

# St. Alexander Church

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*February 11, 2024*

*The Palos Catholic*



## **DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES** **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Masses: 8:30AM & 7:00PM**

**Liturgy of the Word: 4:30PM**

## **LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.**

**Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.**

## **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

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Athletic Director ..... Michael Kennedy

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### **St. Alexander School**

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

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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**

##### 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**

#### 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

###### 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,

As we look at our calendars, we realize that Ash Wednesday is a mere three days away. During the season of Lent, we are all called as Christians to take a personal inventory of our spiritual and everyday lives. It is time to ask ourselves many questions.

- Where is my relationship with God?
- Do I live out the Gospel of love for my family each day?
- Do I forgive those who offended me or do I hold grudges?
- Am I prejudice against people with different colored skin and backgrounds?
- Do I try to correct the sins in my life or do I accept them and continue to make the same mistakes?

Traditionally, many Catholics have always seen Lent as a time to abstain and “give up” things; sweets, television programs, movies and other pleasurable activities. This behavior is fine, but we must remember that Lent is a call to action, a time to improve our lives by living more in tune with the Gospel. It is a time to erase hate and sin with acts of charity, compassion, forgiveness and love. I pray that all of us collectively as a parish community accept our Lord’s challenge and make a commitment to improve our daily and spiritual lives.

During this prayerful season of Lent, remember our daily Mass schedule of 8:30AM, Monday thru Friday, and 8:00AM on Saturday. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Friday during Lent at 7:00PM. You can find our Ash Wednesday schedule on the cover of today’s bulletin.

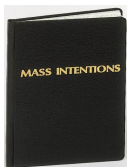
Please mark your calendars for our Lenten Parish Mission which will be on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM each evening. Our Mission preacher will be Fr. Tom McCarthy who is known for his inspiring and spiritual missions.. The Parish Mission is another way we can prepare ourselves to celebrate our Lord’s resurrection on Easter Sunday. More information will be forthcoming in future bulletins.

Congratulations to our St. Alexander’s eighth grade school, religious education, high schoolers, and polish school children who received the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation which was administered by Bishop Andrew Wypych. Please keep them all in your prayers as they use those gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide their lives, attend Mass on Sunday, and live out the spirit of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Just as a reminder I ask you to please purchase and return your tickets for this year’s annual raffle at the parish office, in the offering basket, or through the mail. Proceeds from this raffle will be of great assistance to our parish, school, R.E. program, and other parish ministries. The raffle will be held on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the St. Pat’s/Grand Raffle Party.

Speaking of the raffle, please mark your calendar for the St. Pat’s/Grand Raffle party on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please know that everyone twenty-one years of age or older are welcome. That includes parishioners, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, and friends. There will be a great band, delicious food, and a good time to take a break from winter for a great evening out close to home. Spread the word as we continue to gather as community and enjoy an evening of fun, friendship, and relaxation.

God Bless,  
Father Marty



Contact the parish office if you would like to have a Mass intention for 2024 or 2025. Please note that Mass intentions are not just for the deceased but for anyone you would like to include in prayer.

### WORD OF LIFE

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

—USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life



The following children were baptized by Deacon Mike Ciciura on Sunday, February 4, 2024.

**Rose Catherine Harrigan**,  
daughter of Matthew & Moira

**George Patrick Johnson**, son of Timothy & Jennifer

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



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK February 12-18, 2024

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/  
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/  
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4,  
5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/  
Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/  
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/  
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



**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:

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 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.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, “If you will it, you can make me clean.” At this, just before the healing, Jesus was “moved with compassion.” The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to “his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love.” In Jesus,

God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it feels like to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will feel what we are feeling, and thereby heal us.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2,  
5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



**Stations of the Cross**  
**Every Friday evening**  
**during Lent at 7:00 PM**

### WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

—excerpt from USCCB  
 "What Is Lent?"

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years old and older on all Fridays of Lent.

The Paschal Fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and is encouraged to continue until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday Night). This special fast is to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

When fasting, a person may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

## St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship

**Monthly Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**ST. THEODORE GUERIN**  
**COUNCIL #14057**

**Meeting: Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**7:00 PM - Parish Lounge**

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, and growing in your faith, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. For membership information please call Deacon Fran Pendergast at 708-448-4861 or visit [kofc14057.org](http://kofc14057.org) for membership info.

### PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GRACE

O glorious Mother of God, Our Lady of Grace, hear my humble prayers, seeking your maternal intercession in obtaining from the Heart of Jesus, your Divine Son, all the graces and favors necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, and for the special needs I now place before you. (Here mention your intentions.)

O Heavenly Queen, be my comfort, hope, strength and consolation as, through God's goodness and mercy, I await the great day of glory. Amen.



**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.

**SAVE THE DATE!****PARISH LENTEN MISSION****March 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM****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.


**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!

**COMMUNION MINISTERS****Saturday, February 17th**

5:00 PM— Sharon Mundo, Joan DeVito,  
Terri Filipiak

**Sunday, February 18th**

7:30 AM— Susan Chillmon, Nancy Foster,  
Karen McNeal

9:30 AM— Wendy Loftus, Dorothy McCloskey,  
Carol Schuemann

11:30 AM— Jeff & Ofelia Foreman, Val Thoma  
6:00 PM— Merrill Jurgens, Michael Collins

**READERS****Saturday, February 17th**

5:00 PM— Linda Buchanan

**Sunday, February 18th**

7:30 AM— Mark Foster

9:30 AM— Rich Cruz

11:30 AM— Mary Ann Klimek, Mary Lally

6:00 PM— James Clark, Johanna Jurgens

**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 2<sup>ND</sup>  
WINNERS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE

## CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT

Many families will keep a copy of this bulletin, as a reminder of this special day of Confirmation with their child's name posted. We use this as an opportunity to remind those newly confirmed to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are the leaders of society in the not too distant future. The years of high school and college pass quickly. Like the seeds that lie motionless in fertile ground, germinating, cracking open their shell, so too, these next eight years are the years for your faith to germinate and grow. Stay close to Christ. Stay close to your faith. We are united in helping you to be the best version of yourself with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help you be good leaders of our future. You have received a blessing from God, now be a blessing from God to all whom you meet.



# CONFIRMATION 2024

## Bishop Andrew Wypych



|                    |                       |                     |                     |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Anthony Adducci    | Jackson Garrity       | Brian Mientus       | Mary Stevens        |
| David Arriaga      | Jacob Gorzelniowski   | Aidan Mirabella     | Damian Urquizo      |
| Isaac Arriaga      | Claire Hosty          | Emily Neven         | Dorian Urquizo      |
| Juan Arriaga       | Kelly Kane            | Damian Nowak        | Vivian Valtierra    |
| Connor Augustyn    | Vincent Klein         | Oliver Odeh         | Alexander Velasquez |
| Joseph Burzycki    | Anna Klimek           | Alexander Ortega    | Cooper Vysoky       |
| Margaret Coffey    | Aleksander Lasak      | Nicholas Paolicchi  | Liam Weldon         |
| Brooklyn Cusack    | Shaun Laskowski       | Allison Phillips    | Peter White         |
| Martyna Cyrulewicz | Patrick Lesniak       | Evelyn Pizer        | Wioletta Wrzaszczak |
| Madison Dabrowski  | Matthew Lesniak       | Antoni Radecki      | Adrian Yelnick      |
| Veronika Dabrowski | Kacper Lesnicki       | Justin Scaccia      | Lukas Yerkes        |
| Amber Diesi        | Kailey Linders        | Adeline Schultz     | Lilianna Zalinski   |
| Baily Domagal      | Remington Linders     | Zofia Skobel        | Mateusz Zarotynski  |
| Emily Doorhy       | Morgan Littmann       | Alexander Skrzynski | Agata Zolnik        |
| Gabriela Espinoza  | Gabriel Lopez-Viernes | Kade Smith          |                     |
| Daniel Filipczyk   | Joshua Malinowski     | Paulina Stanek      |                     |
| Carter Garrity     | Nora McMonigal        | Sylwia Staszal      |                     |

The family of St. Alexander hopes and prays that the gift of the Holy Spirit will guide you. May you also continue to develop and deepen your relationship with the Lord and the Christian community in years to come. Congratulations and God Bless.



ST. ALEXANDER PARISH  
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

# Saint PATRICK'S DAY



SATURDAY  
MARCH

2

IN ST. AL'S  
GYM

6:00 PM-11:00PM

Tickets are \$35 each  
Dinner will be served and Cash Bar  
will be available

*Featuring music from*  
**THE GALWAY GALS**

Tickets will be sold after masses or  
checks/money can be sent to  
the school office.  
Grand raffle winners will be announced!







Nursing students working with the 5th grade



## Prayer for Young People

O God, we pray and ask you to guide and protect  
young people from the dangers  
that are ever present in our world today.

Be with them, as they experience  
both sickness and health, sorrow and joy,  
loneliness and friendship, success and failure.

Gracious God, give them the courage and strength  
to make the right decisions as they journey through life.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may they come to know and experience your loving care.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

[www.belifnet.com](http://www.belifnet.com)



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —  
AWARENESS — SERVICES — PREVENTION

# TDVAM

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH**  
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —  
**AWARENESS—SERVICES—PREVENTION**  
[www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)  
**For Information call 708-215-5418**



**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.

## Daddy Daughter Dance

**SAT APRIL 20, 2024**

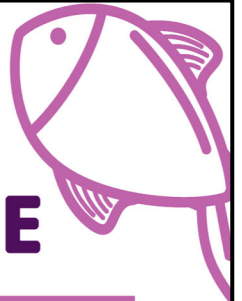
**TAKE ME OUT TO  
THE BALL GAME**

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

# LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



### Fasting

Ash Wednesday  
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

### Abstinence

Every Friday  
during Lent

Ages 14+

### How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal,  
as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal  
to a full meal.

### Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside  
the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill**  
including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such  
as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing**  
**women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).







### E-Giving Made Easy

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### Please Make Your Gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal — Together at the table

I invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in your bulletin or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments.

Each pledge make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable or archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of "Together at the table".

If you received you pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at [annualcatholicappeal.com](https://annualcatholicappeal.com).

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together  
at the table



[annualcatholicappeal.com](https://annualcatholicappeal.com)





## ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA AND OUR LADY AT ST. GERMAINE PARISH

### INVITE YOU TO TEEN DATING VIOLENCE WORKSHOP



**FEBRUARY 17TH, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.**

**KANE HALL at St. Catherine Alexandria  
10621 S. Kedvale Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

St. Catherine of Alexandria and Our Lady at St. Germaine Domestic Violence Awareness Ministry is pleased to present a "Teen Dating Violence Workshop" at Kane Hall St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish.

Safe Start is a teen dating violence prevention program that educates 7th-12th grade students on prevention techniques and healthy relationships. The workshop will include understanding what dating violence is, who the abusers are, and the red flags that exist in unhealthy relationships. We will also talk about the cycle of violence that exists in abusive relationships.

The ultimate goal of education about youth violence is to stop teen dating violence before it begins. During the preteen and teen years, young people are learning the skills they need to form positive, healthy relationships with others.

This is an ideal time to promote healthy relationships and prevent patterns of behavior that can be abusive, unhealthy and can last into adulthood. We invite adults and students (7th to 12th grade) to come and learn about this topic.

#### About our Presenter:

**Keishera Smith** is the Safe Start Coordinator at the Crisis Center. The Crisis Center for South Suburbia is a Domestic Violence Agency that provides emergency shelter and other essential services to families victimized by domestic violence.



**Crisis Center  
Hotline  
708-429-7233**

Our Lady at St. Germaine: John C. 708-793-9545



St. Catherine of Alexandria: Lourdes D. 708-738-2884



## 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*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO:** “The Gospel of Peace: A  
Commentary on Matthew, Mark, and Luke from the Perspective of  
Nonviolence.” By Fr. John Dear.

**WHO:** Father Dear will lead a discussion and book signing on  
Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the School Hall (School Lunch Room).

**WHERE:** St. Patricia Parish - 9000 So. 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hickory Hills —  
708-598-5222.

Father John Dear offers the first-ever commentary on the Synoptic Gospels from the perspective of active Nonviolence, in the tradition of Gandhi and Dr. King. In his commentary, he goes through every line of the three Synoptic Gospels to point out Jesus' practice and teachings of nonviolence to inspire us to practice creative nonviolence like Jesus.

Father Dear is an internationally known author, peace activist, and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee.

“John Dear is the embodiment of a peacemaker.” — Archbishop Desmond Tutu wrote when he nominated Dear for the Nobel Peace Prize.

“John Dear's inspired journey -inside and out- gives us renewed hope for our own personal and public peacemaking.” — The late Fred Rogers, TV star of “Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood.”

“Some teachers are all theory and some are all practice. John Dear has earned ability to be both. Some teachers are very orthodox and some open new ground. John Dear puts the two together knowing they are the same.” — Richard Rohr, American Franciscan priest and writer on spirituality.

“The Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount are Jesus' blueprint for peace. I urge everyone to study John's Dear's beautiful reflections (“The Beatitudes of Peace”) and join his campaign of peace and nonviolence.” — President Jimmy Carter.

A buffet dinner from 5:30—6:30pm precedes the program, so the **individuals planning the event will appreciate the favor of your reply by March 4<sup>th</sup>**. To register, please contact Missy Keegan at [mkeegan@stpatriciaparish.com](mailto:mkeegan@stpatriciaparish.com) OR contact [mkaraban@stpatriciaparish.com](mailto:mkaraban@stpatriciaparish.com).

**All are welcome. Please Spread the Word!**

## Mass Intentions For The Week



### 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  
Greg & Elizabeth Parker—  
50th 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—1st Anniversary  
Jeanette Mazurek

#### Monday, February 12th

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Elizabeth Musgrave  
Dale Musgrave  
Lori Czech

#### Tuesday, February 13th

8:30 AM— Diane Elizabeth McGuire  
Colleen J. Nix  
Joseph Conroy  
Walter Wloszek

#### Wednesday, February 14th (Ash Wednesday)

8:30 AM— Beth King  
Joe Macey  
Colleen J. Nix  
John & Lori Czech  
7:00 PM— Special Intention

#### Thursday, February 15th

8:30 AM— Evelyn Hurley  
Tony Romeo  
Colleen J. Nix  
Gladys Doolan

#### Friday, February 16th

8:30 AM— Susan Carroll  
Dorothy Janik  
Nancy Tarka  
Colleen J. Nix  
Steve Weber

#### Saturday, February 17th (The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2024

#### Saturday, February 17th

5:00 PM— For the Parishioners  
Irene Foster  
Mary Moss  
Conal Gillespie

#### Sunday, February 18th

7:30 AM— Judy McCarthy  
Linda Koepke  
Johanna Hoban  
Aggie Palmer  
Colleen J. Nix  
Raymond Cavanagh  
Poor Souls in Purgatory  
Deceased Member of Sobczak, Rozak,  
and Potempa Families  
9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt  
Joanne Schwabe  
Julian Mytych  
Bernard J. Thome Jr.  
Liam Hanley  
Anne Ferenczak  
Fr. Leo Lyons—14th Anniversary  
Dr. Richard Griffin  
Joan & Dan Bagniewski  
Thomas Gunderson  
11:30 AM— John Svabek  
Jack Klaus  
Thomas Cachor  
Breda Mitchell  
Ruben Rosso Jr.  
Ann McConnell Rosso  
6:00 PM— Deceased Members of Ciciora and  
Potempa Families

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