

St. Alexander Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24, 2024

The Palos Catholic



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

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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

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.

Many thanks to all parishioners who contribute to our sharing parish Our Lady of the Heights in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Also, thanks to our Knights of Columbus council who donated \$2,600 worth of coats to their parish families. I appreciate your generosity and so does the pastor and the families of Our Lady of the Heights.

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 28th at 9:00AM Mass. A Thanksgiving prayer for all to say at your bountiful Thanksgiving table can be found on page five.

Many thanks to Paula Somers who planned, organized, and worked this year’s Trivia Night. All who attended had a good time as we laughed, talked, ate, and found out how much we don’t know about certain subjects. Our attendance was up from last year as we had over 160 people and 20 tables competing in a friendly way with one another. Naturally my team did not win (which was named “Team Bevo” in honor of the mascot of the Texas Longhorns football team) but we did manage to finish in the top ten. If you did not attend this year please consider joining us next year. In the meantime let us pray that the Texas Longhorns win the national championship in January.

God Bless,
Father Marty

**THANKSGIVING
MASS — 9:00 AM
NOVEMBER 28TH**



**THE PARISH OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY—FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 28TH — 29TH
HAPPY THANKSGIVING !**

Thanksgiving Blessing

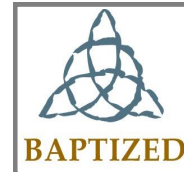
Dear Lord, We raise our thanks to You,
the giver of every good gift.
Thank You for the ways
You have blessed, guarded,
and guided us this past year and always.
Keep us in Your hands,
and close to Your heart.
Amen.



III Kaitlyn O’Toole & Benjamin Adams



We ask you to remember and pray for the souls of the faithful departed. May they forever rest in the Lord’s peace. We especially pray for:
Joanne Skidmore, mother of Ron & Wendy



The following children were baptized by Fr. Colm Mitchell on Sunday, November 17, 2024.

Chloe Luisa Caponigri, daughter of Rocco & Luz
Annie Marie Imrie, daughter of Michael & Lindsay

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK
November 24-December 1, 2024

- Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/
Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/
Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2,
3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and
8a/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
- Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, “Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? That’s Phil.” I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, “That man right there is in charge of everything in this store!” He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweatsuit. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.

To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. “Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice,” Christ the King proclaims. In Phil’s store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it’s all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let’s rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom.

— Father John Muir

Today’s Readings: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/
Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37



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:

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| Tatiana Ranftl | Dale Yukich |
| Maggie Campbell | Lisa Krisik |
| Eileen Long | Robert Prendergast |
| Grace Wetzal | James Guerino Jr. |
| Baby Bernadin | Maria Nozicka |
| John Gordon | Kathleen Mannix |
| Jennifer Aparo | Elaine Krisik |
| Rose Diorio | Keelyn Cranley |
| Carole Holding | Ralph Dziuba |

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



**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!

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.

**St. Alexander
Sharing Tree
November 23rd
thru December 8th**

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For
God so
loved the
world He gave
His one and only
Son that whoever
believes in Him 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.



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Thanksgiving Day Collection
November 28th — 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!**

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

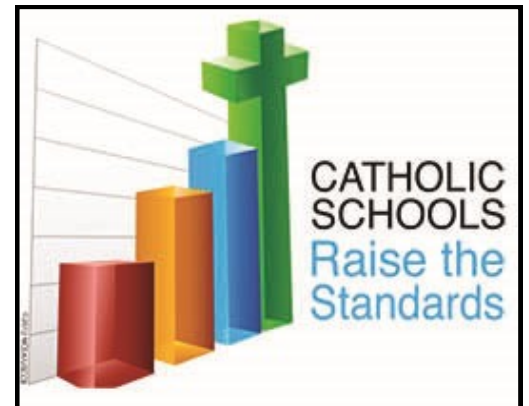


Pastor Appreciation Day! The students of St. Alexander School honored Fr. Marty, our pastor, with a Pastor Parade. Students from PreK through 8th grade surprised Fr. Marty with a parade. Students paraded with pompons, signs, and confetti as they cheered for him. To show our appreciation, Father was also presented with a few gifts. It was a wonderful day! Thank you, Fr. Marty!



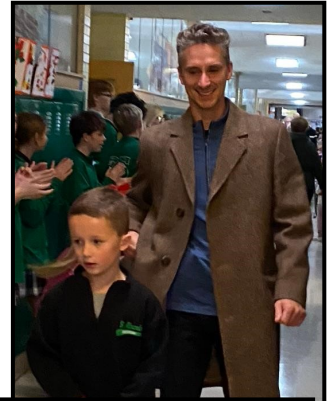
The 7th grade girls basketball team recently won the South Suburban Conference! Players: Addison Brown, Beatrice Bizzieri, Eleanor Doyle, Elle Enright, Caitlin Augustyn, and Mikaela Kuehn. Coaches: Susan Doyle, Christine Augustyn, and Mary Doyle.

Applied Tech Fun





ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



St. Alexander School honored our Veterans at Mass, followed by a reception in the parish center. Grades PreK - 8th grade line the hallways to cheer and show our support. Students also decorated the gym with their artwork, essays, and letters to show their appreciation for the sacrifices the veterans made. In attendance were parents, uncles, and grandparents of St. Al's school. Thank you for your service!



Congratulations to Week 2 Winners



Card #3846 - 4G001
 Winner: Eileen O'Reilly
 Paid \$25
 Ticket sold by: O'Reilly family

Card #4255 - 4G001
 Winner: Linda McSweeney
 Paid \$25
 Ticket sold by: School

Card #3687 - 4G001
 Winner: Kris Lombardi
 Paid \$25
 Ticket sold by: Lombardi family

“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

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

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

Saturday, November 30th

5:00 PM— Maureen Balich, Rosemary Dziuba, Mary Ceebin

Sunday, December 1st

7:30 AM— Nancy Foster, Ruth Macey, Susan Murphy

9:30 AM— Patti Hartig, Nancy Dougherty, Melissa Duckett

11:30 AM— Jeff & Ofelia Foreman, Mary Beth Flynn

6:00 PM— Michael Collins, Merrill Jurgens



READERS

Saturday, November 30th

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers

Sunday, December 1st

7:30 AM— Mark Foster, Paula Somers

9:30 AM— Debbie Myron, Ryan Alberts

11:30 AM— Joan DeVito

6:00 PM— James Clark, Johanna Jurgens



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.

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

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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 to enroll securely online. Or, download the Faith Direct app onto your smartphone. Our parish code is **IL910**.



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.



24/7 HOTLINE: 708-429-SAFE
WE SUPPORT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Mass Intentions For The Week



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Saturday, November 23rd

5:00 PM— Helen & Joseph Hertko
Patricia Susan Mikrut
Robert Gorski
Mary Kate Graf
Joseph Rathnau Family
Kevin Reynolds

Sunday, November 24th

7:30 AM— Joe Macey
Aggie Palmer
Kurt Klecan
Colleen J. Nix
Chet Chwierut
Thomas Chwierut
Joseph Lowery

9:30 AM— Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren J. Feldner, DDS
Robert M. Pikula
Raymond & Marion Hunt
Wilma Major
Rose Diorio—Special Intention
Michael Gembara
Mary Vari
Edward Gildea
Henry & David Michon

11:30 AM— Jim Flanagan
Helen Carroll
Kathleen Morrone
Pat Heston
Jacqueline Charbonneau
Patricia Moody
June Spoonhour
Ray Ekberg

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Christopher Rauen

Monday, November 25th (*St. Catherine of Alexandria*)

8:30 AM— Virginia White
Colleen J. Nix
Domenic Tripoli

Tuesday, November 26th

8:30 AM— Joe Punda
Josephine & Anthony Rathnau
Colleen J. Nix

Wednesday, November 27th

8:30 AM— C. J. Cieplak
Colleen J. Nix
Jack Howard

Thursday, November 28th

9:00 AM— Douglas & Lisa Czurylo
Bud Stefan
Francis J. Pendergast Jr.
Marrianna Wloszek—55th Anniversary

9:00 AM— Bob Thoma
Joseph Rathnau
Colleen J. Nix
Margaret Corbett
Thomas Chwierut
Kevin Reynolds Sr.
Kevin Reynolds Jr.

Friday, November 29th

8:30 AM— Raymond J. Jarema
Dennis P. Troesch
Florence C. Jastrzebowski
Colleen J. Nix

Saturday, November 30th (*St. Andrew, Apostle*)

8:00 AM— Thomas Leyden
Jim Grisolano
Jean Korby
Diane Kresal—Birthday Blessing
Colleen J. Nix

1:00 PM— Wedding: Kaitlyn O'Toole &
Benjamin Adams

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 2024

Saturday, November 30th

5:00 PM— Raymond Schwaller
For the Parishioners
Michaeleen Kudulis
Marion Kolojay
Charlotte Bax
Elizabeth Ferencevich

Sunday, December 1st

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer
Vincent & Mary Hoban
Thomas Chwierut
Colleen J. Nix
Aurelie King
Chet Chwierut
Dennis King Sr.

9:30 AM— John Janik
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren J. Feldner, DDS
William E. Lewandowski
Joseph & Margaret Feldner
Raymond & Marion Hunt
Thoms Krull
Daniel Stanton
Kevin Reynolds Jr.
Kevin Reynolds Sr.

11:30 AM— John Svabek
George Lombard
Clement Hohmer
Alice Cellini
Bob Tempestini
Jim Flanagan
Michael Gembara

6:00 PM— Christopher Rauen
June Spoonhour