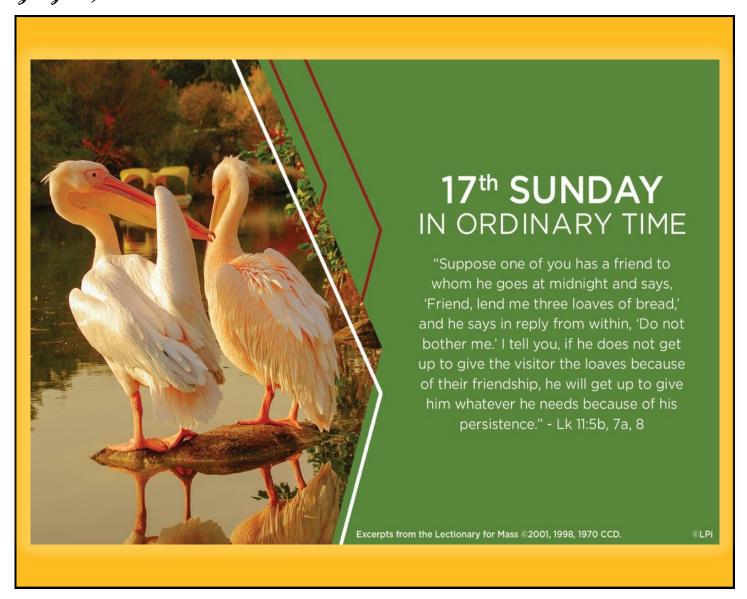
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2025 Church Church The Palos Catholic



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
Director Parish Home & He	ealth 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

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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



Knights Fundraise with a Pretzel Sale at the Palos Heights Car Show

The Knights had a very successful outing at the Car Show by selling 200 pretzels by 7:20pm. The Knights of Columbus

made two hundred people happy with warm salted pretzels, cold water and Tootsie Rolls.

They netted just over \$600 which will help fund the Coats for Kids at our Sharing Parish Our Lady of the Heights, the annual St. Alexander scholarship awards, purchase the supplies for the Keep Christ in Christmas competition, hot dog days, seminarian support, etc. There were probably a thousand plus people that saw our sign and know that we are a vibrant. growing Council from St. Alexander Parish.

Contact the parish office if you would like to have a Mass intention for 2025 or 2026. Please note that Mass intentions are not just for the deceased but for anyone you would like to include in prayer.

EXCITING NEWS FOR THE PARISH OF ST. ALEXANDER!



Commencing August 21st, 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.

LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY
AND WE CANT WAIT!



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.



The following children were baptized by Fr. Colm Mitchell on Sunday, July 20, 2025.

Jack Michael Gallik, son of Michael & Valerie Elle Rose Minarik, daughter of Jeffrey & Caitlin

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



PRAY FOR THOSE SOON TO BE MARRIED

I Anne Parker & Robert Hamer



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:

Michael Gacki, husband of Peggy

Don't try to shine so that others will see you. Shine so that through you, others will see Christ.

—Pope Francis

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



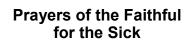
Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



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 Molly Flynn

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK July 28-August 3, 2025

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22,

23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9,

10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and

8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/

Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12 Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,

14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



& 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.

WORD OF LIFE

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, August 2nd

5:00 PM— Terri Filipiak, Rosemary Dziuba, Bob Straz

Sunday, August 3rd

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski, Susan Chillmon, Karen McNeal

9:30 AM— Ryan Alberts, Carol Schuemann, Wendy Loftus, MB Flynn (LG)

11:30 AM— Paul Sullivan, Jeff & Ofelia Foreman

6:00 PM— Michael Collins, Sharon Ayres

READERS

Saturday, August 2nd

5:00 PM— Linda Horton

Sunday, August 3rd

7:30 AM— Paula Somers

9:30 AM— Charlie Smith, Rich Cruz

11:30 AM— Joan DeVito

6:00 PM— James Clark, Bob Ayres



SAVE THE DATE

ST. ALEXANDER ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

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.



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.

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 SALE 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.



Assisted Listening Systems for Church Sound

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Our church is equipped with a hearing "loop" system which will allow those with a tele-coil (T-coil) in their hearing aid to hear more clearly. Some hearing aids will automatically switch to our "loop" system. Other hearing aids must be *manually* switched to the T-coil mode.

If you do not think your hearing aid is functioning properly with our "loop" system it may be because: A) Your hearing aid does not have a built-in T-coil OR B) You have to *manually* switch your hearing aid to the T-coil mode.

T-Coil Switches: If your hearing aid has a switch labeled **M-T-O** the switch should be set to the **T** position. If your hearing aid has switch labeled **M-MT** the switch should be set to the **MT** position.

Please consult your Audiologist with any questions, and to be sure that your hearing aid is equipped with a T-coil and is working properly.

If you do not have a hearing aid with tele-coil (T-coil), we have purchased four individual hearing devices, specifically programmed for our system, that can be used during our liturgies on Sunday. They will be placed in a box on the bench outside the school office. We do ask that you please clean the hearing device after Mass, with the alcohol wipes that are on the bench, before returning them to the box. Thank you and we hope this will help to enhance your liturgical experience.

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E-Giving Made Easy

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

Scroll down to "One –Time Gifts" and enter the amount and type of payment. It's that simple!



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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.

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**.

SAVE THE DATE!

2025 St. Alexander Golf Outing

George Dunne National Golf Course Oak Forest

> Friday, September 5th 1:00 PM Shotgun Start **Details to follow...**



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT

-Religious Ed

-Youth Ministry (JR High/ High School)

-Stay and Play



WWW.TRIED-YM.COM

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. 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

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









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 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.

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







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 Brajner
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

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Raymond Rapacz—Healing Intention

Monday, July 28th

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix

Margaret Corbett Dan O'Brien Hope McLeod

Tuesday, July 29th (Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus)

8:30 AM— Maggie Waldman Jim McCord

Colleen J. Nix

Florence C. Jastrzebowski Art Wittbrodt—9th Anniversary

Jennifer Aparo Pauline Macey

Wednesday, July 30th (St. Peter Chrysologus)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix Mary Kunz Joseph Pipolo

Thursday, July 31st (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

8:30 AM— Colleen J .Nix Sharon B. Conroy

Michael & Darllae Macey & Family

Friday, August 1st (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

8:30 AM— John Janik Colleen J. Nix Kevin Lynch

> Janeen Feldner-Pikula Ann & Joseph Malacina

Margeret Hynes Jane Byrne

Saturday, August 2nd (Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli and

Peter Julian Eymard)

8:00 AM— Luke Tucker

Colleen J. Nix Kieran Doherty

Richard & Marguerite Quinn

Don & Mary Tadda Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tom, Margaret, Pauline & Tommy Macey

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 3, 2025

Saturday, August 2nd

5:00 PM— Joseph Wolf

Jennifer Aparo Dale Yukich

Stephen J. Balich—Special Intention

Carol Patel

Sunday, August 3rd

7:30 AM— Thomas & Chester Chwierut

Colleen J. Nix Irene Brajner Dennis King Sr. Aurelie King Johanna Hoban

9:30 AM— Dorothy Janik

Raymond & Marion Hunt

Arlene Sypniewski

Ed Obiala

Dr. Ronald Feldner Patricia Cherry Don & Mary Tadda

11:30 AM— Marie Hohmer

Ed Obiala George Lombard Tom Scanlon Helen Carroll

Sloane Family—Special Intention

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners Barbara J. Duggan

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.