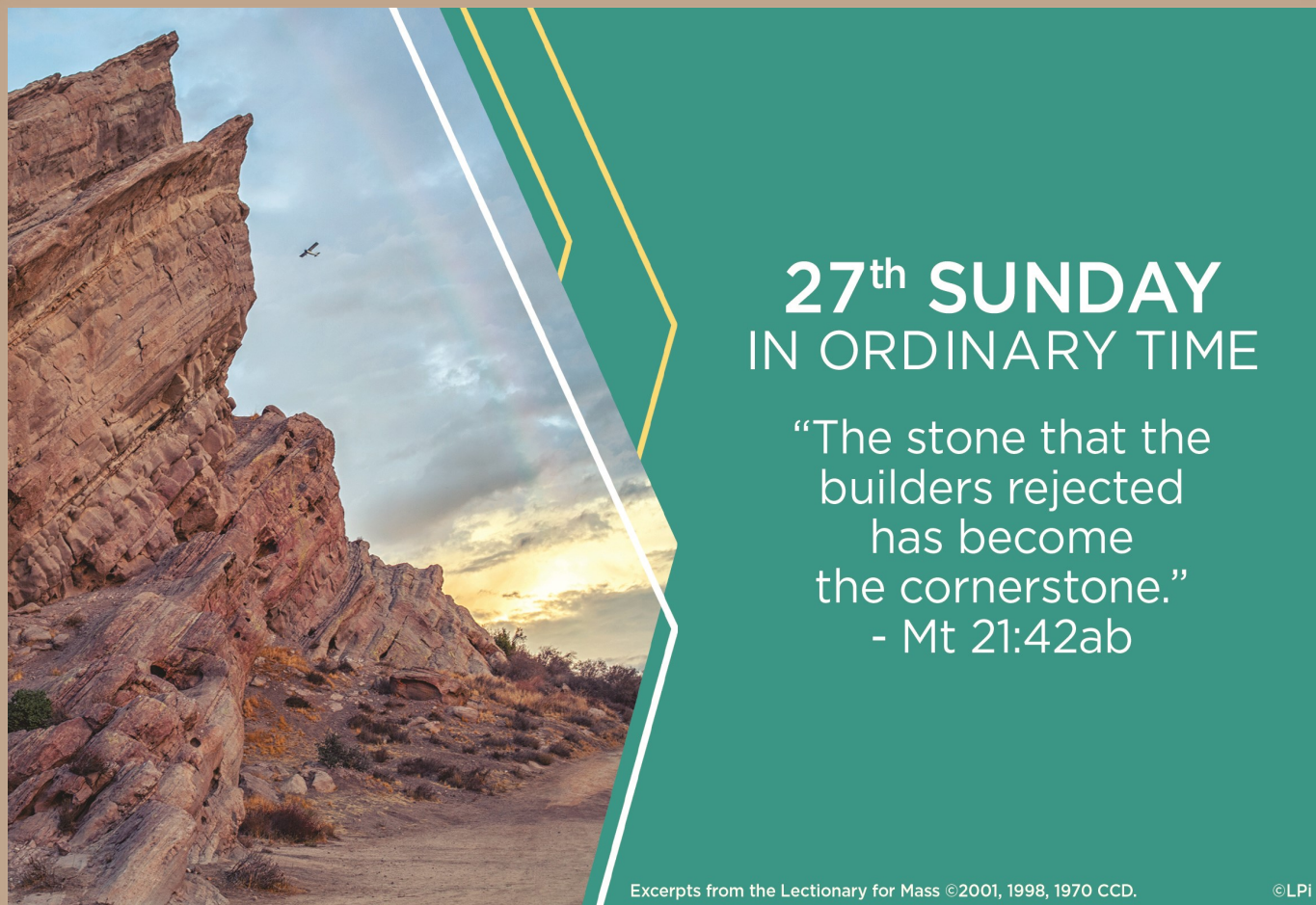


St. Alexander Church

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2026

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 & Health Ministry: Jim Horton ext. 232
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Parish E-Mail: alchurch1@comcast.net
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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: Kathy Lynch
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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

ANOIDING 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,

October is one of the months that we, as Roman Catholics, honor Mary, Queen of the Rosary. Mary was perfect in her love for God, and is a perfect example of how we should live our Christian lives. Please remember to say a prayer each day this October thanking Mary for her gifts and interceding for us with our heavenly Father.

October is also Respect Life Month. Let us all pray not only today, but throughout the year, that people will respect the sanctity of life from the moment of conception to a natural death. This is the will and the command of our Lord. Please know the baby bottles will be available at the back of church. For many years St. Alexander has participated in this important endeavor as we generously give to support life and help many expectant mothers who are in need. This project supports the Women's Center and all they do to protect the unborn and provide for mothers and babies in need.

I thank all those parishioners and people who participated in the Athletic Association's Annual Golf Outing. Whether you golfed, sponsored a hole, donated an item, gave a donation, prayed for the event, it was a great success.

Please keep our first, second, seventh and eighth grade school and RE children in your prayers as they either start or continue their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation. This week we recognize our eighth graders and also the next three weeks at 11:30AM Mass, our children will receive a special blessing and a spiritual gift to remind them of the importance of the Eucharist and Holy Spirit in their lives. As these young men and women grow older they will need to rely on the power of the Eucharist and the gifts of the Holy Spirit when they make decisions in a world that sometimes lacks morality and spiritual values. This is also a good opportunity for we as adults to remind ourselves that we have been blessed with the Body and Blood of Christ and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit that should guide our lives each and every day.

Please remember our 13th Annual Trivia Night will be held on Friday, November 13th in the Parish Center. Doors will open at 6:00PM with the Trivia Competition beginning at 7:00PM. It is a great night of fun for people of all ages. Know that friends and family members are welcome. If you don't have a team of eight please sign up and we will create a team for you. This is a great way to meet new people and fellow parishioners. The price is \$10 per person which makes this an extremely affordable night and is cheaper than the cost of a movie at the theater. Plus, here you get to bring your own food and beverages without having to sneak it under your coat. Remember no food and beverage will be sold at the event.

God Bless,
Father Marty

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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.

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.

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.



Sacrament
 of Communion

**SCRIPTURE
REFLECTION**

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14,
 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-4

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

October 5-11, 2026

- Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/
 Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
 Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
 Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/
 Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
 Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**Prayers of the Faithful
for the Sick**

Prayers FOR HEALING 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
 Edward Weir
 Elizabeth Moreno

Elizabeth Hannan Hurley
 Brandon Copenhagen

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.



**THE BLESSING
OF THE PETS**
with Fr. Colm
Mitchell and Deacon
Francis Pendergast
TODAY
**2:00PM—outside the
parish lounge**

All pets must either be on leash or in a carrier

St. Francis of Assisi

*Until one has loved an animal,
part of their soul remains unawakened.*

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, October 8th
Room 311 2:00-3:30



Please join us on the second Thursday of every month to explore and deepen our understanding of both the Old and New Testaments. The specific topics will vary throughout the year.



***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

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.

Hospitality Ministry

Join us for Hospitality after
the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Mass
on the first Sunday of each month
We hope to see you there!

Contact the parish office at 708-448-4861 if you
would like a Mass intention for 2026. or 2027.

**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, October 7th

*"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*



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Mrs. Hardiman's Kindergarten Spanish Class learning about Me Llamo


DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

OCTOBER
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH



Scan the QR code or
visit us online at
WWW.DOMESTICVIOLENCEOUTREACH.ORG

Mary,
Mother of Life
Pray for us!

RESPECT LIFE MONTH



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



PreK 4 is excited to kick off a wonderful new school year while celebrating our school theme, "Let Others See Jesus in You!" Throughout the year, our "Littlest Raiders" will discover that they can show Jesus' love through their kind words, caring hearts, helpful hands, and thoughtful choices.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

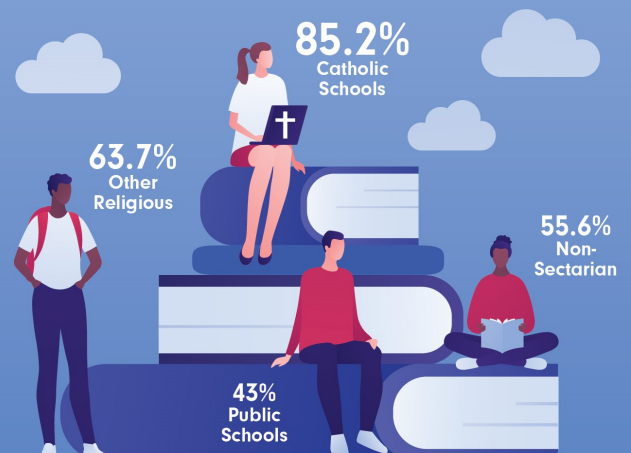


Number of Schools

There are 5,905 Catholic schools in the United States; 4,731 are elementary/middle schools and 1,174 are secondary schools.



Percentage of high school graduates who attend a four-year college.



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

Saving is As Easy as 1, 2, 3!

- STEP 01** Download the RaiseRight App and **e-mail Mrs. Somers for the activation code.**
- STEP 02** Add a payment source — your credit/debit card or bank account.
- STEP 03** 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 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
 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 Riden - 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

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

PRAYER OF MARRIED COUPLES

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your presence You blessed the wedding in Cana and showed us that You are the true priest of mystical and pure marriage. We thank You for the day on which by Your heavenly blessing You joined us in the sacrament of marriage. Lord, continue to bless and enrich our marriage in love, companionship, mutual support, oneness of heart and progress in faith and life. Protect our Holy wedlock from sin, evil and danger: Nurture us the spirit of understanding, the spirit of forgiveness and the spirit of peace that no resentment, quarrel, or other problem may cause us to stumble and fall. Grant us to see our own faults and not to judge each other. Keep our bond of love always new. Gladden our lives with the joys of marriage, that with one heart we may praise and glorify You. Amen

MARRIAGE MINISTRY***An invitation to Fully Initiated Roman Catholics***

- Are you planning a Destination Wedding?
- Do you know a family member who is planning a Destination Wedding?
- Have you been married by a judge or justice of the peace?
- Have you been married by a minister in another Christian denomination?

Fr. Marty, our pastor, and the clergy of St. Alexander Parish invite you to consider receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony, and all the graces which are associated with the sacrament, here at St. Alexander Church.

The process to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony in these circumstances is fairly straightforward with a minimal amount of requirements. Our clergy are available to accompany you in your discernment.

Please contact Deacon Mike Ciciura at mciciura@archchicago.org or 630-243-9342 if you are interested in more information.

* A fully initiated Roman Catholic is a person who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, holy Communion, and Confirmation, only one party of the couple needs to be fully initiated.

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.

**Respect Life
Baby Bottle Project**

During Respect Life month in October, our parish is participating in The Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Center. Bottles are available in the narthex.

PLEASE RETURN BY 11/8

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

FOOTBALL MANIA IS BACK!

Join the Fun of the NFL Football Season
Help Support St. Alexander School
Tickets on Sale after Masses
October 10 & 11 and October 17 & 18

Tickets are \$20 each and One Ticket is Good For
ALL 10 Weeks with Winners Every Week!



An exciting sweepstakes based
on professional football!

Sweepstakes begins on Nov 5th, 2026

How the sweepstakes works

- Each game card contains 3 random football teams in each of the last 10 weeks of the pro football season
- Add up the points scored by your 3 teams each week
- If your total score is in the top 25, you win money!
- The 5 lowest scoring game cards also win
- 30 total prizes paid out each of the 10 weeks!
- Two grand prizes awarded at the end of the season

How to follow along and get results

- Track your results each week on the CharityMania website at www.CharityMania.com
- Download the FootballMania iPhone app to see results on your phone
- You will be contacted by the organization if you win

What people get for \$20

- The purchaser gets access to music and book downloads from the CharityStudio.
- Over \$20 worth of digital music from up-and-coming artists from around the country
- With each purchase, you get the promotional FootballMania sweepstakes game card for free

Want more information?

- We recommend you watch the short video overview at <http://www.charitymania.com/videos/FM10>
- Official rules and results can be found on the CharityMania website
- Contact your participating organization.

The Ticket with Music Access Code

To raise money, you sell CharityMania Tickets (a.k.a. the club level at the lego). With each ticket, buyers get an access code that allows them to download digital music from our CharityStudio.

The Promotional Sweepstakes Game Card!

A promotional game card is located beneath each CharityMania ticket. Sweepstakes participants have a chance to win \$1000 in prize money based on the number of points scored by the teams printed on the back of the game card.

Your Contact Info

The name and contact information for your organization is printed directly on the front of the game card so people know whom they are supporting.

CharityMania
Music Downloads For Charity!

Download your music from CharityMania!

Go to the website www.charitymania.com and enter the access code found on the back of your game card to download your music.

Check your game card # **1234 - 9A561**

Your FootballMania teams by week

Week	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
Week 1 - Nov 5	Atlanta	New York Jets	San Francisco
Week 2 - Nov 12	Atlanta	Pittsburgh	Washington DC
Week 3 - Nov 19	Atlanta	San Francisco	Washington DC
Week 4 - Nov 26	Atlanta	San Francisco	Washington DC
Week 5 - Dec 3	Atlanta	San Francisco	Washington DC
Week 6 - Dec 10	Atlanta	San Francisco	Washington DC
Week 7 - Dec 17	Atlanta	San Francisco	Washington DC
Week 8 - Dec 24	Atlanta	San Francisco	Washington DC
Week 9 - Dec 31	Atlanta	San Francisco	Washington DC
Week 10 - Jan 7	Atlanta	San Francisco	Washington DC

Scan this code with your phone!
Use your phone's camera, or a QR code reader app to scan the code.

FootballMania 10 Week Sweepstakes Rules

1. The game card contains 10 different teams randomly selected from the NFL. The game card is good for 10 weeks (beginning on 11/05/2026). The game card is good for 10 weeks (beginning on 11/05/2026). The game card is good for 10 weeks (beginning on 11/05/2026).

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Organization Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State and Zip Code: _____
Phone number: _____
www.charitymania.com

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Pay Method: _____

Example Winner

Let's say your game card has these teams in Week 6

Team	Points Scored
Atlanta	42
Green Bay	35
Arizona	41
Total points	118

If the total combined points scored by the teams is one of the 25 highest, or 5 lowest this week, then the game card wins prize money!

Rules and Winners

The sweepstakes rules are written on the game card. In addition, card holders are encouraged to visit the CharityMania website to see if they are a winner. Winners are posted after the completion of all the games each week of the sweepstakes.

Stub

You collect the game card holder's contact info and return the stub to your organization.

10 weeks to win!
30 prizes each week!



Scan to watch how
to play and win!

COMMUNION MINISTERS**Saturday, October 10th**

5:00 PM— Terry Filipiak, Joan DeVito,
Maureen Balich

Sunday, October 11th

7:30 AM— Sean Murphy, Karen McNeal,
Betty Chwierut

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

11:30 AM— Jeff & Ofelia Foreman, Patricia Klaus

6:00 PM— Michael Collins

READERS**Saturday, October 10th**

5:00 PM— Linda Buchanan

Sunday, October 11th

7:30 AM— Paula Somers

9:30 AM— Rich Cruz

11:30 AM— Debbie Myron

6:00 PM— James Clark

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE****ST. ALEXANDER TRIVIA NIGHT**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

ST. ALEXANDER PARISH CENTER



**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!



**Opportunity for
Spiritual Direction**

Christian Spiritual Direction is an ancient spiritual discipline that is a way of companioning people as they seek to look closely, through the eyes of their heart, at the guidance and transforming work of God in their lives. Direction is given by one believer to another and helps the seeker to respond to the Holy Spirit's communication by living out this relationship with God. The focus of this type of spiritual direction is on experience, not ideas, and specifically on the religious dimension of experience.

Moreover, experiences are viewed as an expression of the ongoing personal relationship God has established with each one of us. The director is considered a gentle guide in this process. Spiritual direction meetings take place once a month in a one on one setting. Prayer, silence, and listening are used to assist the seeker in discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives. All conversations take place in strict confidentiality.

If you are interested in getting more details about or using Spiritual Direction ministry, please contact
Deacon Mike Ciciura at 630-243-9342
or mciciura@archchicago.org

St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship

**Monthly Meeting
Thursday, October 15th
Parish Lounge — 11:00AM**

(use lounge doors on the south end of building)

Join us for some
bratwurst to celebrate
Octoberfest!
To celebrate
Halloween we will be
entertained by
Dale Kaczmarek
with ghost stories.



Also, our meetings will be starting at 11:00, so please note the change in time. The Parish Lounge is still where we meet.

Come, sit back, enjoy conversations and be entertained! Guests welcomed.

**St. Alexander
St. Vincent DePaul
40th year of Bundle Weekend!**

Look for the white truck with the SVDP
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Friday, OCTOBER 2

hours 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday, OCTOBER 3

hours 9:00am-5:00PM

Sunday, OCTOBER 4

hours 8:30am-12:30pm

We are in need of gently used baby clothing, children
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OCTOBER 17, 2026**
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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OCTOBER**

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INVITE YOU TO JOIN US
FOR A SOLEMN MASS
TO REMEMBER ALL THOSE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
11:30 AM**
FEATURING LINDA MCKEAGUE & SETON'S LEGACY CHOIR

EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT
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9300 WEST 167TH ST., ORLAND HILLS, IL

Mass Intentions For The Week



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 4, 2026

Saturday, October 3rd

5:00 PM— Dale Yukich
Isabella Cook
Sandra Dumitrachi
John Yurchak
Marilyn Reddy
Christian J. Weber
Barb Chwierut

Sunday, October 4th

7:30 AM— Joe Macey
Colleen J. Nix
Irene Brajner & Family
Chet & Tom Chwierut
Vincent Egert
Dolores Egert
9:30 AM— Irene Brajner
John Janik
Rosie Quinn Anhalt
Steve & Carol Stefan
Danny Bagniewski
Isabella Cook
11:30 AM— Wittenborn Family
George Lombard
Tom Scanlon
Tom Donovan
Patrick Brady
Dennis Vail
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Dave Ridener

Monday, October 5th (*Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos*)

8:30 AM— Helen Cieplak
Colleen J. Nix
Joseph O'Malley—Birthday Blessing
Beth Paluch
Stanislaw Radecki
Don & Mary Tadda
Holy Souls

Tuesday, October 6th (*St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher*)

8:30 AM— Lisetta Romeo
Colleen J. Nix
Jennifer Aparo
Eric & Sue Zempich & Family

Wednesday, October 7th (*Our Lady of the Rosary*)

8:30 AM— Theresa Urbanski
Colleen J. Nix
Mary & John Stephens
Lisa Nolan
Tom, Margaet, Pauline & Tommy Macey

Thursday, October 8th

8:30 AM— James Grzeczka
Colleen J. Nix
Barbara Ann Chwierut

Friday, October 9th (*St. Denis; St. John Leonardi*)

8:30 AM— Rebecca Czurylo
Colleen J. Nix
Lipke—Anniversary Blessing
Dorothy Malinowski
Ruth & Walter Nojay
Geri Larotonda
Mark Zempich & Family

Saturday, October 10th

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Richard Griffin
Chet & Tom Chwierut

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 11, 2026

Saturday, October 10th

5:00 PM— Dale Yukich
Isabella Cook
Patricia A. Lizzo
Randolph "Randy" Greune
Barb Chwierut
Jack Bilanzic
Ken & Eleanore Reilly
Patrick Duffy

Sunday, October 11th

7:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Edward Sullivan
Irene Brajner & Family
Michael O'Toole
Barb Chwierut
Chet & Tom Chwierut
Joe Hoffman—Healing Intention
Gary Ladzinski—Healing Intention
9:30 AM— Celig Family
Dorothy Crowley
Mildred Athy
Don & Mary Tadda
11:30 AM— Marie McGuckin
Tom Scanlon
Rosa Greenwold
Martin Bergquist
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Theodore Biknius

WORD OF LIFE

"When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the mother of life. Mary's acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices."

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