

# St. Alexander Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

The Palos Catholic



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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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

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#### St. Alexander School

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

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#### Religious Education Office

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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**

#### 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,

Our Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Receiving God's forgiving love and grace in this sacrament is another way we make ourselves right with our Lord.

Well my dear brothers and sisters in Christ this is the week of our Parish Mission, an excellent way for us to spend several evening in the church enriching our spirituality and the love of our faith. We are truly blessed to have Rev. Thomas R. McCarthy, O.S.A. leading us in three days of prayer and reflection. I have heard Fr. McCarthy speak many times and have always been uplifted by his message and his true love of the faith. In fact, Fr. McCarthy gave a talk to all the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago at our last priest convocation held in the summer of 2022, of which I and many other priests thought was the best presentation given those three days. Please know that non-parishioners are welcome and the mission is for people of all ages. (Well I don't think a one year old baby will get anything out of the talks, but I think you get the drift of what I mean.)

Following are the topics which will be presented at the mission:

Evening 1 — *The Saints* - How are they the heroes of our faith? Am I a saint in training?

Evening 2 — *Prayer* - Is it worth it? Does God listen to me?

Answered and unanswered prayers - which do I believe in?

Evening 3 — *The Family of Faith* - Do I consider my Parish a family? How do I build up my family of faith? I want to belong - how do I do it?

For those who do not know Fr. Tom I now present his biography. Father Tom is an experienced teacher, administrator, retreat director, and parish mission preacher.

He is a native of the South Side of Chicago, growing up at St. Adrian Parish in Marquette Park where he attended elementary school and upon graduation attended St. Rita High School for four years. Fr. Tom then went to Villanova University receiving a B.A. in Communication Arts then furthered his education at Lewis University where he received a Master of Arts in Educational Administration.

Fr. Tom entered the Midwest Province of the Augustinian Order in 1987 and after completing his novitiate he attended Catholic Theological Union graduating with a Master of Divinity degree and was ordained a priest in 1994. After ordination Fr. Tom taught theology at Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox and then ministered for twenty one years at St. Rita of Cascia High School as a teacher, campus minister, Principal, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors. Fr. Tom has also served as a Vocation Director for the Augustinians, and ministered in Rome as part of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization

Currently Fr. Tom is the Vocation Director for the Midwest Province for the Augustinian Order, Director of St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, and the Director of Community Relations at St. Rita High School in Chicago.

As you can see Fr. Tom is very experienced, talented, and has much to share with our faith community about our Catholic journey. Please try to make at least one, if not three nights as we continue our Lenten journey.

God Bless,  
Father Marty



III Breanna Collins & Ryan Giacomelli



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:
Mary M. Rush, mother of David

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.
Sacrament of Communion (with image of chalice and bread)

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.
MASS INTENTIONS (with image of book)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
March 11-17, 2024
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION
Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.
What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.
Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.
— Father John Muir
Today's Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-1/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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 Rosie Ryan
Penelope Schram Patrick Regan
Jerry Hamman Martha Richards
Mikayla Brown Linda Bagniewski
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.



### 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.

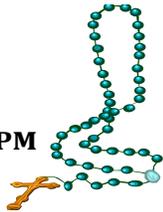
**ST. ALEXANDER PARISH  
TEACHER'S LOUNGE**

**Wednesday Nights 6:00-7:00 PM**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

\* Soup provided by Country House Restaurant



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

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

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.

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

## St. Alexander Parish Presents Parish Lenten Mission Fr. Tom McCarthy



**March 11<sup>th</sup>—13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM  
St. Alexander Church**

### What does it mean to be Catholic today?

**Evening 1** — *The Saints* – Are they the heroes of our faith?

**Evening 2** — *Prayer* – Is it worth it?

**Evening 3** — *The Family of Faith* – What is my part in being an active part of this family?

**PRAYER SERVICE &  
RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday, March 19<sup>TH</sup> 7:00PM

Join us for a prayerful evening as we celebrate God's love for us through His forgiveness and His real presence in the Eucharist.



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

**Meeting: Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</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.

**Our Gratitude**

We would like to express our gratitude to all people, Fr. Martin, and all the staff of St. Alexander's Parish who have made a great effort for the mission's success of the olive wood last weekend. You have achieved a great difference to help the less fortunate of God's people. We do appreciate your assistance in purchasing our items to benefit the Christian community in the Holy Land. May God our Lord Jesus Christ bless you all.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Isaam Qumsiyeh  
Star of Bethlehem



**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!

**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.



**\$50 RAFFLE**

- Joelle Maslowski \$15,000
- Mike & Sheila Garrity \$ 7,500
- Robbie Bruckner \$ 1,500

**\$20 RAFFLE**

- John Orbzut \$ 5,000
- Barb Gruca \$ 2,500
- Ron Peterlin \$ 500

**CONGRATULATIONS AND  
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**EASTER BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Any flyers, photos, or information submitted for the bulletin must be received in the Parish Office no later than 10 days prior to the bulletin publication date. Anything submitted after that time frame may not be included until a later date.

Please email your print ready information, in a word, jpeg or pdf file, to [nromano33@aol.com](mailto:nromano33@aol.com). The information will be used as space in the bulletin is available.

**Palm Sunday Bulletin (March 24<sup>th</sup>) needs to be submitted by Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Bulletin (March 31<sup>st</sup>) needs to be submitted by Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to meet the deadlines required by our publisher.



# ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



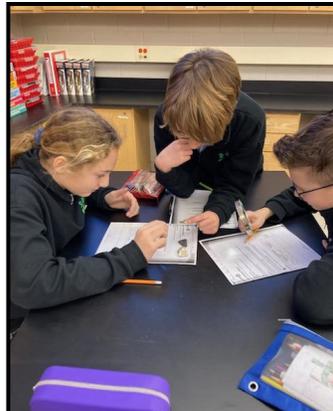
PreK3 balancing eggs on their feet to see what it is like being a penguin



Our PreK theme for February was Dental Health Month. St. Xavier's student nurses visited our classroom to teach us about keeping our teeth healthy. We practiced brushing teeth on teeth models.



6th Grade Science Lab investigating rock characteristics



# St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship

**Monthly Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Parish Lounge — 11:30AM**  
*(use lounge doors on the south end of building)*

We will be entertained by an acappella barber-shop quartet with songs from the 40's to the 70's. They may even sing a few Irish ditties.



To round out the St. Patrick's Day theme, corned beef sandwiches will be served. Membership of \$25.00 still being accepted.

## COMMUNION MINISTERS



### Saturday, March 16th

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

### Sunday, March 17th

7:30 AM— Bob Straz, Nancy Foster, Karen McNeal  
9:30 AM— Joan Obiala, Patricia Karrasch, Dave Heide  
11:30 AM— Paul Sullivan, Jeff & Ofelia Foreman  
6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres, Michael Collins

## READERS



### Saturday, March 16th

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers

### Sunday, March 17th

7:30 AM— Mark Foster, Mary Dombrowski  
9:30 AM— Melissa Duckett, Rich Cruz  
11:30 AM— Mary Ann Klimek, Mary Lally  
6:00 PM— James Clark, Bob Ayres

# 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!

**Mar 17th**  
**Apr 21st**  
**May 19th**

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

# Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

HS YM  
(8th Grade-Seniors in HS)  
Sunday Night  
7PM-9PM  
Dates  
March 10th  
March 17th  
March 24th  
April 7th  
April 14th  
April 21st

JR HIGH YM  
6TH & 7TH GRADERS  
MARCH 21ST  
APRIL 18TH  
3PM-5PM

IF INTERESTED SHOW UP OR CONTACT TYLER RIED (309)826-2049 TRIED@ARCHCHICAGO.ORG

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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.



**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!

**WORD OF LIFE**

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life." (The Gospel of Life 28)

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



Many of you may take advantage of the convenience of electronic giving to our parish and we are grateful for that. For those of you who have yet to join us in giving online, we strongly encourage you to do so. Here's why:

*Faith Direct* enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

*Faith Direct* also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. **To cancel your monthly envelopes, please notify the parish office at 708-448-4861. This is not done automatically when signing up for electronic giving.**

Please visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll securely online. Or, download the Faith Direct app onto your smartphone. Our parish code is **IL910**.

*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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It's EASY and FREE to register!

1. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
2. Enter our parish zip or name
3. Enter your name and email
4. Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

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



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Archdiocese of Chicago

**Lenten Drive for Basic Needs  
March 9<sup>th</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup>**

We kindly request your generous donations of new toiletries, t-shirts, socks, and underwear for men, women, and children. Your thoughtful contributions will make a significant impact on the lives of those less fortunate in our community.

**How to Contribute:**

- Bring your donations to the designated collection point in the parish narthex.
- Donations will be accepted during weekend Masses.
- Ensure that all items are new to provide the recipients with the dignity they deserve.

**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**

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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 Ridsen - 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 Wetzl - 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. Faloon - National Guard  | Jake Soukup - U.S. Army          |
| Conor Knapp - U.S. Army             |                                  |



## ST. ALEXANDER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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](http://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,

Rev. Martin E. Michniewicz, Pastor

Mrs. Sharon O'Toole, Principal

National Blue Ribbon Schools Awardee, 2005.





# **CHWC 2024! DREXEL HILL, PENNSYLVANIA JUNE 22ND-29TH**

**I CAN TAKE UP TO  
13 TEENS AND 5  
ADULTS!!!**

**Thank you for all your support in the past, if anyone would like to continue to support our mission trip, any donations would be greatly appreciated!**

**All donations help keep the cost down for those who want to join!**

For more information

Contact

Tyler Ried

(309)826-2049 (Cell)

[Tried@archchicago.org](mailto:Tried@archchicago.org)





### 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.

### Find Support At Our Caregiver Resource Center

Untrained, informal family caregivers usually get the job unexpectedly. Caregivers of all ages are appointed the role by family or friends for a myriad of reasons: medical emergencies, sudden onset of a chronic illness, unanticipated issues related to aging or other scenarios.

The Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) at Pathlights can help. It links caregivers to training and education opportunities, emotional and financial support and resources to improve their lives and the lives of those they are caring for — all free of charge and many services are for people at all income and asset levels

The Center offers:

Respite that gives caregivers a break from their day-to-day duties for self-care.

Nutritious meals delivered to the home for older adults who are unable to manage meal preparation and those with limited or no access to food.

Information and assistance regarding availability and eligibility requirements of government programs and support; TCARE assessments to identify areas causing distress and recommend personalized interventions like respite and support groups to prevent burnout; and one-on-one individualized conversations to discuss challenges related to caregiving.

Support groups such as our new “Early-Stage Memory Loss” support group; “Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers” for caregivers of those experiencing memory loss; “Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children” and Memory Cafes, monthly meet ups for people experiencing memory loss and their caregivers to engage with others in similar situations and participate in music, art therapy and other special programs.

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For the benefit of **widowed parishioners**, there will be a workshop. Your participation is welcome. Thank you.

What: **Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women**  
 When: **April 13 & 14 (2-day program-overnight encouraged)**  
 Where: **St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois 60439**  
**(Commute or stay overnight.)**

For further information, call: 708-354-7211 or e-mail us at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com)  
 website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)

Joyful Again! is a spiritual program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the normal grief they feel after losing their spouse and who want to begin to start to live fully again.

# Mass Intentions For The Week



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 10, 2024

### Saturday, March 9th

5:00 PM— Joseph S. Grill  
Kevin Ready  
Steven "Bud" Stefan

### Sunday, March 10th

7:30 AM— Josephine Data  
Linda Koepke  
Catherine Hoban  
Aggie Palmer  
Poor Souls in Purgatory  
Matthew Murphy  
Steven Plescher  
Colleen J. Nix  
9:30 AM— Joseph Pajda  
Jim Wann  
Joanne Schwabe  
Jeanette Mazurek  
Breta Hoban  
Bernice Wisniewski  
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM  
Loren J. Feldner, DDS  
Rose Barth—Birthday Blessing  
11:30 AM— For the Parishioners  
John Svabek  
Stan Mulica  
Darrell Keogh  
Denis Downs  
Marie Hohmer  
Raymond Pickler  
6:00 PM— Healing Intention

### Monday, March 11th

8:30 AM— Marie Hayes  
Patrick Joseph O'Reilly  
Bernice Wisniewski  
Marjorie Reckwerdt  
Colleen J. Nix

### Tuesday, March 12th

8:30 AM— Raymond Cavanagh  
Colleen J. Nix  
Don Tadda  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, March 13th

8:30 AM— Shirley Gallagher  
Thomas Moore  
Antoinette Gill  
Walter Wloszek  
Colleen J. Nix  
Irene Gaw

### Thursday, March 14th

8:30 AM— Janet Arnold  
Cindy Prendergast—2nd Anniversary  
Colleen J. Nix

### Friday, March 15th

8:30 AM— Dale McClain  
Steve Weber  
Colleen J. Nix  
4:00 PM— Wedding: Breanna Collins &  
Ryan Giacomelli

### Saturday, March 16th

8:00 AM— Dorothy Janik  
Art & Lorraine Wittbrodt  
Colleen J. Nix  
Mary Pat O'Connor  
Don Tadda  
Margaret Macey  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Edwin Dunmore

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17, 2024

### Saturday, March 16th

5:00 PM— Cara Daly  
Nancy Tarka  
Stephan "Steve" Lynch  
Ken & Eleanore Reilly  
Mary Pat O'Connor

### Sunday, March 17th

7:30 AM— Judy McCarthy  
Kavanaugh Family  
Linda Koepke  
Johanna Hoban  
Aggie Palmer  
Raymond Cavanagh  
Robert & Margaret Corbett  
Colleen J. Nix  
9:30 AM— Eileen P. Patrick  
Chester "Chet" McGrath  
Marty Cunningham  
Joanne Schwabe  
Kathleen O'Connor  
Colleen Climack  
Dorothy Beemsterboer  
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM  
Loren J. Feldner, DDS  
Kevin Patrick Sullivan  
11:30 AM— John Svabek  
Marie Hohmer  
Denis Downs  
Raymond Peckler  
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

## St. Joseph Adoption Novena

*Praying For All Who Travel  
Upon the Path of Adoption*

March 10-18



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