

St. Alexander Church

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2025

The Palos Catholic



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” - Lk 12:20-21

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463

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St. Alexander School

7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463

Phone: 708-448-0408 Fax: 708-448-5947

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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

WORD OF LIFE

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86).

—Pope Saint John Paul II

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

MASS TIMES WHILE OUT OF TOWN

"Catholic Mass Times Church Directory" or "Mass Times for Travel" are free apps which give you Mass times all over the country. Or visit the sites masstimes.org and findaparish.com.

The foursome of Paul, Michael and Steven Flerick and John McKendry came in second at the Cardinal's Cup Challenge at the 2025 Fore the Kids Golf event. Their prize of \$2,500 was donated to St. Alexander School. Thank you!!

**Are you curious about the Catholic Faith?**

If any of these reasons apply, OCIA 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



Charlie Ryan Delaney, son of Raymond & Kaitlyn, was baptized on Sunday, July 27, 2025 by Deacon Mike Ciciura.

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



PRAY FOR THOSE SOON TO BE MARRIED

II Anne Parker & Robert Hamer

I Laura Flerick & Peter Jahn



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:

Mary Ahern, mother of Mike
Phyllis Parello, mother of Lisa Kileen



READINGS FOR THE WEEK August 4-10, 2025

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7,
12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/
Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-2 (12b)
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: 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



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 Carole Holding
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.



**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!



SAVE THE DATE

**ST. ALEXANDER ANNUAL
PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th**

**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.

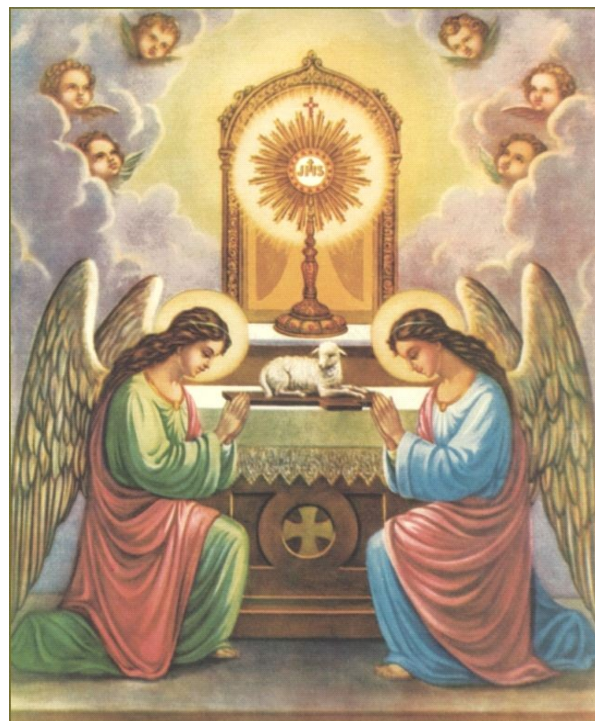
***LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY
AND WE CANT WAIT!***

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

**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, August 6th**

“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

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, August 9th

5:00 PM— Sharon Mundo, Maureen Balich, Mary Ceebin

Sunday, August 10th

7:30 AM— Ed Sobczak, Betty Chwierut, Susan Chillmon

9:30 AM— Dorothy McCloskey, Rich Cruz, Caroline Kelbowski, Patty Hartig (LG)

11:30 AM— Patricia Klaus, Rosemary Dziuba

6:00 PM— Michael Collins, Sharon Ayres

READERS

Saturday, August 9th

5:00 PM— Briana Knight, Bill Rogers

Sunday, August 10th

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Debbie Myron, John Kelbowski

11:30 AM— Joan DeVito

6:00 PM— James Clark, Bob Ayers



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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	Robert Brennan - U.S. Army
Stephen LaPiana - U.S. Army	Scott Milcarek - U.S. Army
Matthew Brennan - U.S. Air Force	Charles Berglund - U.S. Marines
Andrew Nissen - U.S. Marines	Patrick Pratl - U.S. Navy
Andrew Cleland - U.S. Army	Alan Filipiak - U.S. Navy
John Hoban III - U.S. Army	Mark Filipiak - U.S. Marines
A. Amanda Cleland - U.S. Air Force	Joshua Bramlett U.S. Navy
Amanda Brennan - U.S. Army	Matthew Bramlett - U.S. Navy
Kyle Hite - U.S. Army	David Lindstrom - National Guard
Gino Albergo - U.S. Army	Daniel Weakley - U.S. Navy
James M. Bilder - U.S. Army	Stephen Vossler - U.S. Navy
Nicholas Wineman - U.S. Marines	Vito Barraco - U.S. Army
Kate Ridsen - U.S. Navy	Ryan Grant - U.S. Army
Kevin Lewis - U.S. Navy	Nicholas Crot - U.S. Marines
Michael Lindstrom - U.S. Army	Jose Sanchez - U.S. Army
Ryan Graeber - U.S. Marines	Ben St. Aubin - U. S. Navy
Mary Kate Wetzel - U.S. Marines	Hunter Leschman - U.S. Navy
Chloe Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army	Cody Goldman - National Guard
Hanna Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army	Cameron Smentek - U.S. Army
Isaac & Veronika Baines - U.S. Navy	Judith Hite - U.S. Army
Michael D. Faloon - National Guard	Jake Soukup - U.S. Army
Conor Knapp - U.S. Army	

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.

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.



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

Assisted Listening Systems for Church Sound

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 a 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.



E-Giving Made Easy

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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.

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Please visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Or, download the Faith Direct app onto your smartphone. Our parish code is **IL910**.

St. Alexander Athletic Association Presents The 2025 St. Alexander Golf Outing

George Dunn National Golf Course
Friday, September 5th

1pm shotgun start
\$175.00 per player

All pertinent information including: reservations
and payment for golf, please visit the website
<https://birdease.com/Raiders> or
use QR Code below

Sponsorship Opportunities also available via website



Includes: 18 holes of golf, lunch at the turn, unlimited beverages
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For more information, please contact:

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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.

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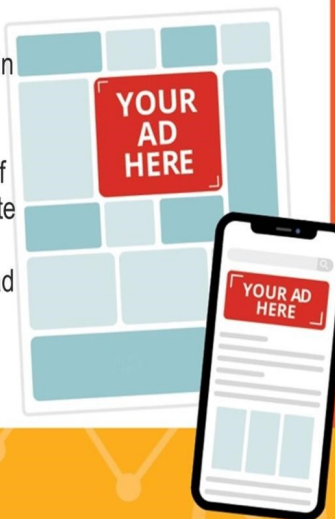


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**SUNDAY SALE
HOURS
10:15-11:30AM**

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.

Mass Intentions For The Week

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

Monday, August 4th (St. John Vianney)

8:30 AM— John Janik
Colleen J. Nix
Gerald Tysiak

Tuesday, August 5th (The Dedication of the Basilica of

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Jennifer Aparo
Luke Tucker—6th Anniversary

Wednesday, August 6th (The Transfiguration of the Lord)

8:30 AM— Frank Michon
Ashleigh Czurylo
Colleen J. Nix
Matthew O'Brien
Mike Sweeney
Eric & Sue Zempich & Family—Special Int.
Linda Pocius

Thursday, August 7th (St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Regina Rekruciak

Friday, August 8th (St. Dominic)

8:30 AM— John Scanlon
Colleen J. Nix
Tom McElwee
Ed Dombrowski
Tom Scanlon

Saturday, August 9th (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)
8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Linda Koepke

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 10, 2025

Saturday, August 9th

5:00 PM— Mary Stephens—3rd Anniversary
Jennifer Aparo
Dale Yukich
Kenneth J. Rossow

Sunday, August 10th

7:30 AM— Chet & Thomas Chwierut
Colleen J. Nix
Irene Brajner
Jim King
Bill King
Ruth & Walter Nogaj
Vincent & Mary Hoban
9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt
Paul Domico
Danny Bagniewski
Maria de Jesus Lopez
James Zawaski
Don & Mary Tadda
11:30 AM— Art & Lorraine Wittbrodt
Bronislawa & Stanislaw Kopec
Michael Belczak
Tom Scanlon
Marie Hohmer
Mary McLaughlin
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

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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