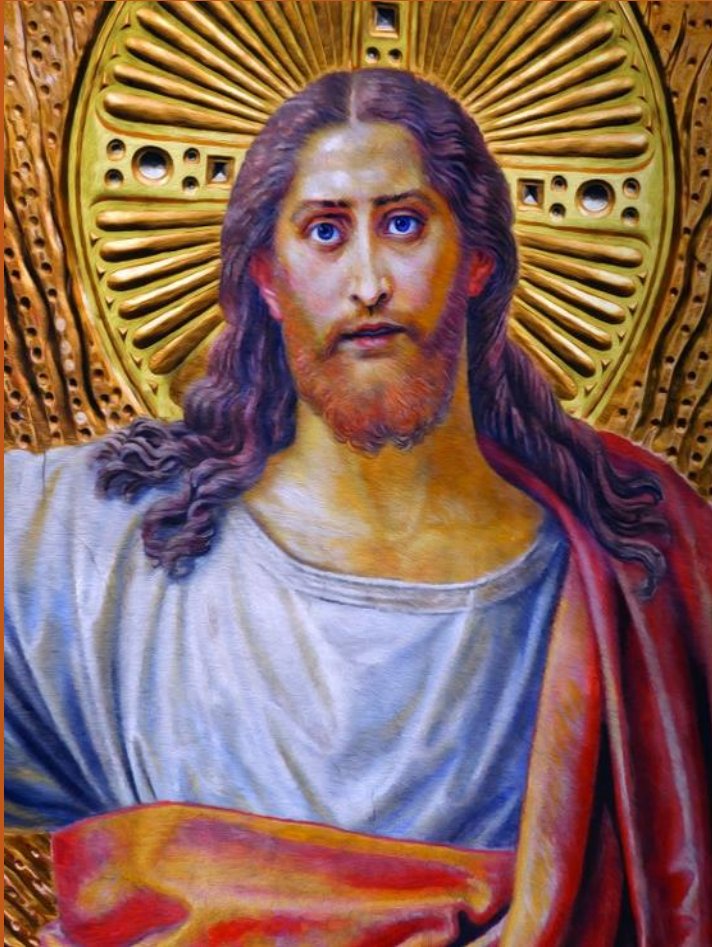


St. Alexander Church

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 16, 2024*

The Palos Catholic



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” - Mk 4:30-32b

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

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

Phone: 708-448-4861

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Pastor: Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227

Associate Pastor: Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223

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Operations Manager: Paula Somers ext. 233

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Athletic Director Michael Kennedy

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St. Alexander on the Web: www.stalexanderpalos.org

St. Alexander School

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

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Principal: Sharon O'Toole

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School Web: www.stalexanderschool.com

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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

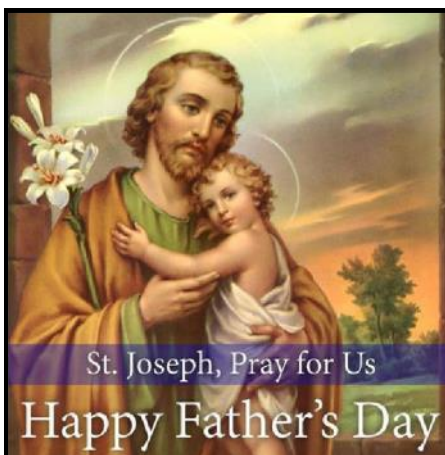
Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Father's Day, let us pray for our fathers that they may be inspired by the example of St. Joseph who protected, loved, and provided for Jesus and Mary. We should all be thankful to God for the gift of fatherhood; not only for our biological fathers but for those who have taken a paternal role in our lives guiding, supporting, caring, and loving us. And let us also pray for our deceased fathers, may we never forget the love that they had for us, may they enjoy heavenly rewards for all their labors and may they rest peacefully in God's hands.

Fr. Mitchell and I will be away from the parish on Monday afternoon, June 17th through Thursday, June 20th for the Priest Convocation which will be held at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Every two or three years, Cardinal Cupich requires all active priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago (the retired priests are also invited, but it is not required) to gather together as fellow priests for prayer, lectures, spiritual exercises, and community building. Morning Mass will be celebrated on Monday and Friday. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday our deacons will have a prayer service at 8:30am which will consist of the Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion. In the meantime please keep Fr. Mitchell, our supply priests, and myself in your prayers during the convocation as you will be in ours.

Many times in the Gospel, we see Jesus "take a break" and gather with family, apostles, followers, tax collectors, and many others at weddings, dinners, and similar impromptu gatherings. For Christ, this was an opportunity to relax and share another dimension of His life with humanity. The parish picnic can do the same for us; a time to relax, laugh, dance, and share a part of ourselves with parishioners in the spirit of love. Plan on attending the picnic next Sunday after the 11:30AM Mass. This is the perfect time for us to connect socially with one another. Let's face it folks, it's a free meal and free fun. Please come and join us. Turn to page eight for more information.

God Bless,
Father Marty



Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to You for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender,
in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
St. Joseph, Pray for all our Fathers. Amen



II Gina Merritello & Eric Marek
III Kathryn Ward & Mark Stoch



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 Couture, mother of Philip



William (Liam) David Sheahan, son of Michael and Casey was baptized by Deacon Michael McDonough on Saturday, June 8, 2024.

Reilly McCormick Wons, son of John and Carolyn was baptized by Fr. Colm Mitchell on Sunday, June 9, 2024.

We welcome them into the family of the church and offer their parents our prayers and good wishes.



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 |
| Eileen Long | Dorothy Rafferty |
| Ken Toth | Tim McGuire |
| Richard Budz | Kathleen Mannix |

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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, "he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything." Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34



READINGS FOR THE WEEK June 17-23, 2024

- Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34
- Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-4

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.



St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship

Monthly Meeting
Thursday, June 20th
Parish Lounge — 11:30AM
(use lounge doors on the south end of building)

Our Ice Cream Social
is always a hit!
Don't forget...
no July meeting,
Happy 4th of July!



Join us at the parish picnic on June 23rd!



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

"Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!"

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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



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**.

COMMUNION MINISTERS



Saturday, June 22nd

5:00 PM— Rosemary Dziuba, Joan DeVito, Terri Filipiak

Sunday, June 23rd

7:30 AM— Ruth Macey, Betty Chwierut, Ed Sobczak
9:30 AM— Nancy Dougherty, Melissa Duckett, Dorothy McCloskey
11:30 AM— Joan Obiala, Tom Stuchly, Paul Sullivan
6:00 PM— Mike Collins

READERS



Saturday, June 22nd

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers

Sunday, June 23rd

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski
9:30 AM— Linda Buchanan, Rich Cruz
11:30 AM— Mary Lally, Mary Ann Klimek
6:00 PM— James Clark



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL & PARISH IS
PARTICIPATING IN THE CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



4th of July

INDEPENDENCE DAY

PARADE

THURSDAY | JULY 4TH | 12:00PM

Please join us to walk the parade route!

Dress in red/white/blue or show off your

St. Al's Spiritwear!

Line up is at 11:30AM in the St. Alexander parking lot. Please arrive at 10:30am if you're interested in decorating!

PLEASE EMAIL DANIELLE.MAKA@GMAIL.COM
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLANNING OR DECORATING THE FLOAT!





ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



First grade



The St. Alexander School students collected 130 pounds of items to make military gift bags. Items were donated to Operation Support Our Troops in Lisle, IL



8th Grade



St. Alexander School Class of 2024

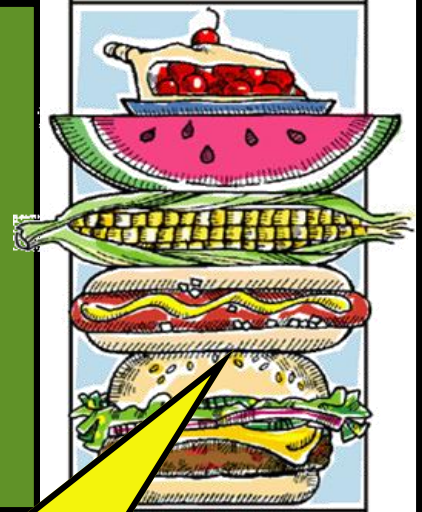
ST. ALEXANDER PARISH PICNIC



**SUNDAY
JUNE 23RD**

12:30-5:00

**JOIN FELLOW PARISHIONERS IN A
CELEBRATION OF FAITH & FAMILY!**



**BRING YOUR OWN
LAWN CHAIRS & B.Y.O.B.**



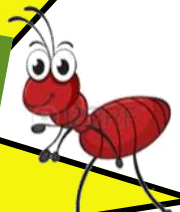
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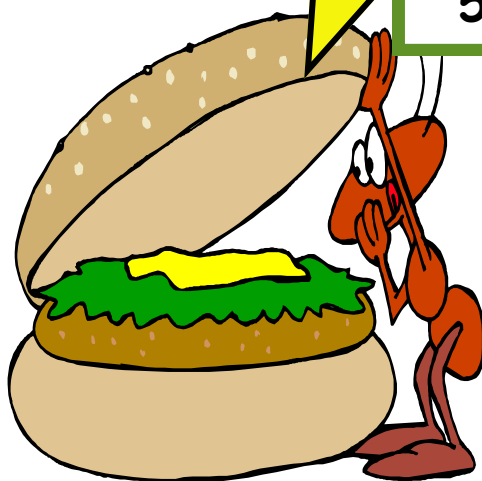
BINGO

**CHILDREN &
ADULT GAMES**

**NEW THIS YEAR:
FOAM PARTY**



**ORGANIZED GAMES
FROM 1:30-2:30
FOR CHILDREN
5-10 YEARS OLD**



**ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY WATER,
ALONG WITH BURGERS, HOT
DOGS, BRATS, CHIPS, ICE CREAM
& POPCORN PREPARED BY THE
PARISH STAFF FROM 1:00-4:00**



**VOLUNTEERS DRIVERS NEEDED!
OUR HOME DELIVERED MEALS
PROGRAM IS EXPANDING!
HELP US MEET THE NEED!**

Pathlights (formerly PLOWS Council on Aging) is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to homebound older adults. Ideally, you will commit to delivering meals one morning a week, (9-11am) from our offices in Palos Heights, to Palos & Orland Townships.

You'll need your own car, a valid driver's license, and auto insurance. Mileage is reimbursed. Must pass a criminal background check. Flexible arrangements, pairs welcome.

Email Don at darneberg@pathlights.org. Learn more about us at www.pathlights.org.



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

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.

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

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WHAT ARE CAMPS LIKE AT ST. RITA?

St. Rita High School is the place to be this summer as our summer camps offer your child the opportunity to learn, play, and compete in the best way possible!

Between new offerings like the early childhood **Mini Mustang Camp** and decades old Recreation Camp (now renamed the **Swoosh Camp** in honor of Coach Jay "Jay Bird" Standing), 2024 summer camps allow grammar school students from grades 1st through 8th to **learn, play and compete** in a new way while honoring long standing St. Rita traditions.

REGISTER TODAY

For more details and to register online, scan the QR Code or visit stritahs.com/summer-camps/



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Pilgrimage

VICARIATE V

**Vigil Mass and
Eucharistic Devotion**

Saturday, June 29, 2024 | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish

8245 West 111th Street, Palos Hills, IL 60465

**Join us as we celebrate the National Eucharistic
Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Chicago!**

Vicariate V invites you to join us for our Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m., Adoration and Benediction at 5:30 p.m., and Reception at 6 p.m.

Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Droel at droel@sacredheartpalos.org.

To learn more and register for this event, please visit EucharisticRevivalChicago.org.



Mass Intentions For The Week

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 16, 2024

Saturday, June 15th

5:00 PM— John Sexton Sr.
Richard Mundo Sr.
Dorothy Beemsterboer
Eleanor & Ken Reilly
Chapan Family
Daniel Dunne

Sunday, June 16th

7:30 AM— For the Parishioners
Judy McCarthy
Frank A. Narel
Macey Family
Arthur Data Sr.
James Laski Sr.
Johanna Hoban
John Lahey
Aggie Palmer
Colleen J. Nix

9:30 AM— Thomas Wood
Dan Nicholson
Dorothy Janik
John Janik
Gerry Pannaralla
Nancy Tarka
Dennis P. Troesch
James O'Malley
John Stephens
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren Feldner, DDS
Mary Johnson
Walter Feiling
Dan Dunne
Dan Bagniewski
William Gibbons
John Beatty
Jeanne Schoenke
Al Mientus

11:30 AM— John Svabek
James Grisolano
Art Wittbrodt
Martin Berquist Family
Barbara Delaney
Bob Thoma
Bob Westphal

6:00 PM— Father's Day Mass Novena
Peggy Hynes
Courtney & Michael Roop—Special Inten.
Ryan & Wenny Noha—Special Intention

Monday, June 17th

8:30 AM— Father's Day Mass Novena
Thomas Wood—1st Anniversary
Dan Nicholson—1st Anniversary
Mary O'Hagan
Jenna Lipke—Birthday Blessing
Colleen J. Nix

Tuesday, June 18th

8:30 AM— Father's Day Mass Novena
Liam Hanley
Bernice Wisniewski
Colleen J. Nix

Wednesday, June 19th (St. Romuald)

8:30 AM— Father's Day Mass Novena
Susan Murphy
Colleen J. Nix

Thursday, June 20th

8:30 AM— Father's Day Mass Novena
Charles Somers—66th Anniversary
Art Wittbrodt
Shannon Evoy Collins—5th Anniversary
Luke Botica
Bill & Dolores Fitzgerald
Colleen J. Nix

Friday, June 21st (St. Aloysius Gonzaga)

8:30 AM— Father's Day Mass Novena
Roseanne Amberg Jones
Colleen J. Nix

Saturday, June 22nd (St. Paulinus of Nola Sts. John

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix Fisher & Thomas More)
John Stephens
Tom & Kathleen Walsh
John Lahey
Meg Feldner
Father's Day Mass Novena

3:00 PM— Wedding: Kathryn Ward & Mark Stoch

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 23, 2024

Saturday, June 22nd

5:00 PM— Colin Myron
Christine Craven
Robert Gorski
Chuck Siemiawski
John & Genevieve Laskey
Francis J. Pendergast Jr.

Sunday, June 23rd

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer
Martha Richards
Colleen J. Nix

9:30 AM— For the Parishioners
Chester J. Shure
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren Feldner, DDS
Edna Murphy
Dan Dunne
Harold Vineyard—Anniversary Blessing
John Beatty
Jeanne Schoenke
Kathleen Noone

11:30 AM— Kevin Kelly
Cory John Clause—35th Anniversary
Donahue Family
Barbara Delaney
Martin Gianotti

6:00 PM— Father's Day Mass Novena