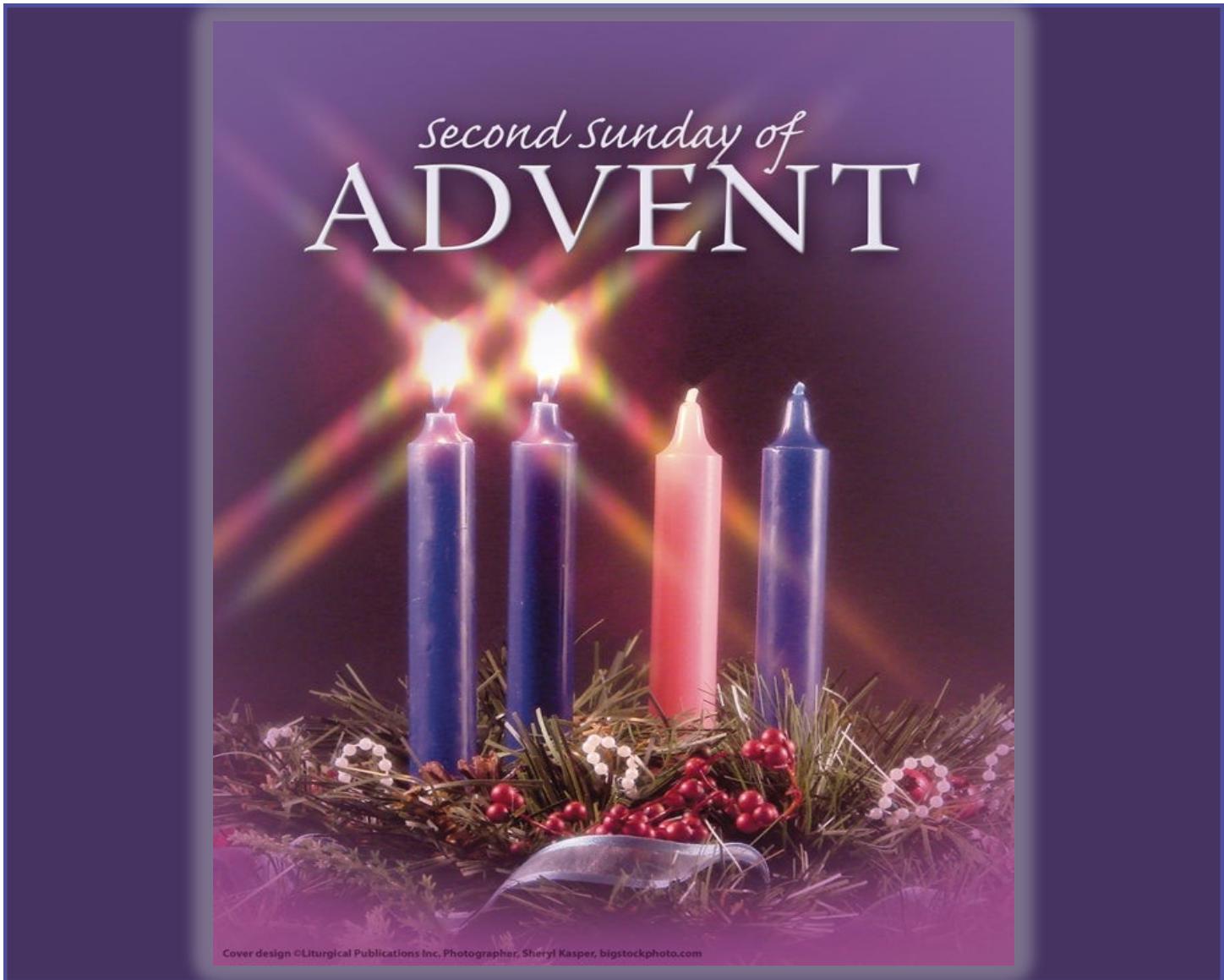


# St. Alexander Church

*Second Sunday of Advent*  
December 7, 2025

## The Palos Catholic



## St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

### Parish Administrative Center

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

Phone: 708-448-4861

Pastor: ..... Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227  
Associate Pastor: ..... Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223  
Deacons: .... Jim Horton, Michael Ciciura, Fran Pendergast  
Director Parish Home & Health Ministry: Jim Horton ext. 232  
Operations Manager: ..... Paula Somers ext. 233  
Director of Music: ..... Matthew Berardi ext. 224  
Youth Minister: ..... Tyler Ried—708- 448-6624  
Athletic Director ..... Michael Kennedy  
Parish E-Mail: ..... [alchurch1@comcast.net](mailto:alchurch1@comcast.net)  
St. Alexander on the Web: ..... [www.stalexanderpalos.org](http://www.stalexanderpalos.org)

### St. Alexander School

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

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

Principal: ..... Sharon O'Toole  
Administrative Assistant: ..... Mary Ann Pellicore  
School Web: ..... [www.stalexanderschool.com](http://www.stalexanderschool.com)  
School E-Mail: ..... [info@stalexanderschool.com](mailto:info@stalexanderschool.com)

### Religious Education Office

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

Phone: 708-448-6624

Coordinator of Religious Education: ..... Tyler Ried  
Religious Ed. E-Mail: ..... [tryed@archchicago.org](mailto:tryed@archchicago.org)  
Knights of Columbus: ..... 708-448-4861 ext. 400  
Knight of Columbus on the Web: ..... [www.kofc14057.org](http://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**

### **EUCARIST**

#### *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,

We are only eighteen days away from celebrating the birth of our Lord at Christmas. I'm sure everybody is busy shopping, baking, decorating, and other duties that accompany this holiday season. But let us not forget what Advent is all about: preparing ourselves for our Lord's coming. We can do this best through attending Mass, prayer, acts of charity and through reconciliation for past wrongs and hurts with God and our fellow man. Let us all make sure we find time in our busy schedules to pray and open our hearts for the Christ child.

Throughout Advent and the Christmas season many of us will be visiting and celebrating the season with relatives, hopefully in a safe manner. Unfortunately there are many people in our community who are homebound due to illness or abandonment. Please remember to keep all our sick and homebound in your prayers throughout the Christmas season. This is also the time of year where the flu, colds, pneumonia, and other ailments are ever present. Be careful and keep yourself healthy and safe.

Please remember, Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We, at St. Alexander will celebrate this Holy Day with a Mass on Monday morning December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM and Monday evening at 7:00PM. Our school children will celebrate the Holy Day with an all school Mass at 10:00AM.

Our Advent Communal Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

On page five of our bulletin is the schedule of our Christmas Masses and liturgies for our Christmas season. Due to popular demand we have two 3:00PM Masses on Christmas, one in the church and one in the parish center. This year January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated Tuesday evening, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00PM and Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00AM.

This year we once again have Oplatki, the Christmas Wafer, which will be available in the back of church this weekend and for purchase at the parish office. The donation is \$3.00.

Remember we are still accepting donations for this year's Sharing Tree which will support those families in need. If you are supporting this worthy cause, we ask that you please turn in your donation today in the collection basket or at the parish office on Monday.

Next weekend, December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 27 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.

Finally, please keep all our college students in your prayers as they study and take their finals which will end the semester. Also let's pray that they pass all their classes and have not wasted the generosity of their parents who are probably footing the bill for school.

God Bless,  
Father Marty



The following children were baptized by Father Colm Mitchell on Sunday, November 23, 2025.

**Jack Damon Page**, son of Matthew & Kara  
**Georgia Hart Wood**, daughter of Joseph & Mary

The following children were baptized by Deacon Mike Ciciura on Sunday, November 30, 2025.

**Carter James Creighton**, son of Shawn & Ashley  
**Olivia Katarzyna Finger**,  
daughter of Richard & Kathy

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



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:

**John Cronin**, brother of Denny  
**Mary Egan**, wife of John  
**Rosa Greenwald**, mother of Jennifer Allison  
**Raymond Young**, uncle of Brian



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK December 8-14, 2025

Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/ Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



### Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick

As the faith family of St. Alexander, we unite with one another to pray for those who need healing of their body, mind or spirit. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join in prayer for:

Lisa KrisiK	Elizabeth Hannan Hurley
Molly Flynn	Brody Lynch
Denise Jandura	Rich Jandura

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

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-1

## Hospitality Ministry

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

## St. Alexander Sharing Tree Donations Due Today!

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

### 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.



Advent is twofold, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

Available in the church vestibule after all weekend Masses or in the Parish Office during regular business hours.  
DONATION: \$3/PACKET



### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



### ST. ALEXANDER YOUTH MINISTRY

**Thank you for supporting our annual Christmas wreath sale!**



### 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 & 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!**

### BIBLE STUDY

**Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**



We will meet at 2:00PM in Room 311 to discuss the Blessed Mother Mary as Queen Mother in both the Old and New Testament. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Bible and our Blessed Mother. All are welcome. Please come and join us.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THE BIBLE WITH YOU!**

**PAINT & SIP EVENT**



# ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

8th Grade working on Robotics Fair projects for the fair on Sunday, February 1, 2026



**AN ADVENT PRAYER**

May the God of peace make us completely holy.  
 May God keep us blameless  
 in spirit, soul and body  
 for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 Forever faithful is the One who calls us--  
 God our Father!  
 Expectant, let us live in joyful hope for the  
 revelation of the glory  
 of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!  
 To him be glory forever! Come, Lord Jesus!  
 Your grace be with us all.

--From Come, Lord Jesus by Lucien Deiss

**COMMUNITY DINNER**

Community Dinner's are held  
 on the third Tuesday of the month  
 at 6:00 PM in our Parish Center  
 Next Dinner: December 16<sup>th</sup>

We ask that if you plan on attending  
 please call the parish office  
 at 708-448-4861 and let us  
 know for the food count

**Spiritual Direction/  
Companion Ministry**

**Who is God for you?**  
**Are you ready to see God's activity in all things?**  
**Would you like to explore a deeper experience of God**  
**through Spiritual Companionship?**

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



The Knights of Columbus  
 will offer Keep Christ in  
 Christmas magnets and  
 yard signs after Masses  
 this weekend and  
 December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

Proceeds will support our  
 annual Coats for Kids program which provides  
 new, warm winter coats for needy children in  
 our sharing parish.

The Keep Christ in Christmas program is de-  
 signed as a way to encourage our neighbors to  
 shift from preoccupation with materialism to the  
 light of Christ, the spirit of giving, and the true  
 meaning of Christmas.

Donation: \$5/magnet and \$10/yard sign

**COMMUNION MINISTERS****Saturday, December 13th**

5:00 PM— Sharon Mundo, Mary Ceebin

**Sunday, December 14th**

7:30 AM— Ed Sobczak, Nancy Foster,  
 Karen McNeal

9:30 AM— Melissa Duckett, Pat Karrasch,  
 Joan Obiala, Mary Beth Flynn (LG)

11:30 AM— Paul Sullivan, Jeff & Ofelia Foreman

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

**READERS****Saturday, December 13th**

5:00 PM— Charlie Smith, Bill Rogers

**Sunday, December 14th**

7:30 AM— Mark Foster, Paula Somers

9:30 AM— Rich Cruz, Frank Lonergan

11:30 AM— Joan DeVito

6:00 PM— Bob Ayres, Johanna Jurgens





## CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE....STOCK UP NOW!!!

It's time to start stocking up on SAVE! We have many retailers and restaurants, both local and national, to help make your holiday shopping easier. Gift cards make great gifts!

**DID YOU KNOW....** SAVE is a program where you can buy gift cards or certificates for many retailers and restaurants, both local and national. Pick up a list of participating vendors or check out all our SAVE vendors on the website [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com). This site has many additional vendors to choose from; besides those carried in-house. The order procedure for these cards is the same as a regular SAVE order.

Orders may be dropped off at the Parish Administrative Center Monday thru Wednesday, during normal business hours 9:00AM-5:00PM or through the school. Pick up completed orders at the Parish Administrative Center after Noon on Thursday or during sale hours in the Parish Activity Room on Sunday from 10:15 - 11:30AM.

The credit you receive for your SAVE purchases can be applied towards tuition payments or fees at any educational facility; grade school through college — public or private. It can even be applied to pay off college loans!! You may also choose to have the credit returned directly to you. The school is also a beneficiary of the SAVE program!

**THE LAST DAY TO PURCHASE SAVE FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
WILL BE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> FROM 10:15—11:30AM!**

**LAST DAY FOR SPECIAL ORDERS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

### MASS INTENTIONS

Contact 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.

### DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM CHURCH

“Catholic Mass Times Church Directory” or “Mass Times for Travel” are free apps which give you Mass times all over the country. Or visit the sites [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) and [www.findaparish.com](http://www.findaparish.com).

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

### *Christmas Vigil* *December 24<sup>th</sup>*

3:00 PM — Church  
3:00 PM — Parish Center  
5:00 PM — Church  
10:00 PM — Church

### *Christmas Day* *December 25<sup>th</sup>*

7:30 AM — Church  
9:30 AM — Church  
11:30 AM — Church

### *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph* *December 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM*

*December 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 6:00 PM*

### *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God* *December 31st 5:00 PM*

*January 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 AM*

Please note January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation

Join Us For A  
**Dueling Pianos**  
*Extravaganza*  
Hosted By  
*St. Al's FSA*  
JANUARY 9, 2026



**HOWL 2 GO**  
BY HOWL AT THE MOON

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
PIANO SHOW AT 8PM

TICKETS \$35 PER PERSON - \$60 PER COUPLE  
BYOB & SNACKS  
21 & OVER EVENT

**ParishSOFT**

If you would like to make a one-time electronic donation or sign up for recurring gifts please scan this bar code.



**SUNDAY 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.

**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

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR  
INFORMATION ABOUT

- Religious Ed
- Youth Ministry  
(JR High/ High School)
- Stay and Play



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



**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](http://retiredreligious.org)

## St Blasé Food Pantry of Catholic Charities, St Vincent DePaul Society, & Knights Of Columbus THANK YOU!

The weekend of November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> saw a food drive here at St Alexander's Parish that was truly exceptional. The food collected filled to overflowing capacity 26 of the large blue/grey carts you see around St Alexander's.

Tuesday morning November 12<sup>th</sup> required three SUVs packed to maximum capacity to make the delivery.

The Albertine Sisters, who run the food pantry, left us with three statements which deserve repeating: "Thank You", "This is more food than we would expect from 5 parishes", and "This is enough food for a week of serving the community."

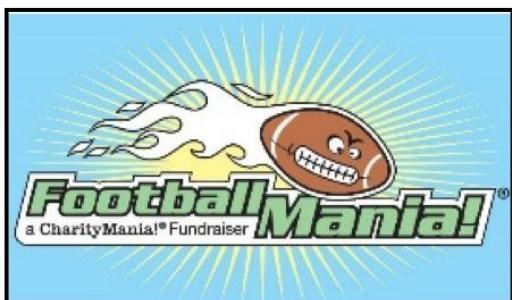
Thank you to all who contributed. Please know that we sponsor an ongoing weekly food drive. You may drop off your donation at any time by placing it on the bench outside the atrium in our narthex. This is just around the corner to the right as you enter the glass front doors and pass by the wooden entrance doors to our church.



**WORD OF LIFE**

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.” Learn how at [respectlife.org/support-her](http://respectlife.org/support-her).

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

**Congratulations to Week 4 Winners**

Card #922-5G003

Winner: Jim Laging

Paid \$25

Ticket sold by: Parishioner

**ST. ALEXANDER****DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MINISTRY**

The mission of the Domestic Violence Ministry of St. Alexander Parish is to raise awareness of domestic violence in our parish; to promote the development and delivery of services in our community; and to advocate for the prevention of domestic violence through education and parish activities.

If you need help contact:

- National DV Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- Illinois DV Helpline: 1-877-TOENDDV (1-877-863-6338)
- Crisis Center for South Suburbia: 1-708-429-SAFE (7233)

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

**“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.

**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.

**HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

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

Bulletin Date

December 28  
January 4

Submit by Date

December 12  
December 16

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

**PRAY DAILY**

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

—St. Francis de Sales

**PART TIME HELP NEEDED**

Sight challenged female looking for help part time. Monday through Friday. Flexible hours. Must have driver license. Help with doing errands etc. If interested please call 708 218 1957

**Part-Time Nurse's Aide POSITION AVAILABLE**

Amazing opportunity for a fulfilling career! Do you have a caring, serving heart with a passion for making a difference in someone's life? For over 87 years we have been lovingly caring for the elderly and are committed to providing the highest quality of care for our Residents.

**ROSARY HILL HOME** is looking to immediately add a Part-Time Nurse's Aide (PM shift) to our family. For more details, please **contact Sister Natalie** regarding this position: **708-458-3040**.

**ROSARY HILL HOME**

9000 W. 81<sup>st</sup> Street, Justice, IL 60458  
P: 708-458-3040 / F: 708-458-7230  
[info@rosaryhillhome.com](mailto:info@rosaryhillhome.com)  
<https://www.sistersop.com>



**Rosary Hill Home**

*Living the truth - serving others in love.  
Justice, Illinois - Since 1936*

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*"A wonderful reminder of Catholic life!"*  
— Daily Soubatoune

**Put the NUNS in Charge!**  
Bv Vicki Quade

**One Night Only!**

**St. George Parish Life Center**

A night of comedy so funny it ought to be a sin!  
From the creator of Late Nite Catechism this show has  
Mother Superior sharing her thoughts on everything  
from cell phones to road rage!

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM**  
**\$25 TICKET INCLUDES PIZZA**  
**BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES**  
**AND SNACKS**

Reserve your seat in Sister's class by purchasing  
tickets at the school or rectory office.  
For more information call 708-532-2243

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**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.

# Mass Intentions For The Week

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2025

### Saturday, December 6th

5:00 PM— Dennis Durak Jr.  
Dale Yukich  
Marcy Nelson  
Marilyn Reddy  
Dave Shannon  
Maria Parisi  
Paul Lunter

### Sunday, December 7th

7:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Irene Brajner  
Paul Pendergast  
Cynthia Plescher  
Vincent & Mary Hoban  
Doug Murphy  
Tom & Chet Chwierut  
9:30 AM— Janeen Pikula  
Raymond & Marion Hunt  
Carolyn Lowery  
Mary Foskett  
Don & Mary Tadda  
11:30 AM— Robert Oravec  
Family Blessings  
Clement Hohmer  
George Lombard  
Tom Scanlon  
John Svabek  
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners  
Margaret Fried

### Monday, December 8th (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:30 AM— Special Intention, Colleen J. Nix  
Michael A. Ferro, Chet & Tom Chwierut  
Brian Geary, Tom Scanlon  
James Nix—Special Intention  
Jerry Haase

7:00 PM— Sharon Youssi  
Special Intention  
Karen Vasil

### Tuesday, December 9th (St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin)

8:30 AM— John Foster Sr.  
Colleen J. Nix  
Fr. Thomas Mescall  
Ed Dombrowski—5th Anniversary  
Jennifer Aparo  
Eric & Sue Zempich & Fam.—Special Int.  
Jerry Haase  
Karen Vasil  
Special Intention

### Wednesday, December 10th (Our Lady of Loreto)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Ed Rekruciak  
Dolores Mallo  
Lisa & Alex Liceago & Family—Sp. Int.  
Karen Vasil  
Special Intention

### Thursday, December 11th (St. Damasus I, Pope)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Marilyn Sutley  
Chris Conroy—Healing Intention  
Karen Vasil  
Special Intention

### Friday, December 12th (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

8:30 AM— Tony & Lisetta Romeo  
Colleen J. Nix  
Janeen Feldner-Pikula  
Steve Weber  
Mark Zempich & Family—Sp. Intention  
Special Intention  
Karen Vasil  
Elba C. Salazar

### Saturday, December 13th (St. Lucy)

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Janeen Feldner-Pikula  
Chet & Tom Chwierut  
Diane & Ray Martinez & Family—Sp. Int.  
Special Intention  
Karen Vasil

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 14, 2025

### Saturday, December 13th

5:00 PM— Janeen Pikula  
Dale Yukich  
Marilyn Reddy  
Ken & Eleanore Reilly  
Karen Yukich  
John Matejka  
Paul Lunter

### Sunday, December 14th

7:30 AM— Mary Ann Cieplak  
Fr. John Auer  
Brian Cadore  
Colleen J. Nix  
Joan Cadore  
Irene Brajner  
Carolyn Lowery  
Paul Pendergast  
Catherine Hoban  
Tom & Chet Chwierut  
Jerry Haase  
Mary Lou Kavanaugh  
Special Intention  
9:30 AM— Tony Janicek—27th Anniversary  
Margaret Griffin  
Mary Ellen Walsh  
David Shannon  
Raymond & Marion Hunt  
Mary Foskett  
Ralph Dziuba  
Healing Intention

11:30 AM— Hohmer & Berquist Families  
Ed Obiala  
Tom Scanlon  
Michael Belczak  
Paul Lunter

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners  
Martin Hynes