

St. Alexander Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

The Palos Catholic



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

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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,

Please keep our second grade school and RE children in your prayers this week as they prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4th. Most of us adults remember the first time we received our Lord when we were children and recall how special that day was. Boys dressed in new suits, girls in white dresses with veils, receiving our first hard cover prayer book and rosary, and all the relatives who came to celebrate this special day. As we go forth in our faith journey let us receive Jesus in this sacrament with the reverence and feeling of joy that we experienced on the day of our First Holy Communion.

Many thanks to those who ran last Saturday's Daddy Daughter Dance with the theme of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame". Over two hundred people were in attendance and had a great time dancing and feasting on ball park food such as nachos, popcorn, hotdogs, hamburgers, and ice cream. Everyone in attendance including myself had an enjoyable time. The only sad time of the evening is when we discussed the current record and performance of our beloved White Sox. Pray my brothers and sisters, just pray.

Following are the figures for our collections for the past three months and Easter:

January \$103,967.51 February \$80,876.99 March \$92,758.50 Easter \$59,416.00

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

God Bless,
Father Marty

First Saturday Devotions and Individual Prayer Opportunity Saturday, May 4th



All are invited to St. Alexander Church to participate in Personal Prayers of Intercessions to the Holy Spirit

4:30PM Recitation of the Rosary
5:00PM Regular Vigil Mass for Sunday
5:45PM Time for brief Individual Prayer with Clergy
6:00PM Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament for one hour in silence

Feel free to come to any of these parts

- The Sacrament of Confession and Anointing of the Sick will be available after Mass
- Deacon Mike will be available for individual healing prayer after Mass
- Prayers for Deliverance may be requested to Deacon Mike after Adoration

Deacon Mike is a representative of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Office of Healing and Deliverance Ministry

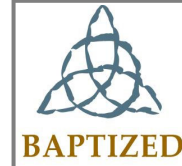
"It will come to pass, God says, that I will pour out a portion of my Spirit upon all flesh. And I will work wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below." Acts 2:17-19





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:

- Terese Bolduc**, mother of Joe DiVincenzo
- Martha Richards**, aunt of Kathy Dirickson
- Robert Thoma**, husband of Valerie



On Sunday, April 21, 2024 Fr. Martin Michniewicz baptized **Parker James Beaulieu**, son of Mark & Sara.

We welcome him into the family of the church and offer his parents our prayers and good wishes.

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK April 29-May 5, 2024

- Monday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/ Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/ Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/ Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-1

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree,

doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



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 Eileen Long
- Mike & Aggie Sweeney Mary Ellen Schwaller

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.

Please join us every Wednesday during May to pray the Rosary at the Mary statue from 6:00-7:00PM



We will meet at the Mary statue located on the west side of the grass area in front of the old convent. Bring a lawn chair or stand, park in the lot and walk over.



**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!

NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE!

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 Deacon Jim Horton or Deacon Fran Pendergast at 708-448-4861.

COMMUNION MINISTERS



Saturday, May 4th

5:00 PM— Terry Horvath, Rosemary Dziuba, Joan DeVito

Sunday, May 5th

7:30 AM— Karen McNeal, Susan Chillmon, Susan Murphy
9:30 AM— Wendy Loftus, Dorothy McCloskey, Ryan Alberts
11:30 AM— Tom Stuchly, Patricia Klaus
6:00 PM— Merrill Jurgens

READERS



Saturday, May 4th

5:00 PM— Linda Buchanan, Bill Rogers

Sunday, May 5th

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski
9:30 AM— Debbie Myron, Rich Cruz
11:30 AM— Mary Ann Klimek, Mary Lally
6:00 PM— James Clark, Johanna Jurgens



YOU'RE INVITED!

St. Alexander Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

**Saturday, May 4th—9:00 AM
in the SAVE Room**

Meetings usually last an hour. Items are made in our homes, and then we gather at our meeting to wrap and label them. We meet once every two months and share the joy of our gifts and prayers with many people in need in our parish and elsewhere.

If you want to see what we are all about, come out and join us. For more information please call Rosemary at 708-293-8884.

WORD OF LIFE

“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



Mother's Day Mass Cards are available in the back of church

Also, please remember there is a Mother's Day Novena of Masses envelope in your monthly mailing which will also remember those deceased mothers and can be placed in the weekly collection, placed in the mail, or dropped off at the parish office.



FRI, MAY 10, 2024
7:30AM - UNTIL SOLD OUT
ST. ALEXANDER PARKING LOT

8TH GRADE
Spring Flower
SALE

10" GERANIUM COMBO HANGING BASKET
***PAYMENT BY CASH OR CHECK \$22/EA**
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE 8TH GRADE DINNER DANCE



Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

HS YM
 (8th Grade-Seniors in HS)
 Sunday Night
7PM-9PM
 Dates
 April 7th
 April 14th
 April 21st
 April 28th
 May 5th
 May 19th

JR HIGH YM
6TH & 7TH GRADERS
APRIL 18TH
MAY 9TH
3PM-5PM

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

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



Children exposed to domestic violence are at an increased risk of being abused or neglected.

1 in 15 children are exposed to domestic violence each year. 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to violence.

www.ncadv.org



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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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.

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.



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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 Wetzel - U.S. Marines | Hunter Leschman - U.S. Navy |
| Chloe Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army | Cody Goldman - National Guard |
| Hanna Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army | Cameron Smentek - U.S. Army |
| Isaac & Veronika Baines - U.S. Navy | Judith Hite - U.S. Army |
| Michael D. Faloona - National Guard | Jake Soukup - U.S. Army |
| Conor Knapp - U.S. Army | |



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ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL
MAY 9 2024

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UPDATES/ENHANCEMENTS FOR ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL!**

**PERPETUAL NOVENA TO
ST. RITA OF CASCIA
Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00PM**

All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago. Confession is available at 6:00PM. Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00PM. Stay after mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit stritashrinechicago.com for information.

*A Prayer to Mary our Mother
"The Heart of this Good Mother is all love
and mercy; She desires only to see us happy.
We only have to turn to Her to be heard."
~ St. Jean Vianney*

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Monday, June 24, 2024

Tee off with us at Fore the Kids 2024! Join the Cardinal's Cup competition to support your parish school. Compete for glory on the greens while making a difference for Catholic students. Register now and champion Catholic education with us!



To register, scan or visit:
giving.archchicago.org/golf



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:

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Mass Intentions For The Week



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2024

Saturday, April 27th

5:00 PM— Raymond Schwaller
Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells
Joseph Czurylo
Eleanor & Gustav Heinemann

Sunday, April 28th

7:30 AM— Margaret Corbett
Henry & Sophie Budziak
Steven Gruca
Aggie Palmer
Robert Barth
Colleen J. Nix

9:30 AM— Chester "Chet" McGrath
Stephan "Bud" Stefan
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren Feldner, DDS
Robert Pikula

11:30 AM— Raymond Peckler
Joseph Maschek
Diane Cannon
Margaret Henchy
Aggie—Blessings
Marty Young
Jerome Dillon
Gloria Higgins Dillon
Barbara Delaney
Lou Soder

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Monday, April 29th (St. Catherine of Siena)

8:30 AM— Nora Hopkins
Florence C. Jastrzebowski
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention
Bob Thoma
Colleen J. Nix

Tuesday, April 30th (St. Pius, Pope)

8:30 AM— Brandon Czurylo
Rose Ann Hormanski
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention
Lou Soder—1st Anniversary
Colleen J. Nix

Wednesday, May 1st (St. Joseph the Worker)

8:30 AM— Mary Jo Saplin—3rd Anniversary
John Janik
Raymond J. Jarema
James Grisolano
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention
Bob Thoma
Colleen J. Nix

Thursday, May 2nd (St. Athanasius)

8:30 AM— Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention
Honesto Maglaya—4th Anniversary
Colleen J. Nix

Friday, May 3rd (Sts. Philip and James, Apostles)

8:30 AM— Dorothy Janik
Fr. Francis Royer—5th Anniversary
Antoinette Gill
Anna & Joseph Malacina
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren Feldner, DDS
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention
Colleen J. Nix

Saturday, May 4th

8:00 AM— John Janik
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren Feldner, DDS
Colleen J. Nix

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 5, 2024

Saturday, May 4th

5:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Dolores & Robert Kramarski
Nancy Tarka
Anthony Casale
James D. Mech

Sunday, May 5th

7:30 AM— Vincent & Mary Hoban
Poor Souls in Purgatory
Jerry Springer
Aggie Palmer
Martha Richards
Colleen J. Nix

9:30 AM— Brian Cadore
Stephen "Bud" Stefan
Timothy M. Barrett
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren Feldner, DDS

11:30 AM— John Svabek
Raymond Peckler
George Lombard
Wittenborn Family
Tony McLaughlin
Barbara Delaney
Bob Westphal

6:00 PM— Special Intention

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