St. Alexander Church Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 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
	Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223
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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

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



FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This October, once again, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago will be taking a head count of all those who attend Sunday Masses. This is done not only to see how many Catholics attend Mass in our Archdiocese, but also to evaluate the vitality of each particular parish. Our parish is strong financially and Masses are relatively well attended, but we could have more people in the pews. Please encourage people to attend Mass each and every Sunday. I especially encourage those who do not attend to please attend Masses during the month of October so you can be counted and our numbers will be strong when reported to the Archdiocese.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8th for our Annual Parish Trivia Night. This has become a new tradition at St. Alexander where people gather for a good time and an evening for most of us to realize how little we know when it comes to trivia. Information will be forthcoming in future bulletins.

Unfortunately, over the past several weeks certain individuals have once again been soliciting money from our parishioners as they enter or leave Sunday liturgies. Please know that they do not have our permission to ask for any funds. Unfortunately, at times these people are not in need and are just trying to make a dollar. This may sound harsh, but it is reality. We, at St. Alexander care for the poor and are certainly aware that there are poor people who need assistance. This is why we have our St. Vincent de Paul Society. When you contribute to St. Vincent de Paul the committee meets and decides who is truly in need and helps them accordingly. Throughout the year there are many ways to help the poor by donating to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and our Parish Sharing Tree. In the meantime, let us all keep the poor and the needy in our prayers

With summer ending and autumn beginning on Monday, I would like to thank all those individuals who helped to keep our parish grounds clean and beautiful. A special thanks to the Stroner family who are caretakers of the Marian Shrine on the east side of our parking lot and Mr. Dave Yerkes who grooms and takes care of the landscaping around our parish sign on Harlem Avenue, the beautiful fountain that adorns the entrance of our church, the islands in our parking lot, and many other areas of our parish grounds. God bless you all for your service.

Following are the figures for our parish collections for the past several months:

April \$69,335.02 Easter \$63,836.00 May \$77,420.93 June \$73,382.30 July \$82,624.10 August \$103,067.60

A heartfelt thanks for all your generosity which enables St. Alexander Parish to continue to bring the Gospel of Christ in many ways to all our parishioners and others in a world that needs our Lord now more than ever.

God Bless, Father Marty

Reflection by Pope Leo XIV — "If you truly want to encounter the Risen Lord, then listen to His Word, which is the Gospel of salvation. Reflect on your way of living, and seek justice in order to build a more humane world. Serve the poor, and so bear witness to the good that we would always like to receive from our neighbors. Be united with Jesus Chtist in the Eucharist. Adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the source of eternal life.

—Prayer Vigil - Jubilee of Youth, August 2, 2025



The following children were baptized by Fr. Martin Michniewicz on Sunday, September 14, 2025.

Daphne Jane Clohessy, daughter of Daniel & Samantha Dominik Michael Rasinski, son of Daniel & Kaitlyn

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 Madelyn Smith & Nolan Winklemann

WORD OF LIFE

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*."

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—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of

dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the "master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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 Paul Lunter

Mary Egan Julie Wollenberg

Carmelita Lullo Infant Lilliah Duckett

Brody Lynch Elaine Krisik Christian Conroy Megan Bura

Ralph Dziuba

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 September 22-28, 2025

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,

4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/

Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/

1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



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September 21, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Recently, Pope Leo spoke to seminarians who had gathered from all around the world for the Jubilee. He invited them to be witnesses of hope. Indeed, the men who are preparing for ordination in the Archdiocese of Chicago are witnesses of hope to us. In the future, they will serve our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Some of our seminarians are in the pre-seminary spiritual year at Bishop Quarter House in the city. Others are completing their college studies at the University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Finally, those in the last four-year phase of preparation are being formed at Mundelein Seminary.

Supporting vocations to the priesthood is a task that belongs to all of us in the Church. I want to invite you to express that support in four ways:

- Pray for vocations and our seminarians in preparation
- Encourage those seminarians serving in your parish
- · Urge young men to give their lives in service as priests, and
- Make a financial contribution to support our programs of priestly formation.

Prayer, encouragement, recruiting and financial support—all these actions express our gratitude to God for the gift of priestly ministry. These actions also build for the future of our Church and for our children and grandchildren. I would note that given that our seminarians need to invest themselves totally in formation, they are not able to work. Thus, it is up to us to cover the costs not only for their education but other expenses such as health insurance and other personal support.

An offering envelope is in your pew or at the back of the church for your financial gift. You may also send your donation directly to your parish, noting that it is for "Seminarian Education," or you may make a gift online at archchicago.org/seminarianfund. If you wish to send a permanent burse to support seminary education in memory of a family member, as others have done, do not hesitate to contact Kirsten Trybula at ktrybula@archchicago.org or at 847.899.0010.

Thank you for your generous response.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS





CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Pre-K 4 families recently gathered for a **Parent Open House** to begin the new school year. We were especially blessed to welcome Fr. Mitchell, who visited our classrooms to pray with us and bless our students, teachers, and learning spaces. What a wonderful way to start our year in faith and community!















TO ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS





PreK4 also celebrated Mary Our Blessed Mother's Birthday on September 8th. We sang to Our Mother and made birthday crowns in her honor.









Our PreK4 celebrated the newly canonized Carlo Acutis! These Raider artists colored pictures and learned that holiness begins with kindness!



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.

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

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.



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!



If you want peace, work for justice.

— Pope Paul VI

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.

Earn Money for St. Al's and Save on Your Tuition While Shopping Almost Everywhere!

Saving is As Easy as 1, 2, 3!

Download the RaiseRight App and e-mail Mrs. Somers for the activation code.

Add a payment source — your credit/debit card or bank account.



Buy eGift Cards when shopping to cover your total at tons of brick-and-mortar and online retailers. Each retailer offers a cash-back percentage which you split 50/50 between St. Al's and your child's tuition!!

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

Second Collection This Weekend

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SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.

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.





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.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Community Dinner's will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in our Parish Center

If you register and can not attend that is fine. Even if you didn't register and find you can make it, you are still welcome to come.

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



Spiritual Direction/ Companion Ministry

Who is God for you?

Are you ready to see God's activity in all things?
Would you like to explore a deeper experience of God
through Spiritual Companionship?

I'm Deacon Mike Ciciura and I am a permanent deacon here at St. Alexander's parish and a certified Spiritual Director/Companion. Simply defined, this ministry is one of compassionate, respectful, confidential engagement-listening through conversation about the light of faith. Spiritual Direction/Companioning helps us to see more clearly what God is asking of us and how God is acting in our lives. It's about acknowledging life's great "unfixables"-the things we are unable to change. It's about moving through the mysteries of time, experience, love, mortality, and life.

Spiritual direction/companionship is an ancient ministry. Throughout Hebrew and Christian tradition people sought spiritual counsel. Hermits, Monks, mystics and saints offered spiritual counsel as did those of other faith experiences.

What is your response to God?
Could you trust me with your sacred story,
your struggle, your questions?

I'm available in person at St. Alexander's parish, by phone or email. Deacon Mike Ciciura 630-243-9342 mciciura@archchicago.org

What's Your PURSE-onality?



Join humorist and purseologist Deb Digandro

for a hilarious and heartfelt event all about—you guessed it— YOU and your Purse!

Bring your sisters and gal pals to laugh and learn how to:

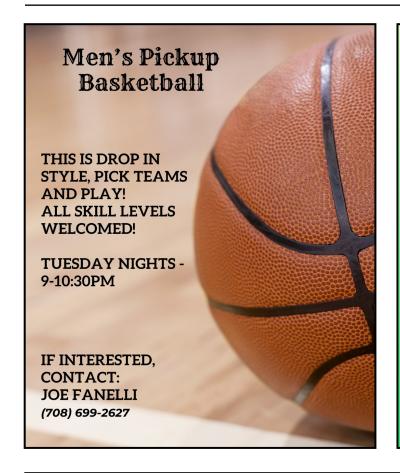
- Lighten the load in your purse and in your life
- Discover the power of your unique Purse-onality.
- Get along with any Purse-onality

Tuesday, September 23rd — Room 311
Doors open 6:30 PM Speaker starts at 7:00 PM

Tickets
\$25 in advance
\$30 at the door
includes wine and appetizers

Tickets will be sold after Masses in the vestibule or contact

Tracy Fioretti at 708-921-3487 for tickets and information



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-Religious Ed

-Youth Ministry (JR High/ High School)

-Stay and Play



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Order Pick-Up AND Cash & Carry

WED, SEPT 24, 2025

7:30 AM - UNTIL SOLD OUT

\$15 each

ST. ALEXANDER PARKING LOT

PAYMENT BY CASH OR CHECK

MUM COLORS: RED ORANGE YELLOW PURPLE



St Alexander Bundle Weekend SEPTEMBER 26

hours 9:00am-5:00pm

SEPTEMBER 27

hours 9:00am-5:00PM

SEPTEMBER 28

hours 8:30am-1:00pm

We are in need of gently used baby clothing, children and adult clothing, linens; small appliances, bags of rags, kitchenware, shoes, boots, slippers, purses, books, albums, CDs, DVDs, tools, toys.

NEW FULL SIZE

toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, and bar soap.

These items will be sent to Beds Plus.

Want to help load the trucks?

Need service hours?

Call Deacon Fran

708 448 4861 ext 228

Please leave a message.



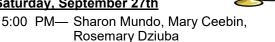


Bulletin Information

Please email your print ready information, in a word, ipeg or pdf file, to Nancy Romano at nromano33@aol.com no later than 10 days prior to the Sunday in which you would like your information included. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to meet the publisher's deadline.

COMMUNION MINISTERS





Sunday, September 28th

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

9:30 AM— Caroline Kelbowski, Nancy Dougherty,

Dave Heide, MB Flynn (LG) 11:30 AM— Patricia Klaus, Jim & Pat Fisher

6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres

READERS

Saturday, September 27th

5:00 PM— Linda Horton, Charlie Smith

Sunday, September 28th

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Melissa Duckett, Rich Cruz

11:30 AM— Donovans

6:00 PM— James Clark, Bob Ayres

CLASS OF 1965 HIGH SCHOOL REUNION ACADEMY OF OUR LADY HIGH SCHOOL—CHICAGO

Silver Lakes Country Club—Orland Park Sunday October 19th — 12 Noon Please contact Margaret Coyle at 708-870-0579 or email mcoyle17@hotmail.com

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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 9:30 AM Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Communion will be available with lowgluten 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.





TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Saturday, September 20th

5:00 PM— Michael Gembara Joseph DiSomma Catherine Zeisel

Sunday, September 21st

7:30 AM— Margaret Murphy

James J. Laski-20th Anniversary

Colleen J. Nix Chet Chwierut Judy McCarthy Irene Brajner

Dale Yukich

Vincent & Mary Hoban Thomas Chwierut

Barb & Brian Chwierut—Anniv. Blessing

9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt

Susan Pesenko—1st Anniversary

Bruce & Harold Bortman

Joan Barry Dan Bagniewski Jane E. Hurley Richard Antkiewicz Don & Mary Tadda

11:30 AM— Chester Marczak

Martin Berquist Family

Ellie Brannigan Edward Makina Helen Carroll Ed Obiala

Mary Ann & Mark Hodorowicz—Blessings

Michael Belczak Tom Scanlon Tom Vander Sanden

Ray Ekberg

Jo Ekberg—Birthday Blessing Jozefa & Wally Bartyzol

Jozefa & Wally Bartyz
Zdzislaw Bartyzol

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Monday, September 22nd

8:30 AM— Bob Thoma

Genevieve Stockel Karyn Mrotek Colleen J. Nix Tommi Lindeman

Tuesday, September 23rd (St. Pius of Pietrelcina)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix Jennifer Aparo

Elsa "Elsita" Hernandez

Mark Zempich & Family—Sp. Intention

Henry F. Kane Catherine Baumann

Wednesday, September 24th

8:30 AM— Denis Downs
Thomas Lenihan
Colleen J. Nix
Joan Nemec
Dolores Nugent

Thursday, September 25th

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix Tommi Lindeman Aine Loughlin

Friday, September 26th (Sts. Cosmas and Damian)

8:30 AM— James O'Malley Colleen J. Nix Mike Ference Joseph Wolf Roberta R. Simulis

William & Sandra Macey & Family—Sp. Int.

Saturday, September 27th (St. Vincent de Paul)

8:00 AM— Robert Franklyn Tavares

Colleen J. Nix

Thomas & Chet Chwierut

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Saturday, September 27th

5:00 PM— Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells
Peggy Barrett
Raymond Schwaller
Richard & Melissa Mundo

Dale Yukich Marilyn Reddy

Sunday, September 28th

7:30 AM— Mr. & Mrs. Carter LaCoursiere—1st Colleen J. Nix Wedding Anniv.

> Arthur J. Data Sr. Irene Brajner Chet Chwierut Thomas Chwierut Catherine Hoban

9:30 AM— Margaret Corrigan

Joan Barry
August Arrigo
Bruce Schmiedl
Owen Flynn Jr.
Leonard De Salvo
Brendan McHale
Raymond & Marion Hunt
Don & Mary Tadda

11:30 AM— Helen Carroll

Ed Obiala Tom Scanlon Tom Vander Sanden Linda Pocius

Kathleen Mannix

Mary Allen Catherine Sodaro

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners