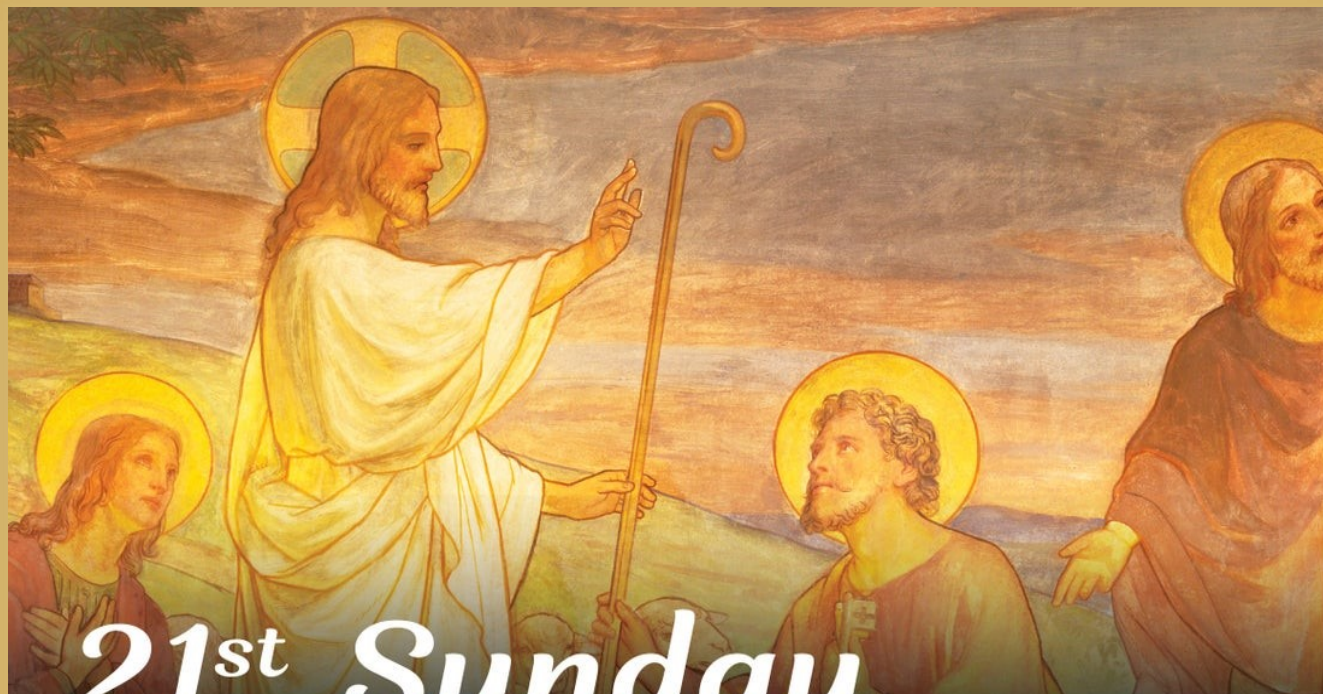


St. Alexander Church

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2026

The Palos Catholic



21st Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 16:18-19

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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 & Health Ministry: Jim Horton ext. 232
Operations Manager: Paula Somers ext. 233
Director of Music: Matthew Berardi ext. 224
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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

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



FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

One of the most beautiful images St. Paul wrote about in his epistles was that we all together form the Body of Christ. St. Paul came up with this image in response to the arguments amongst the faithful. People were arguing who was more important: those who healed, those who organized, those who preached, etc. St. Paul responded by reminding the faithful that everyone had gifts from God and that no person was more important than the other. Everyone, with their unique talents and gifts are important to the community and help form the Body of Christ.

Speaking of talents and gifts, please remember that St. Alexander is an active parish with many ministries, organizations and activities that depend on the sharing of gifts by our fine volunteers. Parishioners are always welcome to volunteer their talents to our many ministries. Volunteering is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and a wonderful way to share your gifts and talents with others.

We here at St. Alexander parish are constantly in need of Ushers, Readers, and Communion Ministers. Many times we feel as though we are not worthy to serve the church in these various ministries. Believe me, you are worthy. I especially ask the young people of our parish to step up and commit yourself to these ministries. We, as a church will only be able to continue our fine liturgies with your help and dedication to the Mass which is the center of our parish community. Please discuss with your spouse and family how you can serve our Sunday liturgies in a proactive way. The schedule is flexible. Also, we are still in need of people to volunteer for our parish Religious Education Program as either a teacher, co-teacher or aide. If interested please contact Tyler Ried at the RE office. This is the perfect opportunity to share your faith with young people who desperately need to learn about Christ and our beautiful faith. Please know you can do it using the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Many times in the Gospel, we see Jesus “take a break” and gather with family, apostles, followers, tax collectors, and many others at weddings, dinners, and similar impromptu gatherings. For Christ, this was an opportunity to relax and share another dimension of His life with humanity. The parish picnic can do the same for us; a time to relax, laugh, dance, and share a part of ourselves with parishioners in the spirit of love. Plan on attending the picnic next Sunday after the 11:30AM Mass. This is the perfect time for us to connect socially with one another. Let’s face it folks, it’s a free meal and free fun. Please come and join us. Turn to page six for more information.

God Bless,
Father Marty

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



The following children were baptized by Deacon Fran Pendergast on Sunday, August 16, 2026.

Bernetta Helen Arnold, daughter of Kevin & Joanna
Giulietta River Cascone, daughter of Samuel & Sierra

Molly Reese Lowery, daughter of Jake & Margaret

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 Estephani Villa & Brandon Carroll

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

O most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of tenderness and mercy, I, an unworthy sinner, fly to you with all the affection of my heart and I beseech your motherly love, that, as you stood by your most dear Son, while he hung on the Cross, so in your kindness, you may be pleased to stand by me, a poor sinner, and all Priests who today are offering the Sacrifice here and throughout the entire holy Church, so that with your gracious help we may offer a worthy and acceptable oblation in the sight of the most high and undivided Trinity. Amen.



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	Elizabeth Hannan Hurley
Edward Weir	Denise Jandura
Rich Jandura	Barb Chwierut

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



The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

August 24-30, 2026

Monday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/ Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/ Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/ Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/ Mk 6:17-29
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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!

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.



OFFERTORY GIFTS



Anyone interested in bringing up the Offertory Gifts at a Mass, please let the ushers know a week in advance or you can ask when you arrive if they have someone.

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 the Rosary

THE ROSARY IS PRAYED EVERY DAY
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY AFTER 8:30AM MASS
SATURDAY AFTER THE 8:00AM MASS
Please join us and pray the Rosary

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, August 29th

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

Sunday, August 30th

7:30 AM— Susan Murphy, Steve Lukasik, Karen McNeal

9:30 AM— Wendy Loftus, Pat Karrasch, Nancy Dougherty, MB Flynn (LG)

11:30 AM— Pat Klaus, Paul Sullivan

6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres, Michael Collins

READERS

Saturday, August 29th

5:00 PM— Linda Horton

Sunday, August 30th

7:30 AM— Paula Somers

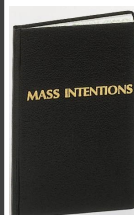
9:30 AM— Debbie Myron, Frank Lonergan

11:30 AM— Joan DeVito

6:00 PM— James Clark, Bob Ayres



MASS INTENTIONS



Please visit, or call, the parish office if you would like to have a Mass intention for 2026 or 2027. Please note that Mass intentions are not just for the deceased but for anyone you would like to include in prayer.



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 intentions.

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

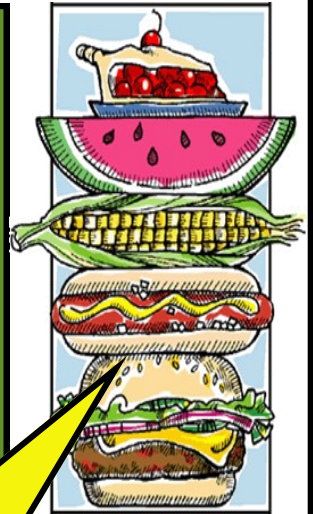
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**SUNDAY
AUGUST 30TH**

12:30-4:00

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LAWN CHAIRS & B.Y.O.B.**



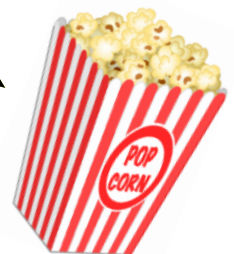
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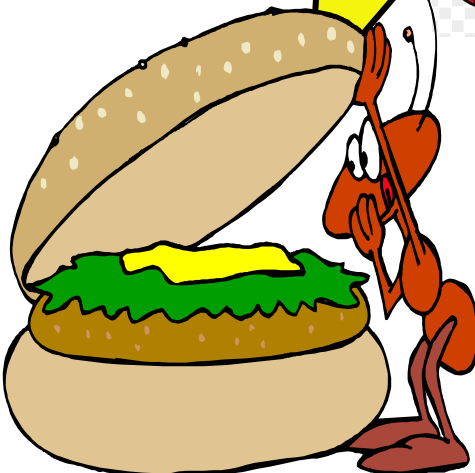
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Feel Free to Contact Program Coordinator **Paula Somers** at psomers1115@aol.com or **708.448.4861**, or **Lloyd Metcalf** at Lloyd.Metcalf@gmail.com with questions!

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 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
 Alan Filipiak - U.S. Navy
 John Hoban III - U.S. Army
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 Nicholas Wineman - U.S. Marines
 Kate Ridsen - U.S. Navy
 Kevin Lewis - U.S. Navy
 Michael Lindstrom - U.S. Army
 Ryan Graeber - U.S. Marines
 Mary Kate Wetzel - U.S. Marines
 Cody Goldman - National Guard
 Isaac & Veronika Baines - U.S. Navy
 Michael D. Faloon - National Guard
 Juan (Jay) Cello - U.S. Army

Robert Brennan - U.S. Army
 Scott Milcarek - U.S. Army
 Charles Berglund - U.S. Marines
 Patrick Pratl - 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
 Conor Knapp - U.S. Army
 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
 Cameron Smentek - U.S. Army
 Judith Hite - U.S. Army
 Jake Soukup - U.S. Army

a dozen reasons to choose Catholic Schools



ST ALEXANDER'S BOOK CLUB — "Come for the book, stay for the conversation."

Hello! My name is Denise Ciciura and I am organizing a Book Club here at St. Alexander.

Our first book we will be reading will be "My Sisters, the Saints" by Colleen Carroll Campbell.



We will be meeting once a month starting in September. Our first meeting is Thursday, September 24th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Rooms 311 and 312. We will discuss the book at our first meeting.

Please feel free to read the book, audiobook, kindle or whatever else you use for your reading pleasure. Even if you don't read the book but want to see what it is about, please come.

If you plan on attending our book club, please RSVP to me (Denise) by Sept 20th. My email is ciciura33@gmail.com If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Looking forward to seeing you at the Book Club on Thursday, Sept. 24th.

**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.

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.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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



ST. ALEXANDER 8TH GRADE

Fall Mum Fundraiser

Thursday, September 17th

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statue of our Blessed Virgin is presented.

WORD OF LIFE

"Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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If you have any questions please contact Paula Somers, Business Manager, at 708-448-4861.

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George Dunn National Golf Course
Friday, September 11th

1pm shotgun start
\$175.00 per player

All pertinent information including: reservations
and payment for golf, please visit the website
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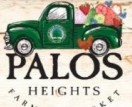
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MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

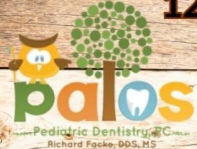




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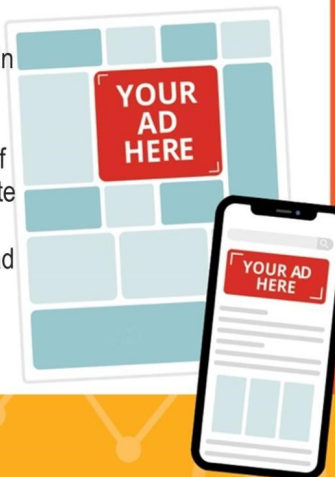



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Jeff Hansen

(800) 950-9952 x2683

JHansen@4lpi.com

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.

Mass Intentions For The Week

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 23, 2026

Saturday, August 22nd

5:00 PM— Molly Horan
Betsy Smentek
David Carlig
Dale Yukich
Dottie Malinowski
Timothy A. Buividas
Sue Cain—Special Intention
Maureen Sullivan

Sunday, August 23rd

7:30 AM— Brian Cadore
Ralph Dziuba
Nancy Lukasik
Colleen J. Nix
Adele Cadore
Tom & Chet Chwierut
Dr. Michael Ryan
Irene Brajner & Family

9:30 AM— Beth Paluch
Susan Seipp
Robert Ward
Roberto Celio—11th Anniversary
Maria Galvan—90th Birthday Blessing
Don & Mary Tadda
Jeanne Palmisano

11:30 AM— Helen Carroll
Mary Kennedy
Bergquist & Donovan Families
Anne & Edmond Cleary
Siobhan Haran
Tom Scanlon
Dara Doherty

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Peggy Forte

Monday, August 24th (St. Bartholomew)

8:30 AM— James Grzeczka
Colleen J. Nix
Mary Dolores Fitzgerald —4th Anniv.
Merrill Jurgens—Birthday Blessing

Tuesday, August 25th (St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz)

8:30 AM— Tom Scanlon
Jeannine Meehan
Colleen J. Nix
John Stephens—15th Anniversary
Jennifer Aparo
Michael & Darlle Macey & Family

Wednesday, August 26th

8:30 AM— Michael DeVito
Colleen J. Nix
James O'Malley
Bill Winters
Andrzej Radecki

Thursday, August 27th (St. Monica)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Rose Diorio
Walter, Valerie & Walter Tadda
Terry—Healing Intention

Friday, August 28th (St. Augustine)

8:30 AM— Pad Scanlon
Colleen J. Nix
Margaret Corbett
Cathy Ference
Unborn Children

Saturday, August 29th (The Passion of St. John the Baptist)

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Rina Frieman
Chet & Tom Chwierut
Reynaldo Martinez

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 30, 2026

Saturday, August 29th

5:00 PM— Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells
Florence C. Jastrzebowski
Raymond Schwaller
Henrietta Ceebin
Dale Yukich
Bob & Sherri McGuire—50th Wed. Anniv.
Maureen Sullivan

Sunday, August 30th

7:30 AM— Joseph Leyden
Colleen J. Nix
Chet & Tom Chwierut
Irene Brajner & Family
Dolores Egret

9:30 AM— Don & Mary Tadda

11:30 AM— Tom Scanlon
Conor & Carla Knapp—Anniv. Blessing

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Kevin



ST. ALEXANDER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MINISTRY

The mission of the Domestic Violence Ministry of St. Alexander Parish is to raise awareness of domestic violence in our parish; to promote the development and delivery of services in our community; and to advocate for the prevention of domestic violence through education and parish activities.

If you need help contact:

- National DV Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- Illinois DV Helpline: 1-877-TOENDDV (1-877-863-6338)
- Crisis Center for South Suburbia: 1-708-429-SAFE (7233)