

St. Alexander Church

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

The Palos Catholic



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples:
“When the Advocate comes
whom I will send you from
the Father, the Spirit of
truth that proceeds from
the Father, he will testify
to me.” - Jn 15:26

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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,

On this Feast of Pentecost our Lord Jesus Christ blessed His apostles and followers with the gifts of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit of Love, Peace and Joy. The same Holy Spirit that came into the Apostles in tongues of fire two thousand years ago still enflames our hearts with the same gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Today we are called to be modern day apostles sharing our gifts with one another and spreading the good news of Christ to all people.

As we celebrate The Feast of the Pentecost, we recall that Jesus breathed on the apostles and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit". Before that Jesus twice told his apostles, "Peace be with you". Our Lord Jesus Christ wishes that each and every man and woman on this earth live in peace and harmony with one another. He made no distinctions whether somebody was white or black, Jew or Gentile, or any other nationality. As we live in these times where there are massacres in schools and in our streets, violence is rampant everywhere, innocent lives are taken, racial and ethnic tensions still exist, we must remember that our Lord wishes us all to be at peace and be a peaceful people.

For all of you who purchased flowers on Mother's Day, we thank you, all fifty bouquets were sold. The Women's Center appreciates your support of the lives of all God's children, born and unborn. Please remember to keep those who are with child in your prayers that they deliver a healthy baby.

Many thanks to the Stroner family who continues to take care of the Marian Shrine on the east side of our parking lot. This truly is a beautiful gift to both our Blessed Mother and our parish. Please remember to visit this shrine and the other areas of devotion that adorn our campus.

Last Thursday our school had their annual Raider Run which once again this year was a great success. The rains poured down but it did not curb the enthusiasm of participants and all those who volunteered. At least we didn't have marble sized hail like on the previous Tuesday. There were many parishioners both young and more mature who ran in this event so we can continue to fund the technology department of our school. Thanks to all those who sponsored and donated to this event once again proving we, at St. Alexander's always gather together as one parish to support all the ministries of our parish.

Congratulations to those who completed our Religious Education Program, and all parishioners who have graduated, or will soon graduate, this year from grammar school, high school, or college. I pray that all of our graduates will go on to do many wonderful things in their lives. Please know that my prayers go with you and that you are still, and will always be, a part of our parish family.

God Bless,
Father Marty

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WORD OF LIFE

“Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



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:

Francis J. Pendergast Jr., husband of Barbara
father of Deacon Fran & Kevin



READINGS FOR THE WEEK
May 13-19, 2024

- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible? This week’s feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren’t we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

— Father John Muir

Today’s Readings: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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 | Eileen Long |

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.

Grand Knight John Laskey and Past Grand Knight Brian Mellenthin of St. Theodore Guerin Knights of Columbus Council 14057 presented a check for \$1,500 to GiGi's Playhouse of Tinley Park, one of several donations to local groups resulting from the Knights of Columbus' Fall Tootsie Roll Drive. Gigi's Playhouse is a network of Down Syndrome Achievement Centers that provides free educational, therapeutic-based, and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome and their families.



RCIA



Are you curious about the Catholic Faith?

If any of these reasons apply, RCIA might be exactly what you're looking for!

(RCIA means The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

1. You're marrying a Catholic. *(Sharing and practicing your faith together is a great foundation for married life.)*
2. You're already married to a Catholic and your children are being raised Catholic. *(It's natural to want to feel a closer bond by sharing in the sacraments with family.)*
3. Your children are learning about the Catholic faith. *(You'd like to learn more about this faith tradition, still unsure if you'd like to become a Catholic..)*
4. You've lived in a "Catholic world" all your life, so people assume you are already Catholic. *(You'd like to find out if you are closer than you think in mind and heart.)*
5. You don't know much about Catholicism, but a friend or neighbor has inspired you to learn more. ***(With no strings attached, this is a wonderful way to check things out.)***
6. You have experienced personal loss or family struggles. *(You are seeking ways to deepen your spiritual life by exploring the Catholic faith tradition.)*

You don't know why, but you feel something urging you to the Catholic Church. *(It's probably the Holy Spirit.)*

Our RCIA sessions begin in September. If you are interested in joining us, contact Fr. Marty at the parish office (708) 448-4861 or Deacon Mike at mciciura@archchicago.org

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.



**SUNDAY SALE HOURS
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.

COMMUNION MINISTERS



Saturday, May 25th

5:00 PM— Maureen Balich, Rosemary Dziuba

Sunday, May 26th

7:30 AM— Susan Murphy, Ruth Macey, Susan Chillmon

9:30 AM— Wendy Loftus, Pat Karrasch, Dorothy McCloskey

11:30 AM— Patricia Klaus, Mary Beth Flynn, Joan Obiala

6:00 PM— Mike Collins

READERS



Saturday, May 25th

5:00 PM— John Kelbowski

Sunday, May 26th

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski, Eric Thompson

9:30 AM— Melissa Duckett, Rich Cruz

11:30 AM— Linda Horton, Mary Lally

6:00 PM— James Clark

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

**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
- Stephen LaPiana - U.S. Army
- Matthew Brennan - U.S. Air Force
- Andrew Nissen - U.S. Marines
- Shannon Lungaro - U.S. Navy
- Alan Filipiak - U.S. Navy
- A. Amanda Cleland - U.S. Air Force
- Joshua Bramlett U.S. Navy
- Amanda Brennan - U.S. Army
- Kyle Hite - U.S. Army
- Gino Albergo - U.S. Army
- James M. Bilder - U.S. Army
- Nicholas Wineman - U.S. Marines
- Kate Riden - U.S. Navy
- Kevin Lewis - U.S. Navy
- Michael Lindstrom - U.S. Army
- Ryan Graeber - U.S. Marines
- Mary Kate Wetzel - U.S. Marines
- Chloe Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army
- Hanna Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army
- Isaac & Veronika Baines - U.S. Navy
- Michael D. Faloon - National Guard
- Conor Knapp - U.S. Army

- Robert Brennan - U.S. Army
- Scott Milcarek - U.S. Army
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- Andrew Cleland - U.S. Army
- John Hoban III - U.S. Army
- Mark Filipiak - U.S. Marines
- Steven Lungaro - U.S. Navy
- Matthew Bramlett - U.S. Navy
- David Lindstrom - National Guard
- Daniel Weakley - U.S. Navy
- Stephen Vossler - U.S. Navy
- Vito Barraco - U.S. Army
- Ryan Grant - U.S. Army
- Nicholas Crot - U.S. Marines
- Jose Sanchez - U.S. Army
- Ben St. Aubin - U. S. Navy
- Hunter Leschman - U.S. Navy
- Cody Goldman - National Guard
- Cameron Smentek - U.S. Army
- Judith Hite - U.S. Army
- Jake Soukup - U.S. Army



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



National Teacher
Appreciation Week

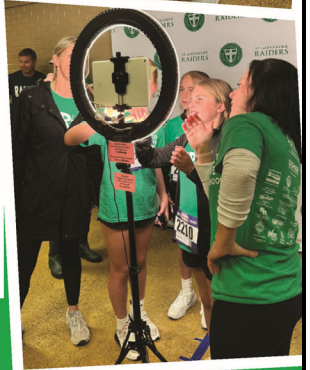


St. Alexander School
First Communion
2024



Our National Anthem singer,
Madeline Kennedy (Gr 6)

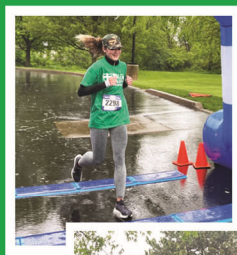
A little rain can't stop us!



2024 RAIDER RUN 5K

ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024



Top 3 Male Winners:
 1st Place - Oliver Odeh, Gr 8 (20:42) *left*
 2nd Place - Quinn Kennedy, Class of 2015 (21:04) *not pictured*
 3rd Place - Anthony Adducci, Gr 8 (22:12) *right*

Top 3 Female Winners,
 pictured from right to left:
 1st Place - Shea Schaaf (20:48) *top photo*
 2nd Place - Gaby Pacetti, Gr 5 (23:48) *right*
 3rd Place - Allison Phillips, Gr 8 (24:46) *left*



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MONDAY NIGHTS!

SEASON STARTS: JUNE 10TH

SEASON ENDS: JULY 29TH

LOCATION: ST. CHRISTINA FIELDS

GAME TIME 6:30PM

IF INTERESTED

CONTACT:

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Waters Edge Golf Club
Friday, September 20th



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ST. CLETUS PARISH EVENING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WHAT IF HOLINESS IS ACTUALLY AN ADVENTURE?

Special Guest Speaker: Matt Lozano

Wednesday, June 12, 2024
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
St. Cletus Church
600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL

Creation Care Corner

Celebrating the Anniversary of Pope Francis' transformational encyclical, Laudato Si'.

“Care for Creation” and Laudato Si’ (Part I)

- The Pope’s encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching.
- Francis, like his thirteenth-century namesake, calls the earth our “common home,” which is like our sister.
- But we are damaging this familial relationship as we seriously degrade the environment. In so doing, we are damaging our relationship with other humans, particularly those least equipped to adjust to the changing environment: the poor and future generations.
- The Pope encourages people to examine and change their lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, greater simplicity and less focus on material things.
- Francis extends an “urgent challenge to protect our common home ... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.”
- By taking personal action and reducing excessive consumption and waste in our lives, we can meet our obligation to reduce our impact on the environment while creating a sustainable future for generations to follow.

Mass Intentions For The Week



PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 19, 2024

Saturday, May 18th

5:00 PM— Jacob Dylan Hudy
Eleanore & Ken Reilly

Sunday, May 19th

7:30 AM— Bernard Ziobro
Judy McCarthy
Agnes Blaney
Catherine Hoban
Aggie Palmer
Colleen J. Nix

9:30 AM— For the Parishioners
Richard Ciesler
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren Feldner, DDS
Meg Feldner
Joan Bagniewski
John & Caroline Kelbowski—17th Wedding
Anniversary

11:30 AM— John Svabek
Thomas Eastman
Eileen Keane
Barbara Delaney

6:00 PM— Mother's Day Mass Novena
William Blazek—3rd Anniversary

Monday, May 20th (*Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the*

8:30 AM— Mother's Day Mass Novena *Church)*
Beth King
John Racila
Susan Czurylo
Gerry Verzak
Josephine Regan
Robert Thoma
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention
Colleen J. Nix

Tuesday, May 21st (*St. Christopher Magallanes*)

8:30 AM— Robert Cruz
Dora Sill
Chet—Birthday Blessing
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention
Colleen J. Nix
Patsy O'Hara
Ray McCreesh

Wednesday, May 22nd (*St. Rita of Cascia*)

8:30 AM— Colin Myron
Fr. Stanley Rudcki—11th Anniversary
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention
Colleen J. Nix
William Blazek—3rd Anniversary

Thursday, May 23rd

8:30 AM— Helen Carroll
Richard J. Cervantes
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention
Colleen J. Nix

Friday, May 24th

8:30 AM— Tommy Grady
Cathie Ference
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention
Colleen J. Nix

Saturday, May 25th (*St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi*)

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY MAY 26, 2024

Saturday, May 25th

5:00 PM— Raymond Schwaller
Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells
Lottie Czurylo
William E. Lewandowski
Virginia E. Minonne
Billy Gorski
Dolores & Robert Gorski
Dan Dunne
Benjamin "Bud" Stuber—20th Anniversary
Andy Klimkiewicz

Sunday, May 26th

7:30 AM— Claire Narel
Johanna Hoban
Robert O'Connell
Caroline O'Connell
Aggie Palmer
Jim Nix— Birthday Blessing
Colleen J. Nix

9:30 AM— Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren Feldner, DDS
Robert M. Pikula
Dan Dunne
For all current and former cancer patients
of St. Alexander Parish

11:30 AM— For the Parishioners
George Jedlicka
Barbara Delaney
Jerome Pazdan

6:00 PM— Liam Weldon—Graduation Blessing

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