

St. Alexander Church

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 24, 2024

The Palos Catholic



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to
Jesus and put their cloaks
over it. And he sat on it.
Many people spread their
cloaks on the road, and
others spread leafy branches
that they had cut from the
fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

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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,

With the liturgies and distribution of palms today on Palm Sunday, we as Catholics commence the most spiritual time of the year; Holy Week. During Holy Week we remember the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Easter season reminds us that we are not only to live newly after death, but that we are to live nobly and spiritually anew because we are to live forever. Please plan on attending as many of our Holy Week services as possible for your own personal spiritual edification. I am sure that your time will be well spent and that you will leave church with a sense of forgiveness, love, and hope.

On Holy Thursday, we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM. This Mass recalls our Lord instituting the Eucharist and calling His apostles to go and serve one another. We, at St. Alexander imitate our Lord at this liturgy when we recreate our Lord's action of washing His apostle's feet. This re-creation is a poignant and powerful action, a beautiful gesture that engages the whole person in worship and embodies the Gospel. The foot washing is full of meaning. It is our ritual response to our Lord's command to be servants. In fact, the entire Holy Thursday liturgy is filled with ritual and a reminder that we are to bring the Bread of Life to all people through our love and prayers. I'm sure your participation and attendance on Holy Thursday will bring you closer to the Lord and renew the spirit of Christian service in each one of you.

There will be two services on Good Friday. At 3:00PM we will have the traditional celebration of our Lord's Passion which will include Holy Communion and Veneration of the Cross. At 7:00PM the Stations of the Cross will take place as we reenact Jesus' steps on this holiest day.

On Holy Saturday, we will have the traditional Blessing of Easter Food and Baskets. This year's blessing will take place in the church at 12:00 NOON. All are invited to the front of the altar for an individual blessing and sprinkling of holy water.

Also on Holy Saturday, we will begin our celebration of Easter with the Easter Vigil at 8:00PM. The Easter Vigil is probably the most powerful liturgy we celebrate all year. At this Mass, we bless the Easter fire and water and our RCIA candidates are baptized, confirmed, receive First Holy Communion and are initiated into the Catholic faith. Remember that the Easter Vigil is an Easter liturgy and fulfills Sunday's Easter obligation. I know the Easter Vigil is longer than an Easter Sunday liturgy, but please consider attending. What better way to spend an extra hour of our time than by celebrating our Lord's glorious resurrection and welcoming new people to the Catholic faith. Please see a complete schedule of Holy Week and Easter services listed on page five.

Every year our eighth grade school children spend many hours of practice in order to present a Passion Play for the school and eighth grade parents during school hours. Continuing a new tradition that began last year they will present their Passion Play also on Tuesday evening March 26th at 7:00PM in our church. All parishioners and guests are welcome to attend this beautiful presentation as we continue to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Sacred Triduum.

God Bless,
Father Marty

P.S. Please remember, according to the rules of the Church, there are no morning Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.



Adeline Rose Gallik, daughter of Michael & Valerie, was baptized by Deacon Fran Pendergast on Sunday, March 17, 2024. We welcome her into the family of the church and offer her parents our prayers and good wishes.

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.



WORD OF LIFE

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (The Gospel of Life 86).

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It’s usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus “looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve” (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and “marry” the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God’s people. Israel’s God would be in union with His people forever. Without oversexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited “I do” to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir

Today’s Readings: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/
Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

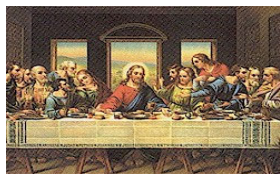


Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick

Prayers FOR HEALING 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 |
| Eileen Long | Patrick Regan |
| Jerry Hamman | Martha Richards |
| Mikayla Brown | Thomas Wrenn |
| Glenda Deckard | Carm Fagan |

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.



**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul
Holy Thursday
Collection**

The St. Alexander Society of St. Vincent de Paul appreciates your continued generosity and support. The collection taken at the Mass of the Lord's Supper aids in their efforts in assisting the poor. Envelopes are in your April packet.

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.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

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.

Easter Holiday Office Hours

The Parish Administrative Office will close at 2:30 PM on Friday, March 29th and will be closed Monday, April 1st

We wish you all a Blessed Easter!



The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. *PLEASE BE GENEROUS!*

For information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - March 28th

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(after Mass until Midnight)

Good Friday - March 29th

3:00 PM The Celebration of the Passion
of the Lord & Veneration of the Cross
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - March 30th

12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 PM Easter Vigil Celebration

Easter Sunday - March 31st

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM
(9:30AM Mass in Church & Parish Center)
Please note: there is no 6:00 PM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays after 8:00AM & 5:00PM Mass * No Reconciliation during the Sacred Triduum



RCIA candidates recently volunteered at BEDS Plus, an agency which provides help to the homeless.



NO SAVE SALES ON EASTER SUNDAY SALES WILL RESUME SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

Orders may be dropped off at the Parish Office through 5:00PM on Wednesday, April 3rd. Pick up on Thursday, April 4th after 10:00 AM.

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

Palm Sunday Mass is not about obtaining the palm, but participating in the Mass commemorating Christ's entrance into Jerusalem, and the beginning of Holy Week and His Passion. The blessed palm is a "witness to faith in Jesus Christ, the messianic king, and in his Paschal Victory," The palms we receive on Palm Sunday are blessed objects, or sacramentals, that need to be treated reverently, not as toys, mere craft material, or trash. After Palm Sunday, palms may be kept in the home or workplace as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ. According to the Code of Canon Law, blessed sacramentals are not to be discarded in a trash can. They can be either buried or burned, honoring their sacred purpose and returning them to the earth in a dignified way. Anyone can do this.



READINGS FOR MARCH 24-31, 2024

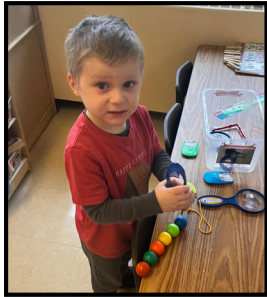
- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/ Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/ Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42
- Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/ Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/ Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



PreK3 exploring winter themed centers



NCEA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics



Percentage of high school graduates who attend a four-year college.

85.2%
Catholic
Schools

63.7%
Other
Religious

55.6%
Non-
Secularian

43%
Public
Schools

NCEA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics

Number of Schools

There are 5,920 Catholic schools in the United States; 4,746 are elementary/middle schools and 1,174 are secondary schools.



COMMUNION MINISTERS



Saturday, March 30th

8:00 PM— Priests & Deacons

Sunday, March 31st

7:30 AM— Bob Straz, Susan Chillmon, Ruth Macey

9:30 AM— Gym: Sharon Mundo, Joan Obiala
Church: Maureen Balich, Mary Foscett,
Wendy Loftus

11:30 AM— Tom Stuchly

READERS



Saturday, March 30th

8:00 PM— Bill Rogers, Johanna Jurgens,
Denise Ciciura, Paula Somers

Sunday, March 31st

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Gym: Joan DeVito, Melissa Duckett
Church: Rich Cruz

11:30 AM— Mary Lally, Mary Ann Klimek

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Archdiocese of Chicago

**Lenten Drive for Basic Needs
March 9th to March 24th**

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.

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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 to enroll securely online. Or, download the Faith Direct app onto your smartphone. Our parish code is **IL910**.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY — APRIL 7, 2024

From St. Faustina's diary, Jesus said:

“Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive a great Mercy at the hour of death. Priest will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet once, will receive grace from My infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy.”

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, March 29th and continues for nine days through April 6th

Please take a pamphlet on the table in the back of church and make this Novena in anticipation of Divine Mercy Sunday.

CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION are required to gain the indulgence offered on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Alexander on Sunday, April 7^h at 2:45PM

PRAY FOR OUR



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 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	



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ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL

MAY 9 2024

PALOS HEIGHTS, IL // KIDS DASH@5:40PM // RACE TIME@6:00PM



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REGISTER BY APR 19 TO GUARANTEE YOUR T-SHIRT SIZE
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD TECHNOLOGY UPDATES & ENHANCEMENTS FOR ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL



Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

St. Alexander School is hosting its Raider Run 5K on Thursday, May 9, 2024. This fun-filled family and community event will benefit the St. Alexander School Computer Lab/Technology Department. Here is how you can help. If your family and/or business would like to become a **SPONSOR** for the Raider Run 5K, please consider the following opportunities listed below.

**Choose your Sponsorship level and
YOUR logo / family name will be on the following items:**

<p>Raider Sponsorship \$5,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • event day Sponsor banner • Race Day t-shirt • Church Bulletin • Priority Acknowledgement on Homepage of School website <p><i>You also will receive:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The opportunity to serve as the 2024 Raider Run Grand Marshal, which includes riding in the lead-off car during the 5K! 	<p>Platinum Sponsorship \$2,500:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • event day Sponsor banner • Race Day t-shirt • Church Bulletin • School website <p><i>You also will receive:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Spirit Wear items
<p>Gold Sponsorship \$1,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • event day Sponsor banner • Race Day t-shirt • Church Bulletin • School website 	<p>Silver Sponsorship \$500:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Race Day t-shirt • Church Bulletin • School website
<p>Bronze Sponsorship \$250:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Bulletin • School website 	<p>Green Sponsorship \$100:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School website

All sponsorship opportunities (for logo submission) are available thru April 19, 2024. If you would like to be a participant and/or a volunteer for the **Raider Run 5K** please contact us! Visit www.StAlexanderSchool.com for more Race Day information. We appreciate your support, commitment and loyalty to St. Alexander School and Parish.

For Sponsorship information please contact Amanda Byrne at ambyrne18@gmail.com or 708-218-1034.



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





24/7 HOTLINE: 708-429-SAFE
WE SUPPORT VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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.



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.

*Don't try to shine so that others will see you.
Shine so that through you, others will see Christ.*

—Pope Francis

Thanksgiving after Mass

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

O Mary, Virgin and Mother most holy, behold, I have received your most dear Son, whom you conceived in your immaculate womb, brought forth, nursed and embraced most tenderly.

Behold him at whose sight you used to rejoice and be filled with all delight: him, whom, humbly and lovingly, once again I present and offer him to you to be clasped in your arms, to be loved by your heart, and to be offered up to the Most Holy Trinity

as the supreme worship of adoration, for your own honor and glory and for my needs and for those of the whole world.

I ask you therefore, most loving Mother: entreat for me the forgiveness of all my sin and, in abundant measure, the grace of serving him in the future more faithfully, and at last, final grace, so that with you I may praise him for all the ages of ages.

Amen.

Mass Intentions For The Week



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD MARCH 24, 2024

Saturday, March 23rd

- 5:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Bill O'Mara
Helen Dybowski
Pat Carlson—1st Anniversary

Sunday, March 24th

- 7:30 AM— Verle & Francis Clair
Linda Koepke
Aggie Palmer
Rosemary Kliver
Colleen J. Nix
- 9:30 AM— Richard Ciesler
Brian Cadore
Dr. Richard Griffin
Stephen "Bud" Stefan
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren J. Feldner, DDS
Mitchell Pikula
- 11:30 AM— Norbert Putlak
John Svabek
Denis Downs
Raymond Peckler
Mass of Thanksgiving from the family of
Mary Moss

- 6:00 PM— Special Intention

Monday, March 25th

- 8:30 AM— Toni Chapman
Colleen J. Nix

Tuesday, March 26th

- 8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Richard Bricchetto

Wednesday, March 27th

- 8:30 AM— Linda Koepke—1st Anniversary
Linda Barcelona
Neil DiVincenzo
Colleen J. Nix

Thursday, March 28th

- 7:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Friday, March 29th

- 3:00 PM— Veneration of the Cross
7:00 PM— Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30th

- 12:00 PM— Easter Basket Blessing

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD MARCH 31, 2024

Saturday, March 30th

- 8:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Sunday, March 31st

- 7:30 AM— Kavanaugh Family
James Grzeczka
Linda Koepke
Aggie Palmer
Margaret Corbett
Raymond Cavanagh
Colleen J. Nix
- 9:30 AM— Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells—13th Anniversary
Shirley Jean Shoemaker—1st Anniversary
Jim Wann
Joanne Schwabe
William Gibbons
Mary & John Stephens
Florence C. Jastrzebowski
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren J. Feldner, DDS
- 11:30 AM— Raymond Schwaller
Alex & Rebecca Czurylo
Rose Ryndak
Dee Stuchly
Raymond Peckler
Denis Downs



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