

St. Alexander Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

The Palos Catholic

First Sunday of
ADVENT



St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

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St. Alexander School

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

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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,

This weekend marks the beginning of the Advent season. Advent is the perfect opportunity to take a personal inventory and ask ourselves several questions. Are we ready for our Lord's return to Earth? Do we have sinful areas in our lives that need to be reformed? Do we live out the gospel values of Jesus or do we just agree with our Lord's precepts and live our lives the way we want according to our own moral code? Do we have unfinished business with relatives and friends and hold grudges that are contrary to our Lord's command of love thy neighbor. Sometimes the true meaning of Advent can be lost when we spend our precious time with Christmas shopping, wrapping, cooking and parties. Let us all make a commitment this Advent to work on our spiritual lives and our relationship with our Lord.

Usually December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This year December 8th lands on a Sunday which is the Second Sunday of Advent. According to liturgical norms the second Sunday of Advent takes precedence over this feast day. Thus, this year we will be honoring our Blessed Virgin and celebrating the Immaculate Conception on December 9th. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation but please consider joining us to honor our Blessed Virgin at our Monday morning 8:30AM Mass.

Our Advent Communal Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00PM in the church. Please consider attending this special service to reconcile your relationship with God and one another as we prepare ourselves for the anniversary of our Lord's birth on Christmas Day.

Once again, please remember the St. Alexander Sharing Tree which help families in need in our own parish community, and families served by the Franciscans of The Port Ministries in Chicago. Donations can be mailed, dropped at the parish office, or placed in the offertory collection at Mass. Please make sure to mark the envelope "Sharing Tree" and the checks payable to St. Alexander Church. We request that all donations be received at St. Alexander by Sunday, December 8th. During these times of financial difficulty for many families your gifts are needed more than ever.

Next weekend, December 7th and 8th, there is a special envelope in your packet on behalf of the Retirement Fund For Religious. Many religious orders are in dire need of funds for the numerous retirees who have served the Church throughout the years. Over the past 26 years, the Retirement Fund For Religious appeal has provided much needed help for those dedicated religious who ministered in the spirit of the gospel with no priority given to retirement funding. I ask that everyone be generous to this special collection. Please read Cardinal Cupich's letter on page five regarding the collection.

God Bless,
Father Marty



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Using the new Pilgrimage app, you can journey through Scripture with friends, and your group. Your group will have access to a message board, which enables you to ask questions, start discussions, share content and connect with fellow group members, all from within the app. Learn more: www.pilgrimage.americanbible.org/

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
 Tuesday, December 17th
 7:00PM in the Church



Advent assures us that God hears our cries and responds with compassion; indeed God promises to embrace us fully with His compassion. The fulfillment of this promise turns our gaze to the future, which dawns on Christmas day.

WORD OF LIFE

“The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



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:

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

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



When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, “Don’t be afraid.” She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, “Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen.” A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various “worlds” in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves “fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world” (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to “look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” He then compares what’s coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That’s what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you’re troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: “Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming.”

— Father John Muir

Today’s Readings: 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



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 December 2-8, 2024**

- Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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November 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the Second Sunday of Advent, parishes throughout our Archdiocese will participate in the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on our individual faith journeys. Their faithful and devoted service has impacted our archdiocese, inspiring and guiding us as we continue to grow in faith.

We are called to recognize that most senior vowed religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I am aware that you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute what you can at masses the weekend of December 7-8. Most importantly, please keep all our men and women religious in your prayers. Rest assured that they are praying for you.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones during this Holy Season of Advent. With kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago



.....REMINDER.....



**St. Alexander
Youth Ministry
Christmas Wreath Pick-Up
Saturday, December 7th**

Parish Lounge from 1:00-3:00PM

For information please call Tyler at 448-6624

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.



**Thank You from the
St. Alexander Society
of St. Vincent de Paul**

St. Alexander Parish is a wonderful example of the meaning of Thanksgiving. We asked you for help with our monetary collection on Thanksgiving Day. Your response was a perfect example of *"Neighbors Helping Neighbors in the Time of Need"*.

The monetary collection is used through the year to assist those in need with gas, electric, water, food, housing expenses, and more.

Thank you to Fr. Marty for the beautiful Thanksgiving Mass and homily. God Bless you and have a wonderful Christmas Season!

PRAYING TO THE ANGELS

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

—St. Ambrose

**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, December 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

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, December 7th

5:00 PM— Terry Horvath, Rosemary Dziuba,
Sharon Mundo

Sunday, December 8th

7:30 AM— Steve Lukasik, Nancy Foster,
Susan Chillmon
9:30 AM— Dorothy McCloskey, Nancy Dougherty,
Guido Cadore
11:30 AM— Paul Sullivan, Pat Klaus, Tom Stuchly
6:00 PM— Michael Collins



READERS

Saturday, December 7th

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers

Sunday, December 8th

7:30 AM— Mark Foster, Mary Dombrowski
9:30 AM— John Kelbowski, Rich Cruz
11:30 AM— Joan DeVito
6:00 PM— James Clark





ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Fall in the PreK 3 room



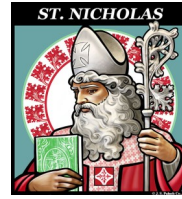
“The Little Blue Book”

“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.



Feast of St. Nicholas December 6th

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

Contact the parish office at 708-448-4861 if you would like a Mass intention for 2024 or 2025.

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.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Please donate at your local parish or by mail at:
National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194
Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

retiredreligious.org

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MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

If any parish ministry or organization would like to have an announcement made at Mass we ask that you please have the information to the office by noon on Friday. This allows us to compile the books we need for weekend liturgies by the end of Friday. Also, please limit announcements to one or two sentences.

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.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any information submitted for the bulletin must be submitted by the following dates. Anything submitted after that may not be included until a later date.

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

- Christmas holiday submission dates:**
- 12/22 bulletin items due by 12/6**
- 12/29 bulletin items due by 12/13**
- 1/5 bulletin items due by 12/20**

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to meet the deadlines required by our publisher!



St. Theodore Guerin Council 14057 of the Knights of Columbus has been awarded the distinction of Star Council, the top honor for local councils. The Star Council Award was presented to Grand Knight John Laskey at the 11:30 Mass on Sunday Nov. 17. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of growing membership, promoting Knights of Columbus insurance benefits, sponsoring Catholic faith formation programs and volunteering time through service-oriented activities.



During the past year members of the council collected food for, and volunteered at, the Catholic Charities Emergency Food Bank. Through the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program the council gave several cartons of new winter coats to needy children in the south suburban area. Members of the council also collected donations at busy Palos Heights intersections during the annual Tootsie Roll candy fundraiser to support people with intellectual disabilities, bringing in more than \$8000. The council has also sponsored a number of youth programs in our parish including a soccer challenge, basketball free throw contest, spelling bee, and the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. In addition, the Knights awarded \$1000 Catholic high school scholarships to two graduating St. Alexander School students.

For information about joining the Knights of Columbus contact Deacon Fran Pendergast at the Parish Administrative Center. Or you can join right now online at: kofc.org/join.





ST. ALEXANDER'S FSA EVENT

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Enjoy breakfast with Santa while Christmas shopping at Santa's Workshop!

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8TH
10AM UNTIL NOON

COST WILL BE \$5 FOR KIDS AND \$10 FOR ADULTS
KIDS UNDER 2 ARE FREE
YOU CAN PAY AT THE DOOR OR IN ADVANCE
QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL

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Family Name:


Adults:

Kids:

Total:



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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.



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.

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
Shannon Lungaro - U.S. Navy	Andrew Cleland - U.S. Army
Alan Filipiak - U.S. Navy	John Hoban III - U.S. Army
A. Amanda Cleland - U.S. Air Force	Mark Filipiak - U.S. Marines
Joshua Bramlett U.S. Navy	Steven Lungaro - 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	

A Prayer for “Renew My Church”

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

- to hear you clearly*
- to listen to each other attentively*
- to imagine our future boldly*
- to discern your direction wisely*
- to persevere in your holy will courageously*
- to stay together in charity*
- to surrender our own plans readily*
- to embrace the greater good*
- to hand on your gifts to future generations*

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints.

May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



ST. ALEXANDER PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you know someone who needs to be remembered? Do you have a relative, friend or neighbor who needs to know someone is praying for them?

We have a gift for you. St. Alexander’s Prayer Shawl Ministry has handmade shawls and blankets that have been blessed, and are available to anyone who needs them. You just need to pick them up. They are available to all parishioners at the Parish Administrative Center during normal business hours.

Assisted Listening Systems for Church Sound

Our church is equipped with a hearing “loop” system which will allow those with a tele-coil (T-coil) in their hearing aid to hear more clearly. Some hearing aids will automatically switch to our “loop” system. Other hearing aids must be *manually* switched to the T-coil mode.

If you do not think your hearing aid is functioning properly with our “loop” system it may be because: A) Your hearing aid does not have a built-in T-coil OR B) You have to *manually* switch your hearing aid to the T-coil mode.

T-Coil Switches: If your hearing aid has a switch labeled **M-T-O** the switch should be set to the **T** position. If your hearing aid has switch labeled **M-MT** the switch should be set to the **MT** position.

Please consult your Audiologist with any questions, and to be sure that your hearing aid is equipped with a T-coil and is working properly.

If you do not have a hearing aid with tele-coil (T-coil), we have purchased four individual hearing devices, specifically programmed for our system, that can be used during our liturgies on Sunday. They will be placed in a box on the bench outside the school office. We do ask that you please clean the hearing device after Mass, with the alcohol wipes that are on the bench, before returning them to the box. Thank you and we hope this will help to enhance your liturgical experience.

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7 PM CT
Live & Interactive

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



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 & 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!

**ST. MICHAEL MENTAL HEALTH
 AWARENESS MINISTRY**

Our next MHAM Prayer Gathering will be Wednesday December 18 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel because of our Lord's Birthday being on our usual 4th Wednesday of the month. Starting January we will meet on our usual 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. St. Michael Parish is located at 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, Illinois.

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Who is God for you?

Are you ready to see God's activity in all things?

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I'm Deacon Mike Ciciura and I am a permanent deacon here at St. Alexander's parish and a certified Spiritual Director/Companion. Simply defined, this ministry is one of compassionate, respectful, confidential engagement-listening through conversation about the light of faith. Spiritual Direction/Companionship helps us to see more clearly what God is asking of us and how God is acting in our lives. It's about acknowledging life's great "unfixables"-the things we are unable to change. It's about moving through the mysteries of time, experience, love, mortality, and life.

Spiritual direction/companionship is an ancient ministry. Throughout Hebrew and Christian tradition people sought spiritual counsel. Hermits, Monks, mystics and saints offered spiritual counsel as did those of other faith experiences.

What is your response to God?

**Could you trust me with your sacred story,
 your struggle, your questions?**

I'm available in person at St. Alexander's parish, by phone or email. Deacon Mike Ciciura 630-243-9342
 mciciura@archchicago.org

MASS TIMES WHILE OUT OF TOWN

There are free iPhone apps available that give church locations and Mass times all over the country; *Catholic Mass Times Church Directory* or *Mass Times for Travel*. Or visit the website www.masstimes.org or www.findaparish.com.

Congratulations to Week 3 Winners



Card #4107 - 4G001

Winner: Jim Walsh

Paid \$200

Ticket sold by: Walsh family

Card #3945 - 4G001

Winner: Rick Romeli

Paid \$25

Ticket sold by: Romeli family

Mass Intentions For The Week

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

Monday, December 2nd

8:30 AM— John O'Connell—12th Anniversary
Colleen J. Nix

Tuesday, December 3rd (St. Francis Xavier)

8:30 AM— Dorothy Janik
Joseph Rathnau
Antoinette Gill
Colleen J. Nix
Richard Hebron
Mary & Tom Moss

Wednesday, December 4th (St. John Damascene)

8:30 AM— Mary Murphy O'Connell—14th Anniv.
John Janik
Catherine Scanlon
John Pusateri
Pamela A. Szeniawski
Colleen J. Nix
Genevieve Stockel
Gerry Ward

Thursday, December 5th

8:30 AM— Joseph Rathnau
Colleen J. Nix
Mary Liceaga—Birthday Blessing

Friday, December 6th (St. Nicholas)

8:30 AM— Dennis Durack Jr.
Joseph & Ann Malacina
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren J. Feldner, DDS
Colleen J. Nix

Saturday, December 7th (St. Ambrose)

8:00 AM— Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren J. Feldner, DDS
Colleen J. Nix
Frank Mish

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 8, 2024

Saturday, December 7th

5:00 PM— Dolores & Robert Kramarski
Nancy Tarka
Francis J. Pendergast Jr.
Joseph Rathnau
Deborah Krates
Kevin Reynolds

Sunday, December 8th

7:30 AM— For the Parishioners
Ed Rekruciak
Aggie Palmer
Mary Jane Fitzpatrick
Catherine Hoban
Colleen J. Nix
Chet Chwierut
Thomas Chwierut
Vincent Mclnerery
June Spoonhour

9:30 AM— Brian Cadore
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren J. Feldner, DDS
Walter & Mary Smith
Meryl & Ruth Quinn
Matthew O'Malley—Birthday Blessing
Raymond & Marion Hunt
Mary Eileen Hodur
Kevin Reynolds
Anthony Chmiel

11:30 AM— Hohmer & Berquist Families
Helen Carroll
Michael Gembara
Michael Fioretti

6:00 PM— Special Intention

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