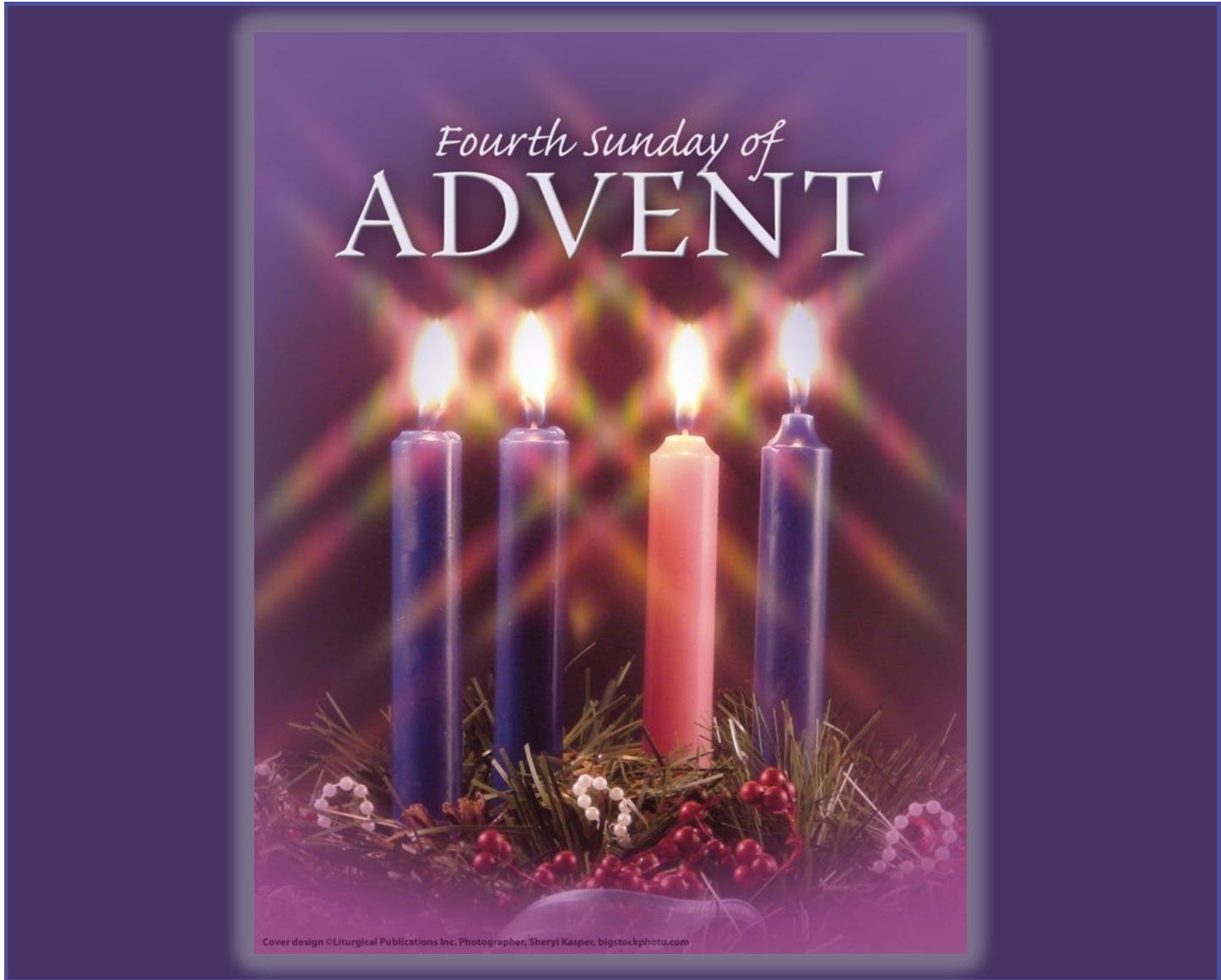


St. Alexander Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 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
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

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,

For many of us, the spirit of Christmas at times is “hurry” and “I have so much to do preparing for Christmas day”. And yet, the hour eventually comes when the rushing ends and the race against the calendar mercifully comes to a close. It is at this time that we truly recognize the spirit of Christmas. It is not a matter of days or weeks, but of centuries; over twenty of them now since that holy night in Bethlehem. Regarded in this manner, the pre-Christmas rush may do us a greater service than we realize. With all its worldly confusion, the Christmas rush helps us to see by contrast, that Christmas itself is eternal.

We are loved by many people in our lives which include family, friends, co-workers, and others we have come to know. We must always remember that nobody loves us more than God. How do we know this? Because of the Gift of the Incarnation: God taking flesh and becoming man. God so loved the world that he sent his only son to show us how to live, died for our sins, and rose from the dead so the gates of heaven would be opened that had been closed through Adam’s sin. This gift of God made man, that took place over 2,000 years ago, is eternal.

Christmas is eternal because the gift of Christmas, Jesus Christ, is eternal. Jesus is the Word of God, the Light and Life of the world. It is through Jesus Christ, both fully God and fully human, that we as humans are made one and whole with God. The best way for us as Christians to keep Christmas eternal is by imitating our Lord, by loving one another as our Lord loves us, and sustaining this love all year long. When we love, console, forgive, assist each other, and are generous with our goods to our parish and fellow humans, we continue to give the gift of Christ and His love to each other. This Christmas, let us pray that we recommit ourselves to eternally sharing the gift, our Lord, with all humanity.

We know that life is precious because Jesus took the form of human flesh. All life is sacred from the moment of conception, which has been proven in history when our Blessed Virgin conceived our Lord. As we reflect on the amount of people murdered in our streets throughout America and throughout the world let us pray that people will turn away from evil and turn to the Lord. Let us make sure that all of us, whether it be at our Christmas table or wherever we may be, stand up for life, and be people of peace.

On behalf of the entire family of St. Alexander, the priests, deacons, staff and lay people, may your Christmas be filled with much happiness and your New Year with much hope.

Merry Christmas and God Bless,
Father Marty



The child to be born will be called
holy, the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35

MASS TIMES WHILE OUT OF TOWN

Free apps available: Catholic Mass Times Church Directory and Mass Times for Travel. Or visit mass-times.org and findaparish.com.

Prayer at the Manger

With the Shepherds Your Good News
was sung by angels to these lowly ones
in the night. Look on us in our lowliness.
Let us rejoice in the glad tidings of Christ,
now and forever. Amen.



The following children were baptized by Fr. Martin Michniewicz on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

Beau Alexander Bettinardi, son of Michael & Hannah
Jack Elliot Lux, son of Gregory & Jillian
Annie Catherine Rusnak,
daughter of Jonathan & Molly
Colleen Marie Shay, daughter of Michael & Katelynn
Nicholas Peter Tripoli, son of Nicholas & Christine
Vivian Katherine White,
daughter of Kyle & Katarzyna

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:

William Colbeck, husband of Eleanor
Geraldine Dacko, mother of Cindy Kmetty



READINGS FOR THE WEEK December 22-28, 2025

Monday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Thursday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly ten years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24



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	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.



Christmas 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our Christmas celebrations coincide with the beginning of winter. There is less light at this time of year and more cold than we might want. The contrast is striking for people of faith. We remember God's only begotten Son born of the Virgin Mary. He comes into a dark and cold world as its light and its warmth.

In chapter four of Matthew's gospel at the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus, the evangelist cites words of the prophet Isaiah:

*...the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region
and shadow of death
light has dawned. (Mt 4:16)*

Events of this past year could suggest that all we have is indeed a cold and dark world. That seems to be the message of the wars fought around the world, of the tragic school shootings and political assassinations in our nation, and of our frayed connections with each other.

Again, for us as people of faith, the contrast is stark. We are realistic, and we know well the challenges of our world in this tense moment of the world's history. We also know, however, a larger narrative of God's love incarnate in Jesus Christ, the light that breaks the power of sin and death. Saint John wrote of him: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:5) This light enlightens us and warms us. Whatever struggles we face, we are assured because he walks with us.

As you gather with family and friends and fellow parishioners, I urge you to reassure each other with our convictions of faith. Take responsibility in the world to be a sign of hope and a source of encouragement for others. In this way, you will bring Christ the light to those who need him.

Join me and pray for our world, our nation, and our local communities that we can all walk in the light.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago



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The Parish Administrative Office will be closed on December 25th and December 26th
We Wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas!



St. Alexander String Quartet
St. Alexander's String Quartet will be performing a concert half an hour before the 5:00 PM and 10:00 PM Masses on Christmas Eve.
Also the 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:30 AM Masses on Christmas Day.
Come listen to the magnificent music as we glorify the newborn King!

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.

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

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 MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil December 24th

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

Christmas Day December 25th

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

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 27th 5:00 PM

December 28th 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 6:00 PM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God December 31st 5:00 PM January 1st 10:00 AM

Please note January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



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.

2026 PARISH CALENDARS

Thanks to the generosity of
Lawn Funeral Home,
we continue to offer our Parish Calendars!
They are available in the back of church
or in the parish office.

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)

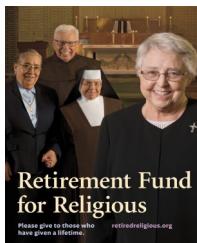
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WORD OF LIFE

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

*They shall name him
Emmanuel,
which means
"God is with us."
— Matthew 1:23*

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Call on the Holy Spirit and expect Him to show up! The Father has promised Him to us.

"Jesus said: And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49

Come join us after Mass at 5:45PM on the first Saturday of each month.

Deacon Mike will offer time to pray with anyone for the intercession of the Holy Spirit regarding individual prayer intentions.

After Mass the Sacrament of Confession and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will also be available.

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Feel Free to Contact Program Coordinator **Paula Somers** at psomers1115@aol.com or **708.448.4861**, or **Lloyd Metcalf** at Lloyd.Metcalf@gmail.com with questions!



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
 Stephen LaPiana - U.S. Army
 Matthew Brennan - U.S. Air Force
 Andrew Nissen - U.S. Marines
 Andrew Cleland - U.S. Army
 John Hoban III - U.S. Army
 A. Amanda Cleland - U.S. Air Force
 Amanda Brennan - U.S. Army
 Kyle Hite - U.S. Army
 Gino Albergo - U.S. Army
 James M. Bilder - U.S. Army
 Nicholas Wineman - U.S. Marines
 Kate Risden - U.S. Navy
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 Ryan Graeber - U.S. Marines
 Mary Kate Wetzel - U.S. Marines
 Chloe Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army
 Hanna Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army
 Isaac & Veronika Baines - U.S. Navy
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 Conor Knapp - U.S. Army
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 Scott Milcarek - U.S. Army
 Charles Berglund - U.S. Marines
 Patrick Pratl - U.S. Navy
 Alan Filipiak - U.S. Navy
 Mark Filipiak - U.S. Marines
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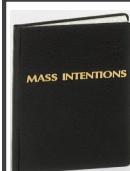
**SUNDAY 10:15-11:30AM**

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.

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.



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



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!

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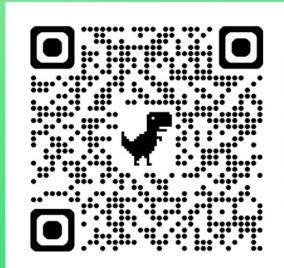
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MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

If you want peace, work for justice.
—Pope Paul VI

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Wednesday, December 24th



3:00 PM— Church; Michael Collins, Sharon Ayres
Parish Center: Mary Ceebin,
Sharon Mundo, Nancy Dougherty
5:00 PM— Rosemary Dziuba, Joan Obiala
10:00 PM— John Kelbowski, Caroline Kelbowski

Thursday, December 25th

7:30 AM— Bob Straz, Susan Chillmon,
Nancy Foster
9:30 AM— Dorothy McCloskey, Wendy Loftus (LG)
11:30 AM—

Saturday, December 27th

5:00 PM— Terry Filipak

Sunday, December 28th

7:30 AM— Susan Chillmon, Ruth Macey,
Ed Sobczak
9:30 AM— Guido Cadore, Nancy Dougherty,
Caroline Kelbowski, Pat Karrasch (LG)
11:30 AM— Rosemary Dziuba, Val Thoma
6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres, Mary Beth Partyka

READERS

Wednesday, December 24th



3:00 PM— Church: Ryan Alberts, Bob Ayres
Parish Center: Joan DeVito
5:00 PM— Paula Somers, Charlie Smith
10:00 PM— Denise Ciciura

Thursday, December 25th

7:30 AM— Mark Foster, Mary Dombrowski
9:30 AM— Melissa Duckett, Rich Cruz
11:30 AM— James Clark

Saturday, December 27th

5:00 PM— Charlie Smith

Sunday, December 28th

7:30 AM— Paula Somers
9:30 AM— Debbie Myron, Rich Cruz
11:30 AM— Joan DeVito
6:00 PM— Bob Ayres



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

December 24th—The Vigil of Christmas

3:00 PM— Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells
Kevin Reynolds Sr.
Kevin Reynolds Jr.
Colleen J. Nix
Richard & Melissa Mundo
John & Geraldine Sexton
William (Boleslaw) Zarod
John & Dorothy Janik
Helen Jablonski
Carolyn Lowery
Mary Ellen Walsh
5:00 PM— Mary & John Stephens
Ed Beaulieu
Jerry Haase
Mark Wilson
Geraldine Dacko
Joseph Torrisi
10:00 PM— For the Parishioners

December 25th—Christmas

7:30 AM— Thomas Leyden Sr.
James Grzczka
Joe Macey
Colleen J. Nix
Art & Lorraine Wittbrodt
Irene Brajner
Tom & Chet Chwierut
9:30 AM— Scanlon & Hanley Family
William (Boleslaw) Zarod
Joan Barry
John & Emily Opiela
Don & Mary Tadda & Family
Mark Wilson
11:30 AM— John Svabek
Raymond Schwaller
Matthew O'Brien
Helen Carroll
Cawley & Schwaller Family
Michael Belczak
David Hickey Sr.
Tom Scanlon

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Ticket sold by: Denton family

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*

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Mass Intentions For The Week



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 21, 2025

Saturday, December 20th

5:00 PM— Mary Murphy O'Connell
 Dale Yukich
 Kevin M. Buschell
 Marilyn A. Reddy
 Paul Pendergast
 Cheri A. Holmes
 Ray & Dorothy Majdecki
 William & Jeanette Schuble

Sunday, December 21st

7:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
 Judy McCarthy
 Johanna Hoban
 Steven Plescher
 Chet & Tom Chwierut
 Mary Foskett
 Karen Vasil
 Jerry Haase
 Francis Strain—Special Intention
 Karen Bylaitis—Special Intention
 Maureen McFadden—Special Intention
 9:30 AM— William (Boleslaw) Zarod—1st Anniv.
 Joan & Dan Bagniewski
 Don & Mary Tadda
 Raymond & Marion Hunt
 Ralph Dziuba
 William Sokolowski
 11:30 AM— John Svabek
 Marie Hohmer
 Ed Obiala
 Michael Belczak
 Tom Scanlon
 Denis Downs
 Thomas Patrick Rush
 6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Monday, December 22nd

8:30 AM— Tom & Kathleen Walsh
 Colleen J. Nix
 Peggy Keenan
 Karen Vasil
 Wanda Chwierut
 Mark Wilson

Tuesday, December 23rd (St. John of Kanty)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
 Patrick Michael Loftus
 John J. Casey
 Jennifer Aparo
 Carol Holding
 Walter, Valerie & Walter Tadda Jr.
 Karen Vasil
 Paul Lawler III
 Mark Wilson

Wednesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

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Thursday, December 25th (The Nativity of the Lord)

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Friday, December 26th (St. Stephen)

8:30 AM— James O'Malley
 Arthur J. Data Sr.
 Colleen J. Nix
 Leona Laska
 Joseph & Margaret Feldner
 Joseph Wolf
 Mark Wilson
 William & Sandy Macey & Fam.—Sp. Int.

Saturday, December 27th (St. John, Apostle)

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix
 Bo Restaino—1st Anniversary
 Tom & Chet Chwierut

THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 28, 2025

Saturday, December 27th

5:00 PM— Frank Michon
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Corbin
 Dale Yukich
 Paul Pendergast
 Paul Lunter

Sunday, December 28th

7:30 AM— Rosemary Murphy
 Colleen J. Nix
 Margaret Corbett
 Marie Plescher
 Lena Carlton
 Chet & Tom Chwierut
 9:30 AM— Marilyn Sutley
 Raymond & Marion Hunt
 Jerry Keller—5th Anniversary
 Mary Foskett
 Don & Mary Tadda
 John Sheerin
 Adeline Hyzy
 11:30 AM— Helen Carroll
 James Nash
 Ed Obiala
 Tom Scanlon
 6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

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