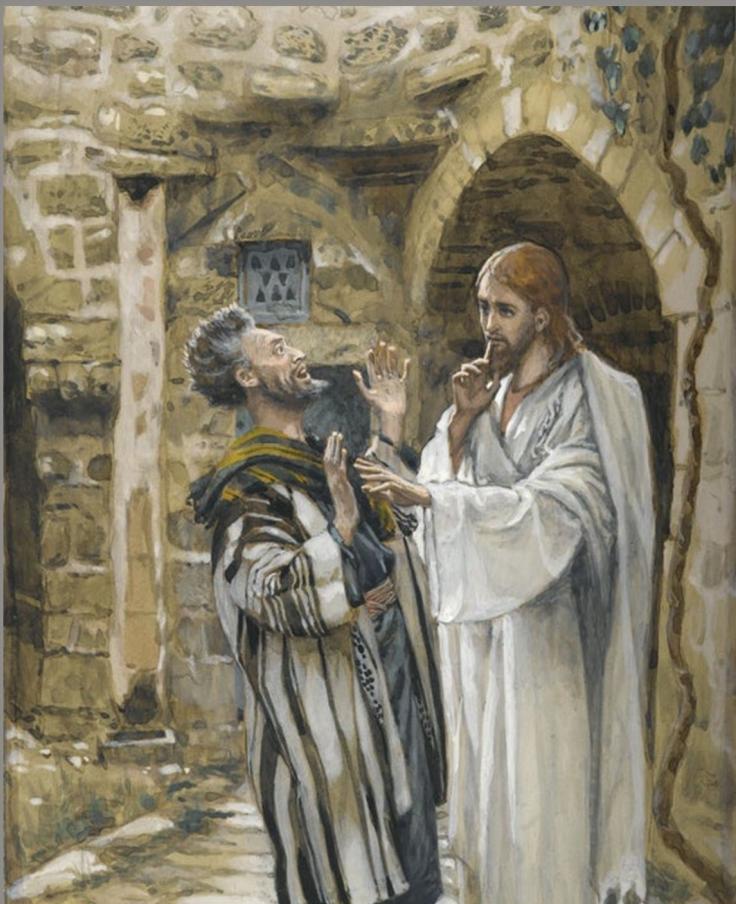


St. Alexander Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2024

The Palos Catholic



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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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 S. 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: ried@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

RCIA *Celebration of the Rites 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 (RCIC) and teens (RCIT).

RCIA/RCIC/RCIT 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

Evening of Healing Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration

On the 1st Saturday of the month

4:30 PM - Recitation of the Rosary

5:00 PM - Regular Vigil Mass for Sunday

5:45 PM - Eucharistic Adoration
for one hour of quiet prayer

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,

Congratulations to our St. Alexander Athletic Board, current and former coaches and parents, and parishioners who ran and worked last Sunday's AFC/NFC football party. The crowd was great and everybody seemed to enjoy the day. Thanks to all those who attended, worked, and sold tickets to make this event a success and a time to get together as a parish family. Tyler Ried also had a AFC/NFC football party for our parish teens in our mobile units. Over twenty teens were in attendance and had a great time. Personally I was bouncing back and forth from both parties and enjoyed both of them. I even squeezed in some time to take a nap and talk to my mom for an hour on the phone.

I ask that all people please read the enclosed brochure in today's bulletin regarding next week's 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. The brochure includes a short letter from Cardinal Cupich reminding us the importance of "Together at the table". It also explains how the monies collected from this campaign serves the many needs of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please pray this week over how generous you can be as you hopefully pledge next week at Masses on Commitment Sunday for the campaign. Please remember that each parish in the archdiocese must run this campaign and has a set goal of how much they should raise. I thank you for all you have given in the past to the Appeal and let us pray we once again as a parish meet our goal.

About a year ago, I was visiting a parishioner in their home and celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick. We had a nice long chat and then this fine lady shared this following story with me. I found it both amusing and meaningful about the importance of attending the Sunday Eucharist. Feel free to share with family and friends who have forgotten the need of being fed spiritually in community and hopefully it will inspire them to join us each week at the Table of the Lord.

Why go to Church? A Church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests and pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.' This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote the following letter: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this ... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Following are the figures for our collections for the past four months and Christmas:

September \$76,645.00 October \$88,619.50 November \$79,409.00

December \$137,611.51 Christmas \$87,730.00

Once again, thank you for your generosity which enables us to keep our ministries flourishing at St. Alexander parish bringing the love and gospel of our Lord to our faithful through liturgies and our love for one another.

God Bless,
Father Marty



III Monica Cieczak & Jonathan Weiland

Home Bound or III?

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.



WORD OF LIFE

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

—Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

February 5-11, 2024

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| Monday: | 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10
/Mk 6:53-56 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5
and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23 |
| Thursday: | 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37
and 40/Mk 7:24-30 |
| Friday: | 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab,
12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37 |
| Saturday: | 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab,
19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10 |
| Sunday: | Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45 |



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Maybe I’m weird, but I like spending time in doctor’s offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It’s refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. “...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door.” The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can’t fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It’s the Church, isn’t it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can’t fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It’s nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

— Father John Muir



Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick

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

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| Tatiana Ranftl | Dale Yukich |
| Maggie Campbell | Lisa Krisik |
| Carole Holding | Barbara Collins |
| Dennis Rytlewski | Rosie Ryan |
| Martha Richards | Eileen Long |
| Doris Nowak | |

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.

Today's Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
(see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-3
Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

SAVE THE DATE!
PARISH LENTEN
MISSION
March 11th-13th 7:00 PM



**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!

St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship

Monthly Meeting
Thursday, February 15th
Parish Lounge — 11:30AM
(use lounge doors on the south end of building)

Join us for some coffee and.... guest speaker, Michael Daly, Chief, Palos Heights Fire Protection District



We will also be collecting dues of \$25 for 2024.



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!

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.

THANK YOU



THE ST. ALEXANDER 8TH GRADE CLASS SENDS OUT A BIG THANKS TO ALL THE SCHOOL FAMILIES & PARISHIONERS WHO SUPPORTED THEIR BAKE SALE LAST WEEKEND. YOUR ASTOUNDING GENEROSITY AND HEARTFELT WELL-WISHES ARE WHAT MAKE OUR PARISH SO WONDERFUL.

THANK YOU !!!!!

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, February 10th



5:00 PM— Maureen Balich, Steve Lukasik, Terry Horvath

Sunday, February 11th

7:30 AM— Bob Straz, Ed & Pat Sobczak
9:30 AM— Patti Hartig, Mary Beth Flynn, Nancy Dougherty

11:30 AM— Tom Stuchly, Val Thoma, Paul Sullivan

6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres

READERS

Saturday, February 10th



5:00 PM— Bill Rogers

Sunday, February 11th

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Rich Cruz

11:30 AM— Ryan Alberts

6:00 PM— James Clark, Bob Ayres

ST. ALEXANDER ANNUAL PARISH & SCHOOL

GRAND RAFFLE

\$20 RAFFLE TICKET

GRAND PRIZE	\$5,000
1ST PRIZE	\$2,500
2ND PRIZE	\$ 500

\$50 RAFFLE TICKET

GRAND PRIZE	\$15,000
1ST PRIZE	\$ 7,500
2ND PRIZE	\$ 1,500

TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN ON MARCH 2ND
WINNERS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

St. Alexander Parish lists the names of active military of parishioners and their family members in our weekly bulletin. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they protect our country and freedom.

If you have a relative who is an active member in the United States Military and would like them listed in the bulletin, contact Nancy at the Parish Office, 448-4861. Please inform us if the service person listed is no longer active in the military at home or abroad.

Our Knights of Columbus Council #14057 would like to offer military families Blue Star Banners. If you would like to receive a Blue Star Banner, please call the Parish Office at 708-448-4861.

Our Members in the Military

Scott Golich - U.S. Navy	Robert Brennan - U.S. Army
Stephen LaPiana - U.S. Army	Scott Milcarek - U.S. Army
Matthew Brennan - U.S. Air Force	Charles Berglund - U.S. Marines
Andrew Nissen - U.S. Marines	Patrick Pratl - U.S. Navy
Shannon Lungaro - U.S. Navy	Andrew Cleland - U.S. Army
Alan Filipiak - U.S. Navy	John Hoban III - U.S. Army
A. Amanda Cleland - U.S. Air Force	Mark Filipiak - U.S. Marines
Joshua Bramlett U.S. Navy	Steven Lungaro - U.S. Navy
Amanda Brennan - U.S. Army	Matthew Bramlett - U.S. Navy
Kyle Hite - U.S. Army	David Lindstrom - National Guard
Gino Albergo - U.S. Army	Daniel Weakley - U.S. Navy
James M. Bilder - U.S. Army	Stephen Vossler - U.S. Navy
Nicholas Wineman - U.S. Marines	Vito Barraco - U.S. Army
Kate Risden - 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. Faloona - National Guard	Jake Soukup - U.S. Army
Conor Knapp - U.S. Army	





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January 10, 2024

Dear St. Alexander Parishioners and Donors,

Recently, the legislators of Illinois abandoned thousands of Catholic School students and families by failing to support the Tax Credit Scholarship Program.

As a loyal supporter of our parish and school, you understand the devastating impact of this change.

We hope to meet this challenge of assisting our students at St. Alexander School who were receiving Tax Credit Scholarships through a new scholarship platform. The Catholic Schools Scholarship Program, a fund that will provide need-based financial assistance to families who are committed to a Catholic school education, has been established to provide donors a way to make a monetary gift and still receive a 100% tax deduction (as allowable by law).

Gifts can be made online at: www.archchicago.org/scholarships

It is important to note that **your gift should be directed to St. Alexander School**. All monies directed to St. Alexander School is guaranteed by the Archdiocese of Chicago to support only St. Alexander students.

We hope everyone who knows and loves our school will consider joining us in the new effort around scholarships. Please help make a Catholic school education a reality for a deserving student.

You have faith in St. Alexander School and we have faith in your support. Together we will ensure that our Catholic school is available and accessible for years to come.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Rev. Martin E. Michniewicz, Pastor

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Mrs. Sharon O'Toole





ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



PreK3 was excited to show their friends some of their special Christmas presents at our Christmas show and tell.



PreK3 Learning about winter animals and creating snow owls with white paint and a sponge.



Kindergarteners made "Bus Stop Blessing Bags" that were taken to Almost Home, a charity that assists local homeless people with basic necessities.





SUNDAY SALE HOURS 10:15-11:30AM

SAVE orders may also be brought to the Parish Administrative Center. Orders dropped off by 5:00PM on Wednesday are available for pick-up Thursday after Noon at the PAC. They may also be picked up during sale hours in the SAVE room on Sunday.



February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

There is a lot you can do as a parent to prevent teen dating violence and abuse. About 1 in 10 teens who have been on a date have also been physically abused by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the last year. One of the most important things you can do is keep the lines of communication open with your kids. Teen Dating Violence is any physical, psychological, or emotional abuse that occurs within dating relationships of young people ages 12 to 18. This violence usually takes place face-to-face or electronically, such as via phone calls, text messages, or the Internet. Teen dating violence doesn't always occur between individuals who are currently in a relationship, it can also happen between those who were once in a relationship. It can present itself as physical; emotional; sexual, or stalking.

The effects of teen dating violence can be detrimental to a person's physical and emotional well-being and ultimately lead to antisocial behaviors, symptoms of depression and anxiety, and substance abuse. If you or someone you know is suffering from dating abuse tell someone, document the abuse, and leave the relationship.

RESOURCES:

www.loveisrespect.org

National Teen Dating
Violence Helpline: 1-866-331-9474

Illinois Domestic
Violence Hotline: 1-877-863-6338

HOW TO HELP A FRIEND EXPERIENCING DATING ABUSE

Believe them

Listen without judging

Encourage them to tell
a trusted adult

Tell them that the abuse
is never ok or acceptable



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TDVAM

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Spiritual Direction

Opportunity for Spiritual Direction

Christian Spiritual Direction is an ancient spiritual discipline that is a way of companioning people as they seek to look closely, through the eyes of their heart, at the guidance and transforming work of God in their lives. Direction is given by one believer to another and helps the seeker to respond to the Holy Spirit's communication by living out this relationship with God. The focus of this type of spiritual direction is on experience, not ideas, and specifically on the religious dimension of experience.

Moreover, experiences are viewed as an expression of the ongoing personal relationship God has established with each one of us. The director is considered a gentle guide in this process. Spiritual direction meetings take place once a month in a one on one setting. Prayer, silence, and listening are used to assist the seeker in discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives. All conversations take place in strict confidentiality.

If you are interested in getting more details about or using Spiritual Direction ministry, please contact Deacon Mike Ciciura at 630-243-9342 or mciciura@archchicago.org

Please Make Your Gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together at the table

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Together at the table". We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative. In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own parish.

When we financially support the work our parish our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

Share Your Faith



Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. The monies collected will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference,

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2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together at the table



annualcatholicappeal.com



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Dear Father Michniewicz,

We would like to express our gratitude to you, the families and staff of St. Alexander Parish for participating in the 2023 Baby Bottle Project for The Women's Center. The total collected in this year's campaign came to **\$3,876.73**. This is a fantastic effort and we are truly grateful for everyone's generosity.

The Baby Bottle Project is our primary fundraiser. Because of your continued support we are able to provide women with counseling, material goods assistance, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds and more. For over 39 years, all our services have been *free of charge*!

To date, The Women's Center has saved over 41,000 babies and this has been made possible because we have been blessed with the support of so many wonderful souls like you and everyone involved from St. Alexander. Thanks to you, we will continue in our efforts to promote a culture of life.

Hopefully, with your prayers and assistance, we will see an end to abortion in our lifetime!

God bless you.

Sincerely,

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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.

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

Assisted Listening Systems for Church Sound

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

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

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

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

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



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www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org
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Daddy Daughter Dance
SAT APRIL 20. 2024

**TAKE ME OUT TO
THE BALL GAME**

Casual Attire Suggested



Volunteers requested to set up Fri Apr 19th after school or Sat at the Dance
Please contact Cindy Kennedy 709-921-0003 or Christine Augustyn 708-415-2873

Mass Intentions For The Week



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Saturday, February 3rd

5:00 PM— Dolores & Robert Kramarski
Poor Souls in Purgatory
Raymond & Marion Hunt
Nancy Tarka
Ken Reilly

Sunday, February 4th

7:30 AM— James Hayes
Linda Koepke
Vincent & Mary Hoban
Aggie Palmer
Colleen J. Nix
John Curran
9:30 AM— John Janik
Dorothy Janik
Joanne Schwabe
Bud Stefan
Breda Mitchell
11:30 AM— For the Parishioners
Raymond Jarema
James K. Shaba
George Lombard
Marion McGreal
6:00 PM— Noel Brusman

Monday, February 5th (St. Agatha)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Stephan "Bud" Stefan

Tuesday, February 6th (St. Paul Miki & Companions)

8:30 AM— William Francis Riordan
Colleen J. Nix
Tess & Tom—Engagement Blessing

Wednesday, February 7th

8:30 AM— Sean Donahue—Birthday Blessing
Colleen J. Nix
Mark Zempich—Birthday Blessing
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 8th (Sts. Jerome Emiliani &

8:30 AM— Clare Narel Josephine Bakhita)
Colleen J. Nix
Virginia Pieczynski

Friday, February 9th

8:30 AM— Joe Macey
Colleen J. Nix
Gerald J. Broadhurst

Saturday, February 10th (St. Scholastica)

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Michael Hanley
Audrey Dombrowski
3:00 PM— Wedding: Monica Cieczak &
Jonathan Weiland

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Saturday, February 10th

5:00 PM— Joe Macey
Dolores Regan
Marion Hurley
Steve "Bud" Stefan
Charles & Loretta Klimkiewicz—
58th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, February 11th

7:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt
Linda Koepke
Catherine Hoban
Aggie Palmer
Colleen J. Nix
Audrey Dombrowski
9:30 AM— Sr. Regina
Brian Cadore
Carol Reckwerdt
The Virginia O'Malley Family
11:30 AM— Edward Amberg
Lorraine Wittbrodt
John Svabek
Mickey Havel—11th Anniversary
Jeanette Mazurek

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