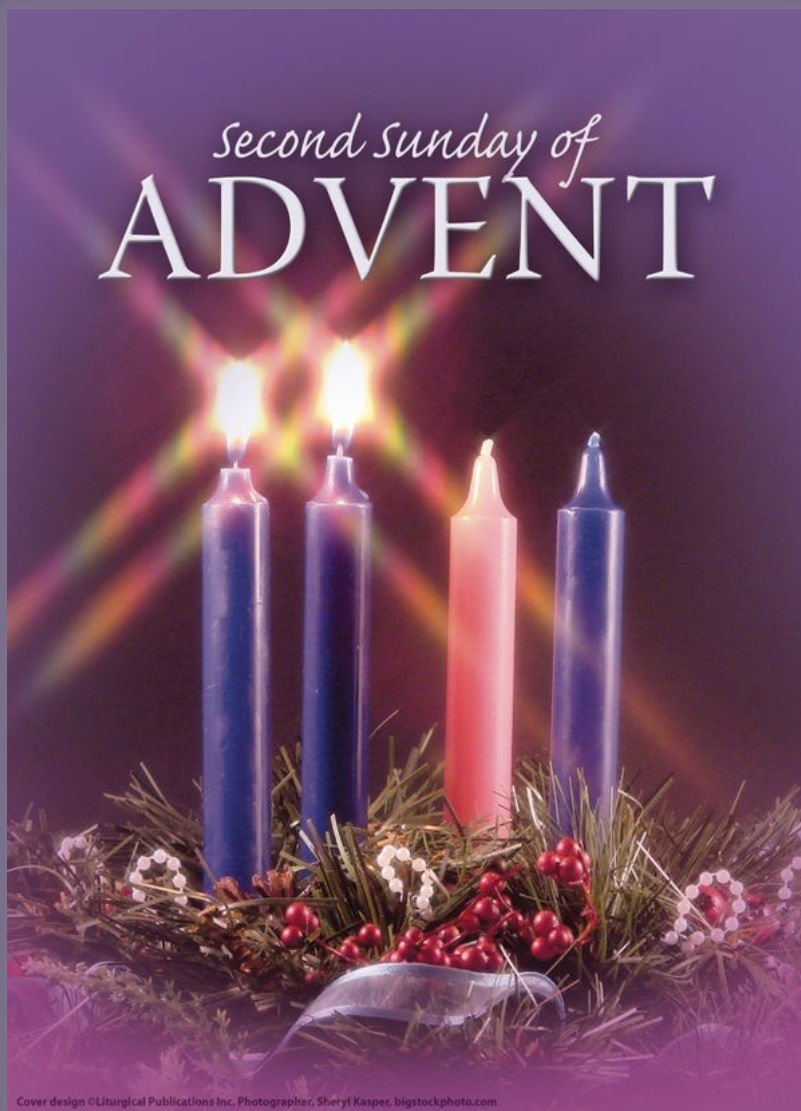


# St. Alexander Church

*Second Sunday of Advent*

*December 8, 2024*

*The Palos Catholic*



## St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

### Parish Administrative Center

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

Phone: 708-448-4861

Fax: 708-448-0039

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

St. Alexander on the Web: ..... 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

School E-Mail: ..... 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: ..... tried@archchicago.org

Knights of Columbus: ..... 708-448-4861 ext. 400

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,

We are only seventeen 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. Be careful, Covid is still ever present and it's cold and flu season.

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.

Our Advent Communal Penance Service will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the church. Please consider celebrating this sacrament as we continue our Advent journey growing closer to our Lord and receiving the graces and forgiveness of this blessed sacrament.

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.

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

### 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*



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:

- James Foskett, husband of Mary
James Vincent Guerino Jr., father of Mary Kallemeyn
Richard Podesta, father of Debbie Bergin



BAPTIZED

On Sunday, December 1, 2024. Addison June Austin, daughter of Avery & Lindsey, was baptized by Deacon Mike Ciciura.

Brayden Michael Motto-Murlasits, son of Michael & Lauryn, was baptized on Sunday, December 1, 2024, by Father Patrick O'Neill.

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK
December 9-15, 2024

- 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: 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
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/ Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



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:

- Tatiana Ranftl Dale Yukich
Maggie Campbell Lisa Krisik
Eileen Long Robert Prendergast
Grace Wetzel 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.

### 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.

### 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

### 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



**The Knights of Columbus  
will offer Keep Christ in  
Christmas magnets and  
yard signs after Masses  
this weekend  
December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<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 designed 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

## 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



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.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 17<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.



Available in the church  
vestibule after all weekend  
Masses or in the Parish  
Office during regular  
business hours.


**DONATION: \$3/PACKET**



### 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



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3211 Fourth Street NE  
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**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](mailto:nromano33@aol.com). The information will be used as space in the bulletin is available.

**Christmas holiday submission dates:**

**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!

**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.

**PRAY FOR OUR**



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             |                                  |



## 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 22<sup>ND</sup> FROM 10:15—11:30AM!**

**LAST DAY FOR SPECIAL ORDERS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

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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.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>* 5:00 PM  
*December 29<sup>th</sup>* 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 6:00 PM

### *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

*December 31<sup>st</sup>* 5:00 PM  
*January 1<sup>st</sup>* 10:00 AM

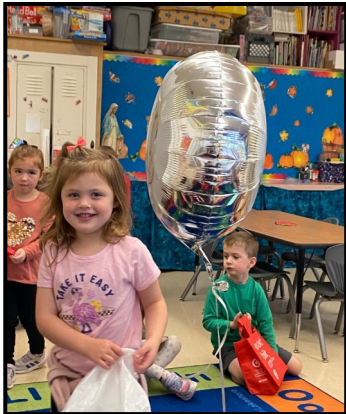
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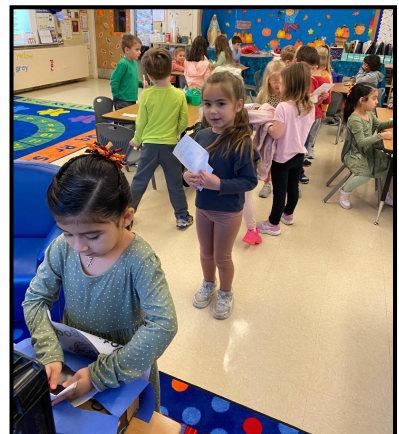
# ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



PreK 4 celebrated National Circle Day with a special Show & Tell Day. The students were very creative. The circle themes were balloons, plates, cans, and even homemade circles.



Voting lines were long in PreK 4. We learned about voting and the colors of the United States of America. We made our voter's cards and completed our ballots. On our ballot for favorites were Bluey vs Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, pizza vs chicken nuggets, and ice cream vs donuts. All the ballots were counted and it was a close race between donuts and ice cream but the winner was ice cream. The other winners were Bluey and pizza!



## PreK 3







# ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Seventh Grade Bingo



First Grade Spanish class proudly displaying their Booklets about their First Days in Spanish Class this year.



# ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Recently held Mother Son Bowling Night. We had a very large crowd with 108 people attending the event!





# ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



### Congratulations to Week 4 Winners



Card #3994 - 4G001  
 Winner: Audrey Segreti  
 Paid \$25  
 Ticket sold by: Segreti family

Card #4221 - 4G001  
 Winner: Tony Stepuszek  
 Paid \$25  
 Ticket sold by: Parishioner

Card #4146 - 4G001  
 Winner: Dan Zackavec  
 Paid \$25  
 Ticket sold by: Zackavec family



### 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!**



### E-Giving Made Easy

If you would like to make a one-time electronic donation, please scan this bar code.



Scroll down to "One -Time Gifts" and enter the amount and type of payment. It's that simple!



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Please visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll securely online. Or, download the Faith Direct app onto your smartphone. Our parish code is **IL910**.

### COMMUNION MINISTERS

#### Saturday, December 14th

5:00 PM— Terri Filipiak, Rosemary Dziuba, Mary Ceebin

#### Sunday, December 15th

7:30 AM— Nancy Foster, Pat Sobczak, Susan Murphy

9:30 AM— Pat Karrasch, Wendy Loftus, Carol Schuemann

11:30 AM— Mike Kearney, Donovan/Rodriguea

6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres, Mike Collins



### READERS

#### Saturday, December 14th

5:00 PM— Linda Buchanan

#### Sunday, December 15th

7:30 AM— Mark Foster

9:30 AM— Debbie Myron, Melissa Duckett

11:30 AM— Donovan/Rodriguez

6:00 PM— Bob Ayres





**"TENDING TO THE HEART OF WOMEN"**  
 An Advent Day of Reflection for Women

**SATURDAY DEC. 14TH**  
**9:30-3PM**

**AT OUR LADY OF ANGELS RETREAT CENTER,**  
 13900 Main Street  
 Lemont, IL

You can select to attend in either English or Spanish language  
 RSVP required via website

Visit [www.bestill4610.org](http://www.bestill4610.org) for complete details and to sign up.

**ST. MICHAEL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MINISTRY**

Our next MHAM Prayer Gathering will be Wednesday December 18th 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, 14327 Highland Avenue, Orland Park.

**The Palos Heights Woman's Club ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**  
**Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Silver Lake Country Club**

Doors open at 10:30AM for the vendor sale, mystery wine pull, raffle baskets, and sale of homemade cookies. Lunch will be served at 12:15PM followed by holiday entertainment. Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased at Dough Guys Bakery on Harlem Avenue.

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**11AM-2PM**

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**NO REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY TO ATTEND!**  
**708-659-4800**

# Mass Intentions For The Week



## 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 McInerery  
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

### Monday, December 9th (*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

8:30 AM— John Foster Sr.  
Fr. Thomas Mescall  
Ed Dombrowski  
Daniel Dunne  
Thomas Chwierut  
Chester Chwierut  
Colleen J. Nix  
Mary Jane Fitzpatrick  
Susan Vopicka

### Tuesday, December 10th (*Our Lady of Loreto*)

8:30 AM— Michael Hanley  
John Svabek  
Joseph Rathnau  
Colleen J. Nix

### Wednesday, December 11th (*St. Damasus I*)

8:30 AM— Glen Oskvarek  
Marilyn Sutley  
Colleen J. Nix  
Edwin Dunmore

### Thursday, December 12th (*Our Lady of Guadalupe*)

8:30 AM— Angela O'Malley—Birthday Blessing  
Joseph Rathnau  
Colleen J. Nix

### Friday, December 13th (*St. Lucy*)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Thomas Chwierut  
Deborah M. Krates  
Steve Weber

### Saturday, December 14th (*St. John of the Cross*)

8:00 AM— Tony Janicek—26th Anniversary  
Colleen J. Nix  
Chet Chwierut  
Thomas Chwierut

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 15, 2024

### Saturday, December 14th

5:00 PM— Mary Ann Cieplak  
Fr. Joseph Auer  
Margaret Griffin  
Joseph Rathnau  
Eleanore & Ken Reilly  
John & Genevieve Laskey

### Sunday, December 15th

7:30 AM— Judy McCarthy  
Poor Souls in Purgatory  
Aggie Palmer  
Colleen J. Nix  
Johanna Hoban  
Thomas Chwierut  
Chet Chwierut  
Joe Lowery

9:30 AM— For the Parishioners  
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM  
Loren J. Feldner, DDS  
Meg Feldner  
Raymond & Marion Hunt  
Mary Vari  
Daniel Stanton  
Kevin Reynolds  
Norma Jean Burke  
Amy Lyon  
Jim Foskett

11:30 AM— John Svabek  
Jim Flanagan  
Katherine King  
Bronislawa & Stanislaw Kopec  
Anelia & Ludwik Karwaczka

6:00 PM— Special Intention

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