

# St. Alexander Church

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*December 21, 2025*

*The Palos Catholic*



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## 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  
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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**

#### 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,

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.

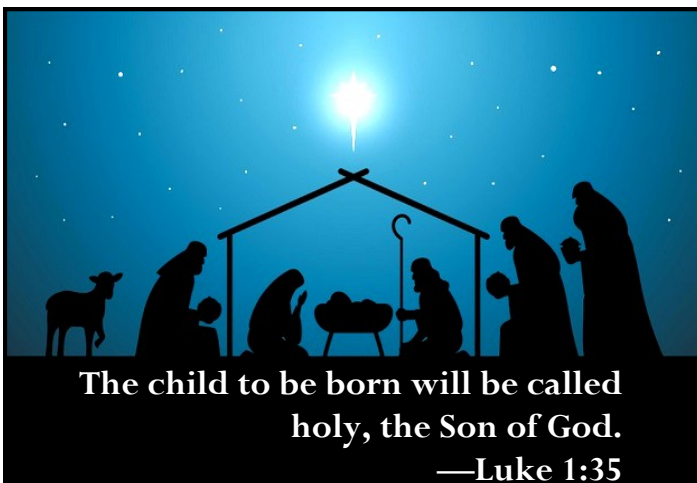
We are loved by many people in our lives which include family, friends, co-workers, and others we have come to know. We must always remember that nobody loves us more than God. How do we know this? Because of the Gift of the Incarnation: God taking flesh and becoming man. God so loved the world that 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



### MASS TIMES WHILE OUT OF TOWN

Free apps available: Catholic Mass Times Church Directory and Mass Times for Travel. Or visit [mass-times.org](http://mass-times.org) and [findaparish.com](http://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 exhumate 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*  
FOR HEALING

### 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,

*Blase Cardinal Cupich*  
Archbishop of Chicago



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The Parish Administrative Office will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup> and December 26<sup>th</sup>

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

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





# ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Breakfast with Santa



Junior High Advent Prayer Service



### 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  
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 or in the parish office.

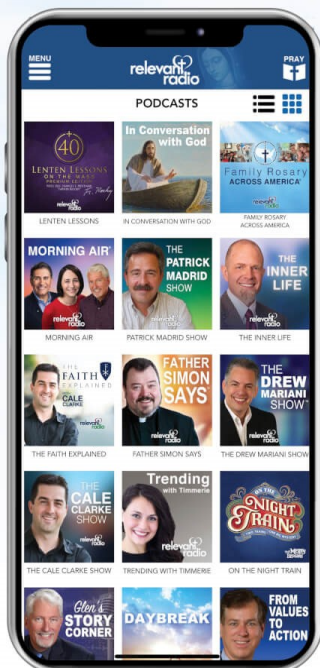


### ST. ALEXANDER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MINISTRY

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)

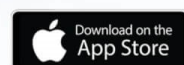


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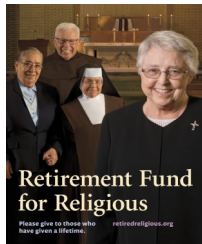
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## WORD OF LIFE

“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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## Intercessory Prayer Experience

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](mailto:psomers1115@aol.com) or 708.448.4861, or **Lloyd Metcalf** at [Lloyd.Metcalf@gmail.com](mailto: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	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
Andrew Cleland - U.S. Army	Alan Filipiak - U.S. Navy
John Hoban III - U.S. Army	Mark Filipiak - U.S. Marines
A. Amanda Cleland - U.S. Air Force	Joshua Bramlett 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
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Isaac & Veronika Baines - U.S. Navy	Judith Hite - U.S. Army
Michael D. Faloona - National Guard	Jake Soukup - U.S. Army
Conor Knapp - U.S. Army	

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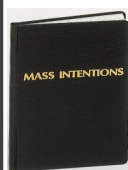
### SUNDAY 10:15-11:30AM

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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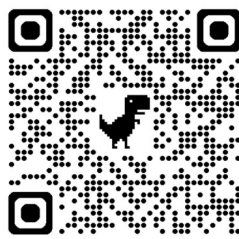
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## MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



## 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 Grzeczka  
Joe Macey  
Colleen J. Nix  
Art & Lorraine Wittbrodt  
Irene Brainer  
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

## 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

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## 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*

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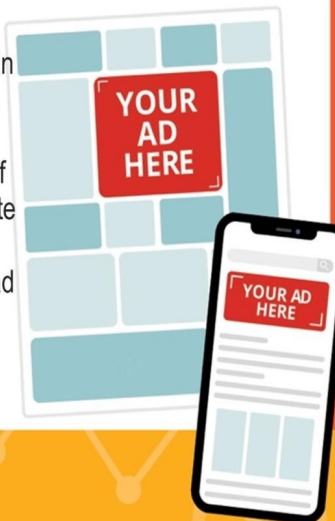
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# Mass Intentions For The Week



## 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 Foscett  
Karen Vasil  
Jerry Haase  
Francis Strain—Special Intention  
Karen Bylatis—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 Foscett  
Don & Mary Tadda  
John Sheerin  
Adeline Hyzy  
11:30 AM— Helen Carroll  
James Nash  
Ed Obiala  
Tom Scanlon  
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

## 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.