denis Downs** 

Thursday, July 24th (St. Sharbel Makhlūf)

8:30 AM— Thomas Krull—1st Anniversary

Colleen J. Nix Frank Wloszek

Richard Kresal—Birthday Blessing

Mike—Healing Intention Joan Marie Hayes

Friday, July 25th (St. James, Apostle)

8:30 AM— James Donovan—1st Anniversary

Colleen J. Nix

Alex & Lisa Licega & Family

Steve Weber

Saturday, July 26th (Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of

the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:00 AM— Ray Cavanagh

James O'Malley—4th Anniversary

Colleen J. Nix

William & Sandra Macey & Family

Chet & Thomas Chwierut

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **JULY 27, 2025**

Saturday, July 26th

5:00 PM— Joseph Sloyan

Catherine Wells Raymond Schwaller

Sam Simone Dale Yukich Tom Scanlon Mary Teresa Reilly Eleanore & Ken Reilly

Sunday, July 27th

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer

Chet Chwierut Colleen J. Nix Irene Brainer

Paul Domico Catherine Hoban **Daniel Sucich** 

9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt

Janeen Pikula Jennifer Aparo Paul Domico

Dan & Joan Bagniewski Don & Mary Tadda

11:30 AM— Ana & Frederic Buckingham—

1st Wedding Anniversary

Michael Belczak Tom Scanlon Mary Reilly

PM— For the Parishioners 6:00

Raymond Rapacz—Healing Intention

### 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.)