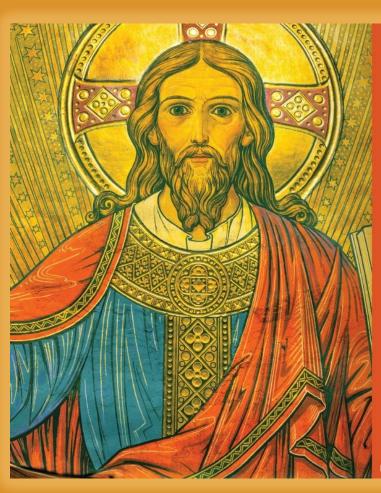
St. Alexander Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe The Palos Catholic November 23, 2025



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

- Lk 23:42-43

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

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

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

Phone: 708-448-4861

Pastor: F	Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227
Associate Pastor:	Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223
Deacons: Jim Horton, M	ichael Ciciura, Fran Pendergast
Director Parish Home & Hea	Ith Ministry: Jim Horton ext. 232
Operations Manager:	Paula Somers ext. 233
Director of Music:	Matthew Berardi ext. 224
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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
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Religious Education Office

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

Phone: 708-448-6624

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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 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,

Today, we as a Church around the world celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The three readings present Christ to us as a Universal King. In the first reading from the book of Daniel, we are enlightened on the title of Christ, the "Good Shepherd." In the Book of Revelation, Jesus is presented as the "Alpha and the Omega, the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty." It is very important that the idea of Christ the King is understood according to these rich concepts, and not according to our own interpretation of kings in history or present-day royalty. Jesus is the King of today's world. He is present in the world, and is active in it. Our Lord has an influence on all men and women and can change them. Jesus' rule is an activity that transforms the world bringing about a change in us, His People. With Christ the King, we are freed from sinfulness, given a new life, and a share in His own glorified, resurrected life. Thus, Jesus' kingship gives all Christians both the responsibility to allow Christ to work through us and the assurance that it will achieve success.

This coming Thursday our nation will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day. At Thanksgiving, we as a people remember the struggles of the early pilgrims as they worked together with Native Americans to establish our fine country. They gathered together to give thanks to each other and those who assisted them in their lives. It is also a time, we at St. Alexander Parish, will be celebrating a special Thanksgiving liturgy on Thursday, November 27th at 9:00AM Mass. A Thanksgiving prayer for all to say at your bountiful Thanksgiving table can be found on page five.

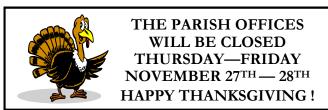
We as Roman Catholics and many other Christian denominations believe in the sanctity of life from the moment of conception to a natural death. Recently the Illinois State Senate passed a bill legalizing assisted suicide and is now waiting for the governors signature. I encourage you to contact the governors office and ask him to veto this bill. Please turn to page thirteen for more information on how suicides rates increase when bills such as this are passed and ways to contact the governor's office via phone or email.

Please remember the St. Alexander Sharing Tree which will help struggling families in our own parish community, and families served by the Franciscans of The Port Ministries of Chicago. If paying by check please make them payable to St. Alexander Church and all monies will be used to purchase gift cards for the recipients. We ask that all donations be returned to our parish by December 7th which will give us plenty of time to have the cards distributed to those families ensuring they will have food and some gifts for their children on Christmas day. Please turn to pager eight for more information

God Bless, Father Marty

THANKSGIVING MASS — 9:00 AM NOVEMBER 27TH





Thanksgiving Blessing

Dear Lord, We raise our thanks to You, the giver of every good gift.
Thank You for the ways
You have blessed, guarded, and guided us this past year and always.
Keep us in Your hands, and close to Your heart.
Amen.

PRAYING TO THE ANGELS

We pray to the angels, for they are given to us as guardians.

—St. Ambrose

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK November 24-30, 2025

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62,

63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/ Thursday:

Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/

Lk 21:34-36

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Sunday:

Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick

As the faith family of St. Alexander, we Prayers 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 Mary Egan Lizzie Hannan Hurley Molly Flynn Brody Lynch

If you or anyone in your family would like to be added to our *Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick* please contact the Parish Administrative Office by noon on Friday.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dving, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word — remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "You will be with me."

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



& 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 9:30AM 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.

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.

COMMUNION MINISTERS



5:00 PM— Mary Ceebin

Sunday, November 30th

7:30 AM— Patricia Sobczak, Bob Straz, Karen McNeal

9:30 AM— Nancy Dougherty, Patti Hartig, Carol Schuemann, Caroline Kelbowski (LG)

11:30 AM— Joan DeVito

6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres, Michael Collins, Mary Beth Partyka

READERS

Saturday, November 29th

5:00 PM— Linda Buchanan

Sunday, November 30th

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski, Paula Somers

9:30 AM— Charlie Smith, John Kelbowski

11:30 AM— Ryan Alberts

6:00 PM— Bob Ayres, 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.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Day Collection November 27th— 9:00AM Mass

As we celebrate the great holiday of Thanksgiving, let us remember those who are less fortunate. St. Alexander's Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have a special collection at the 9:00AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

The funds collected on Thanksgiving are used throughout the year to assist with gas, water, electric, mortgage, rent, and other necessities. You may also drop your envelope in the collection boxes in the back of church on Sunday.

To all the people of St. Alexander Parish, our members, their families, and friends, Have A Very Happy Thanksgiving!



Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord:
accept our thanksgiving on this day.
We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Celebrating our Raider families' Veterans











TST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS















Prayer for Thanksgiving

Dear Lord, We raise our thanks to You, the giver of every good gift.
Thank You for the ways
You have blessed, guarded, and guided us this past year and always.
Keep us in Your hands, and close to Your heart.
Amen.

St. Alexander Sharing Tree

November 23rd thru December 7th For
God so
loved the
world tte gave
ttls one and only
Son that whoever
believes in tilm shall not
perish but have eternal life
John
3:16

The Sharing Tree experience is a long and beautiful tradition at St. Alexander.

We ask that you make a monetary donation and we will then purchase gift cards for the families in need.

Please make your check payable to St. Alexander Church and place it in an envelope marked "Sharing Tree".

Donations may be mailed, dropped off at the parish office, or placed in the offertory boxes in the back of church.

Those being helped this year are families in need in our own parish community, and families served by the Franciscans of The Port Ministries in Chicago.

During these times of financial difficulties your donation will make all the difference in someone's Christmas celebration. God Bless.

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.



Congratulations to Week 2 Winners



Card #505-5G003 Winner: Andrew Marks

Paid \$25

Ticket sold by: Mossuto family

Card #514-5G003 Winner: Kathy Natalino

Paid \$25

Ticket sold by: Natalino family

Card #604-5G003 Winner: Ariana Ramos

Paid \$25

Ticket sold by: Ramos family

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please email your print ready information, in a word, jpeg or pdf file, to Nancy Romano at nromano33@aol.com. The information will be used as space in the bulletin is available.

Bulletin Date
December 7
December 14
December 21
December 28
January 4

Submit by Date
November 24
November 26
December 4
December 12
December 16

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to meet the publisher's deadline!

"The Little Blue Book"

"The Little Blue Book" is an Advent/Christmas devotional and prayer resource for you to use during the Advent and Christmas season.

It contains meditations on the Advent/Christmas season, reflections on the saints, and many different prayers. The page for each day contains a passage from one of the gospel readings of the season for reflection and a variety of thoughts about the Advent/Christmas season.

The books will be available for you this weekend on the table in the back of church.

Please take one per family since there are a limited number this year. If you feel it is appropriate, please feel free to leave a free will donation to cover some of the cost. Hopefully this small resource will enhance your experience of the Advent and Christmas seasons this year.

WORD OF LIFE

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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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.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 9th 7:00PM

Join us for a prayerful evening as we celebrate God's love for us through His forgiveness and His real presence in the Eucharist.



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

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.







FUNDRAISING

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When you bring this flyer in and purchase delicious Fannie May® treats, 30%* of net proceeds will be donated to our organization.

Organization: St. Alexander School - Class of 2026

Date: Thurs 12/4/25, Fri 12/5/25 & Sat 12/6/25

Time: 12/4: 10am-6pm 12/5: 10am-6pm 12/6: 10am-5pm

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ACTION ALERT

Please contact Governor Pritzker to VETO SB 1950 - Legalizing Assisted Suicide

At 2:54 a.m. on October 31 the Illinois State Senate narrowly passed SB 1950. The State House narrowly passed the bill in the Spring. The bill is now on the Governor's desk. This is the last chance to stop assisted suicide from becoming law in Illinois.

In Canada where assisted suicide has been legal since 2016, 1 in 20 deaths are now due to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Too many are giving up on life under this law.

PLEASE CALL GOV. PRITZKER AND INFORM HIM:

- People with disabilities, the poor and marginalized fear coercion and abuse under assisted suicide laws.
- Suicide rates increase in states where assisted suicide is legal, especially among veterans.
 - There is a possible cost savings to insurance companies as they can provide cheaper lethal drugs instead of lifesaving treatments.

Go to www.ilcatholic.org for e-mail links, or call the Governor's office directly at 312.814.2121.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE **NOVEMBER 23, 2025**

Saturday, November 22nd

5:00 PM— Helen & Joseph Hertko

Dale Yukich Marilyn Reddy Dave Shannon Maria Parisi

Sunday, November 23rd

7:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix

Brian Lynch Irene Brajner

Chet & Tom Chwierut Paul Pendergast John Bohacik

AM— Joan & Dan Bagniewski 9:30

Bruce Schmiedl

Raymond & Marion Hunt

Carolyn Lowery

Mary Virginia Huguelet

Mary Foskett Don & Mary Tadda Edward Gildea

Eugene Borowski—20th Anniversary

11:30 AM— Helen Carroll

Tom Scanlon Molly Horan

Ray Ekberg—11th Anniversary PM— For the Parishioners 6:00

Phyllis DeRose **Audrey Jurgens**

Monday, November 24th (St. Andrew Düng-Lac)

8:30 AM— Christopher Rauen

Colleen J. Nix

Chet & Tom Chwierut

John Bohacik

Michael & Darllee Macey & Family—

Blessing

Tuesday, November 25th (St. Catherine of Alexandria)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix Virginia White

Jennifer Aparo

Chet & Tom Chwierut

Peggy, Lillian & Leonard Bodach

John Bohacik

Wednesday, November 26th

8:30 AM— Joe Punda

James O'Malley Colleen J. Nix

Chet & Tom Chwierut

Thursday, November 27th

9:00 AM— CJ Cieplak

Darin Van Witzenburg—1st Anniversary

Colleen J. Nix

Art & Lorraine Wittbrodt

Rose Devine Carolyn Lowery Kathleen Mannix Chet & Tom Chwierut

Don & Mary Tadda

Jerry Haase

Friday, November 28th

8:30 AM— Douglas & Lisa Czurylo

Colleen J. Nix

Marianna Wloszek—56th Anniversary

Chet & Tom Chwierut

Margaret Corbett

Saturday, November 29th

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix

Chet & Tom Chwierut

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

Saturday, November 29th

5:00 PM— Raymond Schwaller

Florence C. Jastrzebowski

Raymond Jarema Joseph Wolf Dale Yukich Marilyn Reddy Mary Foskett

William Sheridan

Sunday, November 30th

7:30 AM— Thomas Leyden

Michaeleen Kudulis

Colleen J. Nix

Jean Korby Irene Brajner

Charlotte Bax

Chet & Tom Chwierut

Andrew & Michelle Jackiw-Wedding

Blessing

9:30 AM— William E. Lewandowski Jr.

Diane Kresal—Birthday Blessing

Raymond & Marion Hunt

Carolyn Lowery

Don & Mary Tadda

Paul Lorenzini

11:30 AM— Helen Carroll

Ed Obiala

James Grisolano

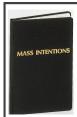
Tom Scanlon

Chuck H.

Paul Pendergast

Mary Caroll Hutchinson

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners



MASS INTENTIONS

Please visit, or call, the parish office if you would like to have a Mass intention for 2025 or 2026. Please note that Mass intentions are not just for the deceased but for anyone you would like to include in prayer.