

# St. Alexander Church

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 26, 2025*

*The Palos Catholic*



## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

©LPI

## 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  
Youth Minister: ..... Tyler Ried—708- 448-6624  
Athletic Director ..... Michael Kennedy  
Parish E-Mail: ..... alchurch1@comcast.net  
St. Alexander on the Web: ..... www.stalexanderpalos.org

### St. Alexander School

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

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

Principal: ..... Sharon O'Toole

Administrative Assistant: ..... Mary Ann Pellicore

School Web: ..... www.stalexanderschool.com

School E-Mail: ..... info@stalexanderschool.com

### Religious Education Office

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

Phone: 708-448-6624

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

##### 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**



## PAINT & SIP

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>**

## LADIES NIGHT PAINT PARTY

**Tickets will be on sale**  
**after Masses on**  
**November 8/9 & 15/16**  
**No walk-ins**



## Respect Life Baby Bottle Project

During Respect Life month in October, our parish is participating in The Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Center.  
**PLEASE RETURN BY 11/9**



**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.

## ST. ALEXANDER MEMORIAL MASS

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**



**A special Memorial Mass will be celebrated**  
**on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

**Families of those who have lost a loved one whose funeral**  
**was at St. Alexander this past year are invited to join us.**



## PRAY FOR THOSE SOON TO BE MARRIED

I Emma Mitchell &amp; Connor Alfirevic



The following children were baptized by Deacon Mike Ciciura on Sunday, October 19, 2025.

**Russell Kenneth McGrane,**  
son of Matthew & Anne Marie

**Dorothy Bay Moore,**  
daughter of Johathan & Katherine

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

## GOD BE IN MY HEAD

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and at my departing.

SCRIPTURE  
REFLECTION

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
October 27-November 2, 2025

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/  
Lk 13:10-17  
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16  
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30  
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/  
Lk 13:31-35  
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/  
Lk 14:1-6  
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

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	Infant Lilliah Duckett
Christian Conroy	Megan Bura
Ralph Dziuba	Shirley Bergquist
Denise & Rich Jandura	Lizzy Hannan Hurley
Mary Foscett	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.



## 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!

## 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.



## COMMUNION MINISTERS

### Saturday, November 1st

5:00 PM— Rosemary Dziuba, Mary Ceebin, Sharon Mundo

### Sunday, November 2nd

7:30 AM— Bob Straz, Susan Chillmon, Ruth Macey

9:30 AM— Dorothy McCloskey, Wendy Loftus, Rich Cruz, Patti Hartig (LG)

11:30 AM— Jeff & Ofelia Foreman

6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres, Michael Collins, Merrill Jurgens

## READERS

### Saturday, November 1st

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers, Charlie Smith

### Sunday, November 2nd

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Melissa Duckett, Frank Lonergan

11:30 AM— Ryan Alberts

6:00 PM— Bob Ayres, Johanna Jurgens



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**St. Alexander Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting**

**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>—9:00 AM in the SAVE Room**

Meetings usually last an hour. Items are made in our homes, and then we gather at our meeting to wrap and label them. We meet once every two months and share the joy of our gifts and prayers with many people in need in our parish and elsewhere.

If you want to see what we are all about, come out and join us. For more information please call Rosemary at 708-293-8884.

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



## 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.

St. Alexander School • Palos Heights

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

**VETERANS DAY**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025  
8:30AM MASS  
RECEPTION FOLLOWING

We invite all who have served or are currently serving in our Armed Forces for a special Mass & Reception

★ PLEASE CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT 708-448-0408 BY NOVEMBER 6 ★

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank You for Your Generosity on World Mission Sunday A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your outpouring of generous support on World Mission Sunday. Our contributions ensure that the Gospel continues to spread, bringing hope, love and salvation to those who need it; benefitting the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," remind us of our universal call to solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Your generosity helps build churches, train clergy, and provide essential services in mission dioceses. In places where resources are scarce, your generosity makes a profound difference. Thank you for being part of this vital mission and for making a lasting impact on the global Church!

## 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	





# ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Our Pre-K4 year old class was busy learning all about fire safety! The children practiced how to stay safe and learned the important number to call in an emergency-911. We also got creative with some fun apple print art projects to celebrate the season. What a joyful and educational week it was!



The Kindergarten class is showing off their Spanish Bienvenido Crowns.



## Catholic Schools Offer Academic Excellence and Faith-Filled Education

Catholic schools offer academic excellence and faith-filled education for students nationwide. National test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data show that Catholic schools frequently out perform schools in both public and private sectors. While some Catholic schools are challenged by declining enrollments and school closures, the good news is that there is a strong demand and enthusiasm for Catholic schools — many have waiting lists for admission and new schools are opening.

**OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**  
**3 Elements of Self – Compassion**



**Be Mindful**

Understand that you are not to blame.  
*I am worthy of loving and being loved.*



**Be Gentle**

Focus on what you can learn to feel safe.  
*Asking for help is brave.*



**Be Honest.**

My story has power to heal myself and inspire others.  
*Offer yourself the forgiveness that you would to a friend.*

Self-compassion repairs negative feelings about yourself and prepares you for healthy relationships. Self-compassion can cut through the pain of the present as it opens the pain of the past. You are not alone. You are capable of having a safe, beautiful life.

**Are you struggling with the difficult reality of living in a violence environment while struggling with memories of past abuse?**

**Do you feel entrapped in an unhealthy relationship? If you are a victim or survivor of intimate partner abuse seeking help:**

National Hotline: 1-800-799 SAFE (7233); 1-800-7873224 (TDD)  
State of Illinois Helpline: 1-877-863-6338 (1-877 – TO END DV)  
**LOCAL:** Between Friends 24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 1-800-603-HELP (4357)  
Connections for Abused Women and their Children (CAWC) 24-Hour Hotline:  
773-278-4566  
W.I.N.G.S. 24-Hour Hotline: 1-847-221-7725  
Crisis Center For South Suburbia 24/7 Hotline: 708-429-7723  
Catholic Charities Counseling 1-312-655-7725

**Leaving your abusive relationship takes immense courage, but self-compassion is the foundation that makes it possible. Recognize your worth, forgive yourself for any self-doubt, and reach out for help. Take the first steps toward a life free from fear and abuse. You deserve to feel safe, valued, and loved—starting with how you treat yourself.**

Learn about the mission and resources of Domestic Abuse Outreach program by logging onto [www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)



## 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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Annual Knights  
 of Columbus and  
 St. Vincent dePaul  
 Food Drive  
 November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**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.

The Relevant Radio App is  
 the **#1 FREE Catholic App**  
 and sure to bring a smile  
 to your face!



SCAN TO DOWNLOAD  
 You'll be happy you did!



## ST. ALEXANDER ATHLETICS OPEN MEETING

Please join the St. Alexander Athletic Board  
 to sit in on their November meeting.  
 All are welcome to attend.

**WHEN**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

**STARTS AT**

6:30PM

**WHERE**

SAVE ROOM



**DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM — GAME BEGINS: 7:00PM**



# **TRIVIA NIGHT**

## **ST. ALEXANDER PARISH CENTER**

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**

**BRING YOUR OWN  
BEVERAGES & SNACKS!**

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING  
OF FUN & LAUGHTER**

**NEW TRIVIA EMCEE & QUESTIONS THIS YEAR!**  
**(SIX ROUNDS LASTING APPROX. 2 HOURS 15 MINUTES)**

**RESERVE YOUR TABLE TODAY!**

**\$10 PER PERSON —TABLES/TEAMS OF 8**

**IF YOU DON'T HAVE A COMPLETE TEAM SIGN UP ANYWAY!**  
**INDIVIDUALS OR COUPLES....WE'LL PLACE YOU ON A TEAM**

Sign up at the after Mass sales or drop off the completed form and payment at the Parish Administrative Office. Access this form online on our webpage — [stalexanderpalos.org](http://stalexanderpalos.org)

Please make checks payable to: St. Alexander

### **TRIVIA NIGHT TEAM MEMBERS**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Member 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Member 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 5: \_\_\_\_\_ Member 6: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 7: \_\_\_\_\_ Member 8: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### WORD OF LIFE

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ...Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

### GET OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU!

Subscribe to [ParishesOnline.com](http://ParishesOnline.com) to get a link to our weekly parish bulletin delivered straight to your inbox! Visit [parishesonline.com](http://parishesonline.com) and search for our parish to get started today. It's fast, easy and free!

### 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.



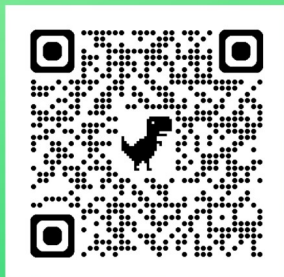
Scroll down to "One –Time Gifts" and enter the amount and type of payment. It's that simple!

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR  
INFORMATION ABOUT

**-Religious Ed**

**-Youth Ministry  
(JR High/ High School)**

**-Stay and Play**



[WWW.TRIED-YM.COM](http://WWW.TRIED-YM.COM)



Many of you may take advantage of the convenience of electronic giving to our parish and we are grateful for that. For those of you who have yet to join us in giving online, we strongly encourage you to do so. Here's why:

*Faith Direct* enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

*Faith Direct* also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. **To cancel your monthly envelopes, please notify the parish office at 708-448-4861. This is not done automatically when signing up for electronic giving.**

Please visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll securely online. Or, download the Faith Direct app onto your smartphone. Our parish code is **IL910**.





# ST. ALEXANDER'S YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE



Our supplier this year is Evergreen Industries of Inver Grove Heights, MN

**All orders must be prepaid and received by Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Order # \_\_\_\_\_ Page # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Price	Quantity	Amount
Natural 25" Wreath (including velvet bow & pinecones)	35.00		
Natural 36" Wreath (including velvet bow & pinecones)	50.00		
Balsam Garland—25'	40.00		
Balsam Door Swag - 24"x 26" mixed greens with pinecones & red bow	25.00		
Holiday Centerpiece Basket - Fresh mixed greens with pinecones & ribbon	40.00		
Make Checks Payable To: St. Alexander Parish	Total		

The Youth Ministry will be outside the church accepting orders after Masses  
the weekends of October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR ORDER FORM FILLED  
OUT PRIOR TO ATTENDING MASS**

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**\*\*\* NO PRODUCT SALES AFTER MASSES \*\*\***

**THIS IS YOUR RECEIPT: PLEASE BRING IT WITH YOU TO**

**PICK UP YOUR ITEMS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**FROM 1:00-3:00PM AT ST. AL'S PARISH LOUNGE**

If you need further information please call Tyler at 309-826-2049

***Thank you for supporting St. Al's Youth Ministry!***

## MERCY HOME SUNDAY MASS

9:30AM on WGN-TV Channel 9

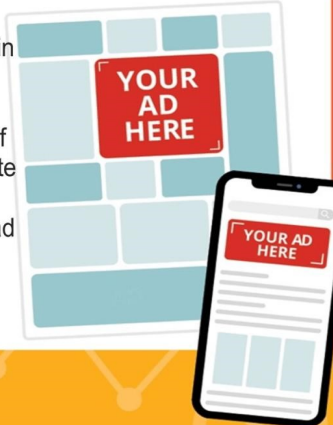
## AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

**Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!**

Jeff Hansen from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Jeff Hansen  
(800) 950-9952 x2683  
JHansen@4lpi.com



## Moving Forward In Hope

Join us for an evening of  
**Prayer, Connection & Hope**  
Sponsored by the Archdiocese Commission  
on Mental Illness

Moving Forward in Hope is a monthly series of prayer, connection, and hope.

Our goal is to create a safe place for those living with or those caring for someone with mental health concerns to come together to pray and share with one another.

Connection is paramount to mental health and well-being. These virtual meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**Moving Forward In Hope**  
**Tuesday, October 28th, 2025**  
**7-8pm via Zoom**

Please reach out to  
Deacon Tom Lambert at  
[olmcinfo2@aol.com](mailto:olmcinfo2@aol.com) to register



## CRUSADER MATHLETICS COMPETITION



- Brother Rice High School
- Wednesday, October 29th
- 4pm-7pm
- Team & Individual Competitions
- Awards for both team & individual competitions

- Teams of 2-4 (MAX)
- Team members must be from same school
- All teams must choose a "team captain"
- All participants MUST register individually



**REGISTER NOW**



[www.brotherrice.org](http://www.brotherrice.org) - See "ADMISSIONS" TAB

HOSTED BY THE  
MOTHER MCAULEY  
MOTHER'S CLUB



**CRAFTERS,  
VENDORS,  
RAFFLES &  
FOOD TRUCKS**



## SHOPAPALOOZA

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**  
10AM-2PM | MOTHER MCAULEY HIGH SCHOOL

**\$5 ADMISSION**

+ free gift to first 200 shoppers!

Questions? Please contact: [mcauleymothersclub@gmail.com](mailto:mcauleymothersclub@gmail.com)

# Mass Intentions For The Week

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 26, 2025

### Saturday, October 25th

5:00 PM— Joseph Sloyan  
Catherine Wells  
Raymond Schwaller  
Moirra Abbott  
Dale Yukich  
Tim Richardson  
Marilyn Reddy  
Eleanore & Ken Reilly

### Sunday, October 26th

7:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Ray Moore  
Irene Brajner  
James & Patricia Hayes  
Johanna Hoban  
Steve Gruca  
Henry & Sophie Budziak  
Chet & Thomas Chwierut

9:30 AM— James O'Malley  
Bruce Schmiedl  
Nathan & Julie Zurzolo—8th Wed. Anniv.  
Linda S. Pocius  
Raymond & Marion Hunt  
Carolyn Lowery  
Michael Tobias  
Don & Mary Tadda  
William Macey—Birthday Blessing  
Kathy Marinelli

11:30 AM— Helen Carroll  
Wittenborn Family  
Michael Sweeney  
Ed Obiala  
Tom Scanlon  
Kathleen Mannix

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners  
Holy Spirit

### Monday, October 27th

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Eileen Walsh & Family

### Tuesday, October 28th (Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Jennifer Aparo  
Jeannine Meehan  
Michael & Darlee Macey & Family  
Margaret Corbett  
Paul Pendergast

### Wednesday, October 29th

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Florence C. Jastrzebowski  
Joe & Angela O'Malley—Anniv. Blessing  
Linda Pocius  
Mary Healy—Healing Intention

### Thursday, October 30th

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix—4th Anniversary  
Mary Huguelet  
Paul Pendergast

### Friday, October 31st (All Hallow's Eve)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Maura O'Donnell & Family  
Geri Larotonda

### Saturday, November 1st (All Saints)

8:00 AM— John Janik, Colleen J. Nix  
Theresa Ann O'Shea, Paul Domico  
Paul Pendergast, Tom Scanlon  
Jean Streit, Chet & Tom Chwierut  
Special Intention, Glynn & Doyle Families  
Janice Kurland—2nd Anniversary  
Holy Souls in Purgatory, Don Tadda  
Tom, Margaret, Pauline & Tommy Macey

## THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY) NOVEMBER 2, 2025

### Saturday, November 1st

5:00 PM— Jennifer Aparo  
Dale Yukich  
Marilyn Reddy  
Tom Pomorski  
The O'Neil Family  
The Chapan Family  
Judy Hickey

### Sunday, November 2nd

7:30 AM— Ed Urbanski  
Michaeleen Kudulis  
James & Patrick McAleer  
Mary K. Laski  
Colleen J. Nix  
Irene Brajner  
Chet & Tom Chwierut  
John Feil  
Mary Lefebvre  
Vincent & Mary Hoban  
Robert Barth  
William & Mary Barth  
John & Mary McAleer

9:30 AM— Kevin Reynolds  
Janeen Pikula  
Joan Barry  
Carolyn Lowery  
Don & Mary Tadda  
Laurelie Walters  
Raymond & Marion Hunt  
Paul Pendergast  
Eugene Georges  
Jane E. Hurley  
James Skyczak

11:30 AM— Anelia & Ludwik Karwaczka  
Bronislawa & Stanishaw Kopec  
George Lombard  
Linda Pocius  
William Craven  
Janeen Pikula  
Ed Obiala  
Tom Scanlon

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners  
Betty Villardito  
Holy Spirit