

St. Alexander Church

First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024

The Palos Catholic



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

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St. Alexander School

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

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Coordinator of Religious Education: Tyler Ried

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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,

During this prayerful season of Lent, remember our daily Mass at 8:30AM Monday through Friday, and Saturday at 8:00AM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday mornings after the 8:00AM Mass until all are heard and also after the 5:00PM Mass. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 7:00PM every Friday during Lent. If you have a stations booklet (The Way of the Cross) we ask that you please bring it to Friday stations. If you do not own a copy of The Way of the Cross booklets will be available in the church.

Fortunately, the Lenten and Easter season is not filled with hour upon hour of shopping, wrapping, decorating, and parties. This is the perfect opportunity for us to concentrate on our personal relationship with God through reflection and prayer.

Please mark your calendars for this year's parish mission March 11th, 12th, and 13th. Our Parish Lenten Mission is another way we can take time from our busy schedules and concentrate on matters of prayer and faith. More details in forthcoming bulletins.

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 2nd 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 2nd. 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 for an evening of fun and relaxation. Ticket sales are going slowly right now so please consider joining us for an evening filled with fun and a time to gather as community and meet new friends. So many times we go to church on Sunday and see familiar faces and don't know their names. This is a perfect opportunity to gather and get to know the people we worship with each and every week.

Continue to pray for the people of the Ukraine, Africa, and other countries in the world being invaded by other nations or are currently involved in a civil war. One can only imagine the horror and fear a person experiences when bullets and bombs explode around them day and night. May God bring us all peace and an end of war. Maybe someday world leaders will have the wisdom and courage to settle disputes in a peaceful and diplomatic manner.

Also my dear brothers and sisters we should pray each and every day for an end of the senseless violence that takes place in today's society. The senseless killings that take place on school campuses, the car jackings, the robberies, and all other actions that we wake up to each and every day as we watch the morning news and read our daily papers. Let us always remember that we are a people of hope and that the majority of Americans are law abiding citizens who uphold the values of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Throughout history men and women have caused great evil whether it be war, the Holocaust, and forced repression of human rights on peoples of many nations. Righteousness and goodness will not only survive through these difficult times but it will endure. Be positive and put your trust in the Lord.

God Bless,
Father Marty



The following children were baptized by Deacon Fran Pendergast on Sunday, February 18, 2024.

Edward James Peterson, son of Bradley & Nicole
Michael James Sherman, son of David & Mary
Josephine Antoinette Walsh,
daughter of Robert & Katelyn

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:

Dolores Gorski, mother of Mary Beth
Virginia Hacus, mother of Gregory
Mary Majerczyk, mother of LeeAnn Dominic



READINGS FOR THE WEEK February 19-25, 2024

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| Monday: | Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46 |
| Tuesday: | Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/
Mt 6:7-15 |
| Wednesday: | Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32 |
| Thursday: | 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19 |
| Friday: | Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/
Mt 5:20-26 |
| Saturday: | Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/
Mt 5:43-48 |
| Sunday: | Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10,
15,16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/
Mk 9:2-10 |



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. “Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it mean?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante’s medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God’s promise of peace. For Dante, it’s even more: nature’s encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, “Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory.” This Lent let’s embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— 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 | Rosie Ryan |
| Martha Richards | Eileen Long |
| Doris Nowak | Penelope Schram |
| Patrick Regan | Baby Teddy McManigal |
| Jerry Hamman | |

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



ROSARY & SOUP NIGHTS

During Lent we encourage families to teach their children that fasting and prayer can make unimaginable changes. Make a change and add something to your life you wouldn't normally do. We look forward to sharing a meal with you but more importantly, we look forward to praying with you. We meet every Wednesday evening during Lent.

ST. ALEXANDER PARISH TEACHER'S LOUNGE

Wednesday Nights 6:00-7:00 PM

February 21st, 28th

March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

For additional information please contact
Kathy Yerkes at (708) 704-3259

* Soup provided by Country House Restaurant



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



PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. THEODORE GUERIN COUNCIL #14057

**Meeting: Wednesday, February 21st
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 for membership info.



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

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**





ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



PreK celebrated a Valentine's Day Tea Party and with their special guest. They spent the morning with friends singing, dancing and creating a craft to remember this very special day. How sweet it was!



SAVE THE DATE!
PARISH LENTEN
MISSION**March 11th-13th 7:00 PM****Society of St. Vincent de Paul
& Knights of Columbus
Food Collection**

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**YOUTH MINISTRY
MISSION TRIP!
2024**

Informational Meeting
February 20th @7PM
In the Teachers Lounge

**CATHOLIC HEART
WORKCAMP****Drexel Hill, PA
June 22nd - June 29th**For all incoming freshmen -
Seniors in High School13-14 spots
first come first serve

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT:
TYLER RIED
(708)448-6624 (OFFICE)
(309)826-2049 (CELL)
TRIED@ARCHCHICAGO.ORG**

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT LENT AND LENTEN PRACTICES



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Q. Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.

A. It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.



Q. So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?

A. Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

Q. I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I'm not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?

A. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs--- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

Q. I've noticed that restaurants and grocery stores advertise specials on expensive types of fish and seafood on Fridays during Lent. Some of my Catholic friends take advantage of these deals, but somehow I don't feel right treating myself to the lobster special on Fridays during Lent.

A. While fish, lobster and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer.

Q. I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?

A. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, *but combined they should be less than a full meal*. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Q. Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

A. 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. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

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 Risdan - 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	

Youth Ministry Volleyball

2/15 - @OLW 7:30PM
2/22 - @OLW 7:30PM
2/29 - @St. Al's 7:30PM

OPEN TO ALL
CURRENT 8TH
GRADERS -
SENIORS IN HS!!!

If Interested
SHOW UP
or
Contact
Tyler Ried
(309)826-2049
Tried@archchicago.org



Stay And Play

Come meet other families in the St. Alexander Parish Community!!!

All families are invited to attend the 9:30 AM Mass and join us for fellowship in the Gym/Parish Center after Mass from 10:30-11:30!!!

Open to all families with children newborns through 5 years old (older siblings are welcome)

Snacks and drinks will be provided!

Any questions or
Interested in helping
Contact: Tyler Ried
(309) 826-2049 (Cell)
Tried@archchicago.org

Feb 25th
Mar 17th
Apr 21st
May 19th

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



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS—SERVICES—PREVENTION**
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org
For Information call 708-215-5418



Females between the ages of 16 and 24 are **3 times** more likely than the rest of the population to be abused by a dating partner.
www.dosomething.org

TDVAM
Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month


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

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, February 24th

5:00 PM— Terry Horwath, Sharon Mundo

Sunday, February 25th

7:30 AM— Susan Murphy, Steve Lukasik,
Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Joan Obiala

11:30 AM— Val Thoma, Patricia Klaus,
Tom Stuchly

6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres



READERS

Saturday, February 24th

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers

Sunday, February 25th

7:30 AM— Paula Somers

9:30 AM— Rich Cruz

11:30 AM— Ryan Alberts

6:00 PM— James Clark, Bob Ayres



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Sacrament of Communion

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.



Are You A Candidate For Spiritual Direction?

1. Is your experience of faith in transition?

- * Exploring new ideas about your faith
- * Picture of God is changing
- * Physical place of faith has changed
- * Spiritual practices need a review

2. Have you experienced a personal loss?

- * Physical loss of a relative, friend, or loved one.
- * Loss of material possessions or income
- * Loss of special relationship

3. Has your self-perception changed?

- * Transition from single to married life
- * Beginning a new job or career
- * Forced change of career/loss of job
- * Desire to become more healthy—physically or spiritually

4. Do you feel a yearning for God?

- * Asking where is God in your life experiences
- * Desire to pay more attention to your relationship with God
- * Desire to pay closer attention to your prayer life

If you are interested learning more about Spiritual Direction, contact Deacon Mike at 630-243-9342 or mciciura@archchicago.org

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.

WORD OF LIFE

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

**Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land**

Proceeds benefit Catholic schools in the Holy Land

Did you know that 600 Christian families living in Bethlehem are completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood? The recent clashes in the Middle East have stopped the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of those families serious harm in earning their living and forcing many of them to leave their homeland. Emptying the land of Christ from Christians can have tragic consequences on the Holy sites. Issam, from the "Star of Bethlehem" group came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious handicrafts. The cost of goods goes to benefit the Christian carvers to keep them working in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the profit from sales goes directly to the needy Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land. The Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops and dioceses of Jerusalem. Please show your generosity to our Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land.

Please take a look at these beautiful artifacts
on March 2nd & 3rd

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

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St. Michael Ministry for Mental Health Awareness
FEBRUARY PRAYER GATHERING
Wednesday, Feb. 28
At St. Michael Parish
 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462
7:00 p.m. in the Commons North Room

All are welcome to our February prayer gathering. We will meet in the Commons North Room to pray the Rosary and offer petitions for those in need. Following prayer, those present can choose to participate in respectful and confidential sharing with one another.

For more information,
 please visit our website at <https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/>
 or send an email to StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com.

**St. Michael Ministry
for Mental Health
Awareness**



*Join Moira's Mission for
"A Fight to Find a Cure for SPS"*

Sunday, March 3, 2024 | 12-5 pm
 Stage 119
 119 N Commerce Ave
 Elmhurst

In support of
 The Stiff Person Syndrome Research Foundation

Moira Papp needs your help!



In 2021, Moira was diagnosed with Stiff Person Syndrome (SPS). Shocked by the diagnosis of a disease that affects 1 in a 1,000,000 people, she committed herself to learning as much as possible about the disease. In order to bring awareness to SPS and aid efforts in finding a cure, she has launched **Moira's Mission**. This fundraising effort will culminate with our first event this March at Stage 119, the entertainment venue associated with the new restaurant, Modern Plate, in Elmhurst. The event will be held on **Sunday, March 3rd from Noon to 5pm**. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at moira.givesmart.com. **Moira Papp is the sister of parishioner Pat Scully.**

The Stiff Person Syndrome Research Foundation – a 501(c)(3) non-profit – **is a patient advocacy organization driving efforts to discover a cure for Stiff Person Syndrome**, a debilitating disease of muscle spasms, hyper-rigidity, debilitating pain, and chronic anxiety.

We're committed to collaborating globally on research and advocacy initiatives that support patients and their families. For more information, reach out to info@stiffperson.org or visit stiffperson.org.

*Thank you,
The friends of
Moira's Mission*

Mass Intentions For The Week



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

Monday, February 19th

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
 Cassie Heekin

Tuesday, February 20th

8:30 AM— Alyssa I. Laya
 Patricia Hayes
 Eleanor O'Neil
 Colleen J. Nix

Wednesday, February 21st (St. Peter Damian)

8:30 AM— Dorothy Janik
 Colleen J. Nix

Thursday, February 22nd (The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle)

8:30 AM— Colin Myron
 Colleen J. Nix
 Tom & Kathleen Walsh

Friday, February 23rd (St. Polycarp)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
 Tom Cullen
 Tom Lonergan

Saturday, February 24th

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix
 Art & Lorraine Wittbrodt

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Saturday, February 24th

5:00 PM— Raymond Schwaller
 Joseph Sloyan
 Catherine Wells
 Jim Wann
 Kevin Ready
 Eleanore Reilly—1st Anniversary

Sunday, February 25th

7:30 AM— For the Parishioners
 James Hayes
 Linda Koepke
 Aggie Palmer
 Colleen J. Nix
 Deceased Member of Sobczak, Rozak,
 and Potempa Families

9:30 AM— Sheila Boyle—1st Anniversary

Orlino Tesoro
 Celig Family
 Bud Stefan
 Kevin Ready
 Msgr John Vitha—30th Anniversary
 Stephen "Bud" Stefan

Dr. James Lambur

11:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt

Jeanette Mazurek
 Kenlyn Rini
 Ray Ekberg

6:00 PM— Deceased Members of Ciciora 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

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