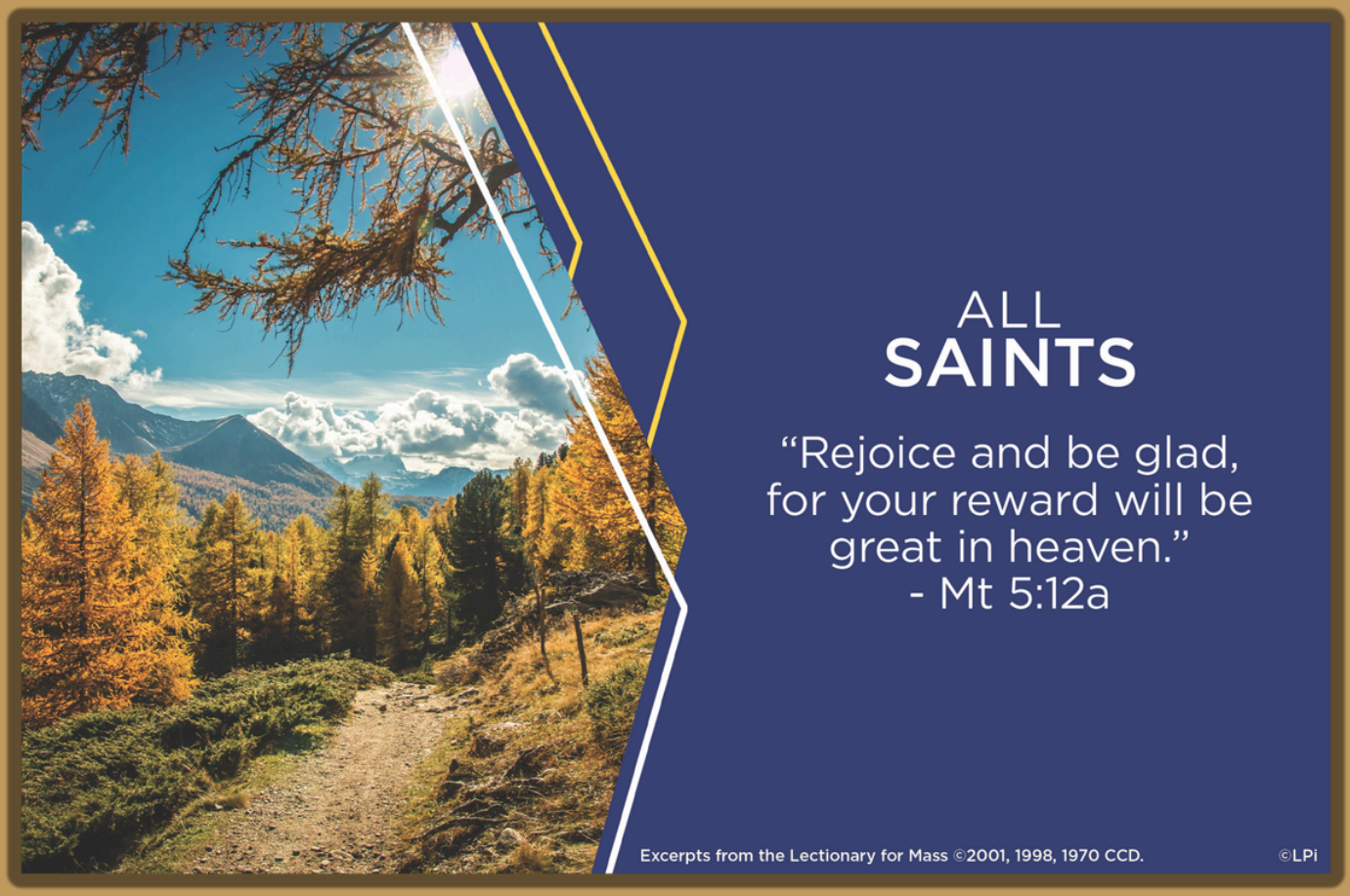
St. Alexander Church

All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026

The Palos Catholic



St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

7025 W.126th St.,PalosHeights, IL 60463
Phone: 708-448-4861

Pastor: ……..…. Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227
Associate Pastor: ……..…… Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223
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St. Alexander School

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Principal: …….. Sharon O'Toole
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School E-Mail: ……..... info@stalexanderschool.com

Religious Education Office

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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 shouldbe 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 Sacramentis normally celebrated in 8th Grade and is a 2 year program of preparation.

ConfirmationContacts:
Kathleen Lynch - Religious Education 448-6624
SharonO'Toole - School 448-0408
The Archdiocese also offers classes for adults wishing to receive Confirmation. **Adult ConfirmationContact - Fr.MartinMichniewicz 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/OCITcontact - Fr.MartinMichniewicz 448-4861

EUCHARIST

Celebration of Sharing Fully at Christ's Altar of Sacrifice & Communion with Jesus and His Church

Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass)
Sunday Vigil: 5:00PM (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 the1st 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 ofGod'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

Celebrationof Ordained Service to theChurch

The three offices of the Sacrament of Holy Orders are bishop, priest and deacon. All three are conferred by the sacramental act called "ordination."
PriesthoodContact - Fr.Michniewicz 448-4861 ext. 227
Fr. Colm Mitchell 448-4861 ext. 223
Archdiocese of Chicago Vocation Director:
Rev. Timothy Monahan 312-534-8298

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

All are invited to be part of the Synodal Process in the Archdiocese of Chicago



This is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and listen to one another.

Synodal listening sessions will take place from:

October 2026 through February 2027, culminating in an ecclesial assembly on **June 12, 2027**.

For more information, please visit:
archchicago.org/synodality
or scan the QR code.

Check back often as listening sessions will be added throughout this process.

WORD OF LIFE

"Sisters and brothers, the mystery of the communion of saints, which we breathe in deeply today, reminds us of the final destiny of humanity: a great celebration in which we rejoice together in the love of God, present in all, recognizing and admiring the multifaceted beauty of faces, all different and all resembling the face of Christ."

--Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, All Saints' Day 2025

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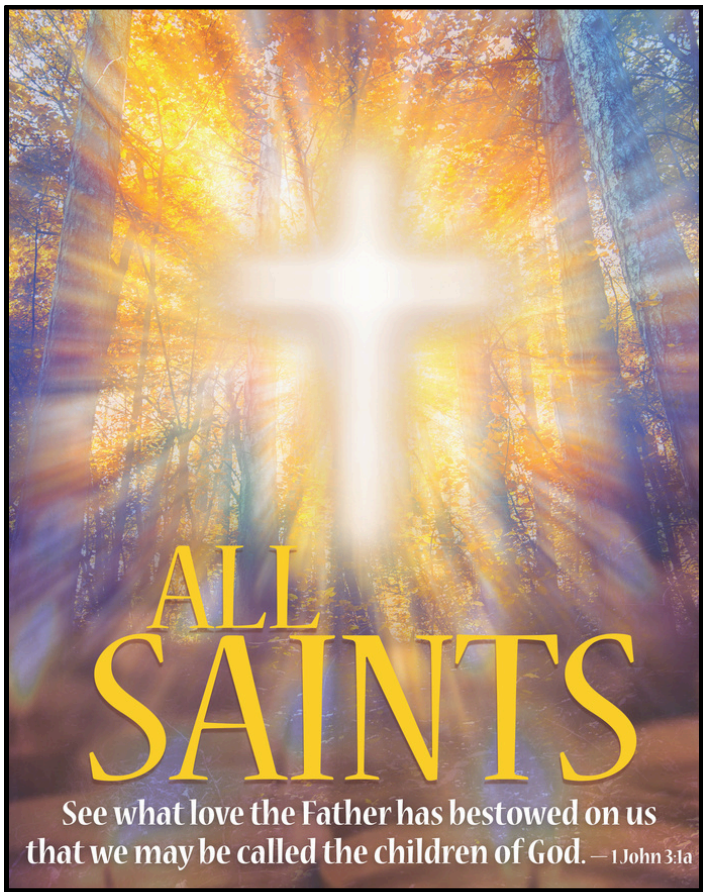


Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick

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 — Elizabeth Hannan Hurley
John Tyro — Thomas Morrissey

If you or anyone inyour 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

At the end of her short life, my hero, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, found herself in a curious position. Audaciously, she was convinced that she would become a great saint and would be loved by many after her death. At the same time, she insisted that she was weak, impatient, and ordinary. She became arguably the greatest saint in modern times. How is it possible that an ordinary and imperfect person can also be a great saint?

On this All Saints' Day, Jesus overturns our assumptions about holiness. He says, **"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3)**. The blessed are not the impressive or the self-sufficient, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. These are not heroic traits by normal standards. They are signs of a heart that has learned to rely on God rather than itself. That's what St. Thérèse, and all the saints, are all about.

All Saints' Day is not a celebration of spiritual elites. Rather, it announces what grace can do in our ordinary lives. The saints are not those who avoid weakness or suffering, but those who allow these things to deepen their trust. What good news for us! The smaller and weaker we are, the more qualified we are to be great saints.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
November 2-8, 2026

Monday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/ Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/ Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

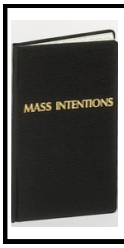
Hospitality Ministry

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

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.





MASS INTENTIONS

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

Knights of Columbus Mass Intention for Deceased Brother Knights

On Sunday, November 1st, the 11:30 a.m. Mass will include a special intention for the deceased Brother Knights of St. Theodore Guerin Council 14057. Over the twenty years of our council's history, approximately thirty men have completed their earthly journey while serving as members of our brotherhood. On this day, we remember them with gratitude, affection, and prayer.

We invite the immediate family members of our deceased Brothers to join us for a brief time of fellowship following the Mass. Please gather with us in Room 311, where we will honor their memory and share a few moments of community and support.

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 toall 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.

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, November 4th

"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





October Community Dinner

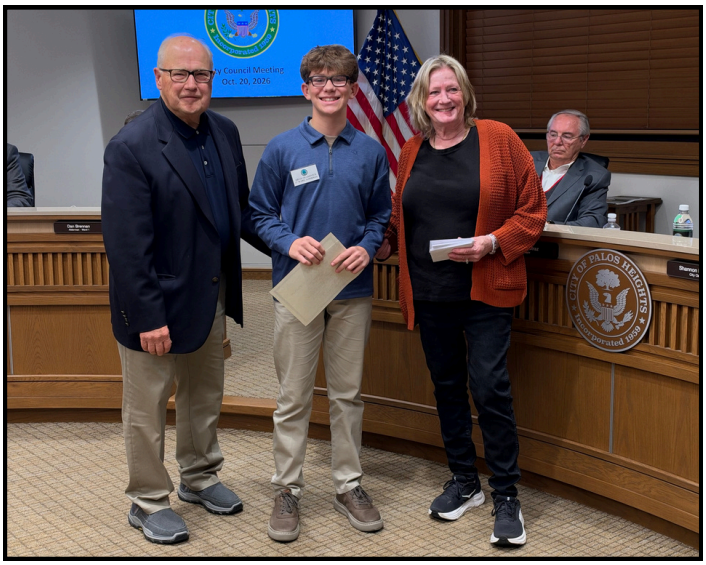








ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

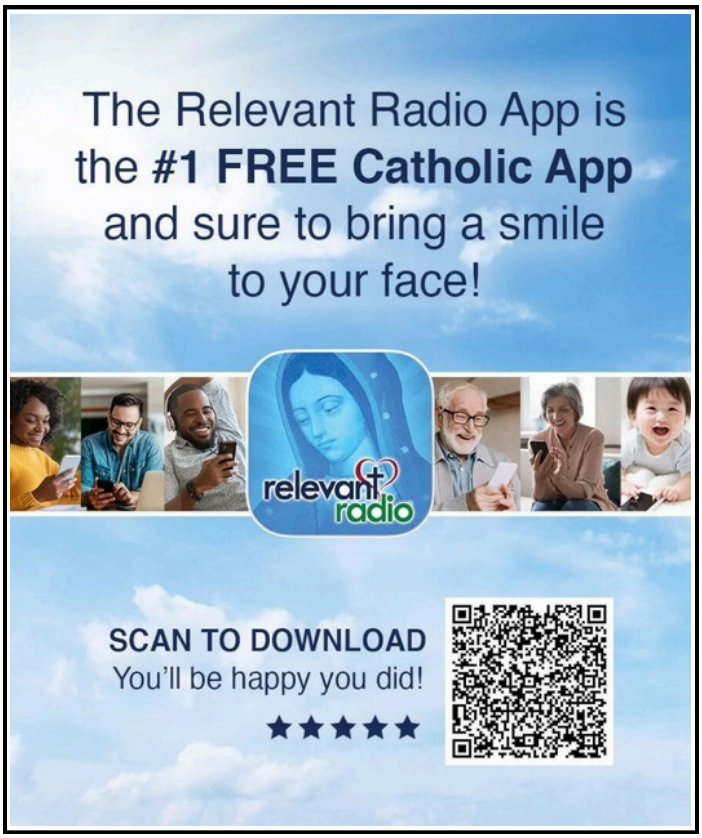


Five of our students were selected to participate in a Palos Heights Mock City Council Meeting from their submission to the Mayor for a Day Essay Contest.











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

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.

St. Alexander Memorial Mass

Monday, November 2nd



A special Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 2nd 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.

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 3:00 p.m. on Thursday. 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.



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!

GET OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU!

Subsctibe to ParishesOnline.com to get a link to our weekly parish bulletin delivered straight to your inbox! Visit parishesonline.com and search for our parish to get started today. It's fast, easy and free!

COMMUNION MINISTERS



Saturday, November 7th
5:00 PM-- Maureen Balich, Sharon Mundo, Deborah Smith

Sunday, November 8th
7:30 AM-- Bob Straz, Nancy Foster, Ed Sobczak
9:30 AM-- Caroline Kelbowski, John Kelbowski, Sharon Ayres, Pat Karrasch (LG)
11:30 AM-- Catherine Alberts, Jim Fisher, Pat Fisher
6:00 PM-- Michael Collins

READERS



Saturday, November 7th
5:00 PM-- Brianna Knight, Charlie Smith

Sunday, November 8th
7:30 AM-- Mark Foster
9:30 AM-- Rich Cruz, Bob Ayres
11:30 AM-- Ryan Alberts
6:00 PM-- James Clark

SUNDAY SALE HOURS 10:15-11:30AM

SAVE orders may also be brought to the Parish Administrative Center. Orders dropped off by 5:00PM on Wednesday are available for pick-up Thursday after Noon at the PAC. They may also be picked up during sale hours in the SAVE room on Sunday.

MASS TIMES WHILE OUT OF TOWN

Free apps available: Catholic Mass Times Church Directory and Mass Times for Travel. Or visit mass-times.org and findaparish.com.

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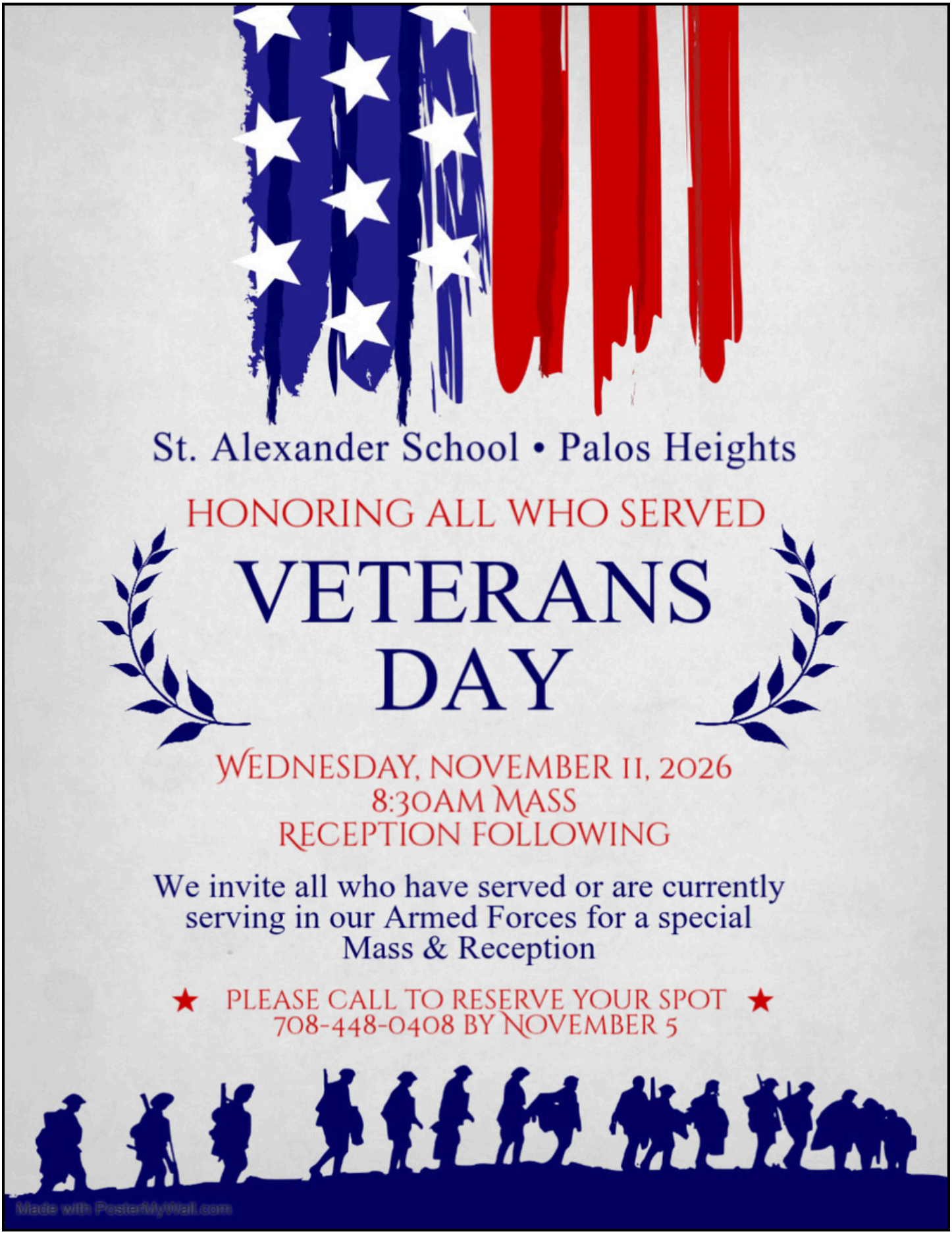
St. Alexander School • Palos Heights
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
VETERANS DAY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026
8:30AM MASS
RECEPTION FOLLOWING
We invite all who have served or are currently serving in our Armed Forces for a special Mass & Reception
PLEASE CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT
708-448-0408 BY NOVEMBER 5
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ST. ALEXANDER'S BOOK CLUB —— "TURNING PAGES, GROWING IN FAITH"

Our third book will be Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly.

We will be meeting on Thursday, November 19th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Rooms 311 and 312.



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, please RSVP to me (Denise) by November 17th. My email is ciciura33@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me. Please bring your own snack and drink.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Looking forward to seeing you at the Book Club on Thursday, November 19th.



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

Low-Gluten Hosts

At the 9:30 AM 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.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." —(Jn 14:6)

We have been created for greater things.
Not just to be a number in the world,
not just to go for diplomas and degrees.
This work and that work. We have been
created to love and to be loved.

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 Risden - 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. Faloona - National Guard
Juan (Jay) Cello - U.S. Army
Robert Brennan - U.S. Army
ScottMilcarek - 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

Doors Open: 6:00pm —— Game Begins: 7:00pm



TRIVIA NIGHT
ST. ALEXANDER PARISH CENTER
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES & SNACKS!

TABLE DECORATING CONTEST & PRIZES!

NEW TRIVIA EMCEE & QUESTIONS THIS YEAR!
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. Please make checks payable to: St. Alexander

TRIVIA NIGHT TEAM MEMBERS

Team Name: _____ **TeamCaptain:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Member 1: _____ **Member 2:** _____

Member 3: _____ **Member 4:** _____

Member 5: _____ **Member 6:** _____

Member 7: _____ **Member 8:** _____

Total Amount Included: $_____

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Food Drive

November 14 and 15

Please drop off non-perishable food items

Also in need of NEW FULL SIZE

toothpaste and toothbrushes

shampoo

deodorant

and bar soap



Thank you for your generosity!



ALL SAINTS' DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Saturday, October 31st
5:00 PM-- Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells
Raymond Schwaller
Norbert Kuksta
Dale Yukich
Isabella Cook
Barb Chwierut
Paul Lunter

Sunday, November 1st
7:30 AM-- Mary K. Laski
Mary Foskett
Colleen J. Nix
Theresa Ann O'Shea
Irene Brajner & Family
Jerry Hamman
Chet & Tom Chwierut
Henry & Sophie Budziak
Vincent Egert
Dolores Egert
Steve Gruca
Karen Reid
Vincent & Mary Hoban
Mary Susich
9:30 AM-- Helen Wann
John Janik
Steve & Carol Stefan
Mary & Alexander Draus
Rose Diorio
Sylvia Matarrese
Don & Mary Tadda
Dr. Michael Ryan
Maureen Sullivan
Dorothy Crowley
Janice Kurland
Jacqueline Callanan
11:30 AM-- Paul Lunter
George Lombard
Mary Kennedy
Thomas Donovan
Lori Czech
Deceased Brother Knights of St. Theodore
Guerin Council 14057
John Svabek
Tom Scanlon
George & Audrey Gee
Jerry & Deanne Gentile
Paul Klister
6:00 PM-- For the Parishioners
Sr. Michaela Collins
Dave Ridener

Monday, November 2nd *(The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)*
8:30 AM-- Michaeleen Kudulis, Ed Urbanski
William Craven, Colleen J. Nix
Paul Lorenzini--1st Anniversary
Fr. Anthony Adducci, Jacqueline Callanan
Eileen Aye--Healing Intention
Joseph Vasil & Jennifer Zehner--
Engagement Blessing

Tuesday, November 3rd ***(St. Martin de Porres)***
8:30 AM-- Eugene Scanlon, Colleen J. Nix
Dorothy Janik, Jennifer Aparo
Carol Chamberlain
Eric & Sue Zempich & Family

Wednesday, November 4th *(St. Charles Borromeo)*
8:30 AM-- Daniel Stinson--1st Anniversary
Colleen J. Nix,Trish Hickey, John Janik
Kristina Wiseman--Birthday Blessing
Tom, Margaret, Pauline & Tommy Macey

Thursday, November 5th
8:30 AM-- Fr. Francis Royer, Colleen J. Nix
Edgar Beaulieu--5th Anniversary
Stanislaw Radecki, Jacqueline Callanan

Friday, November 6th
8:30 AM-- Colleen J. Nix, Dan Miller
Barbara Ann Chwierut, John McNamara
Anna & Joseph Malacina

Saturday, November 7th
8:00 AM-- Colleen J. Nix, Don Tadda
Blessed Mother's Intentions
Chet & Tom Chwierut
Holy Souls in Purgatory

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Saturday, November 7th
5:00 PM-- Joseph Sloyan, Catherine Wells, Doris Hardy
Dale Yukich, Isabella Cook, Barb Chwierut
John & Genevieve Laskey, Lucille G. Smith

Sunday, November 8th
7:30 AM-- Clleen J. Nix, Irene Brajner & Family
Mary Sucich, Chet & Tom Chwierut
Barbara Ann Chwierut, Catherine Hoban
9:30 AM-- Rose Quinn Anhalt, Joseph G. Olszewski
Joanne Greene, Jacqueline Callanan
Patrick Duffy, Don & Mary Tadda
11:30 AM-- Fr. Edward Cronin, Rosa Greenwald
Donahue Family, Tom Scanlon
Niamh Flatley, Richard Harney
6:00 PM-- For the Parishioners, Theodore Biknius

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." —(Jn 14:6)