

# St. Alexander Church

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 1, 2023

## The Palos Catholic



### 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

- Mt 21:32

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## St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

### Parish Administrative Center

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

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

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Knight of Columbus on the Web: ..... [www.kofc14057.org](http://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**

### EUCARIST

#### *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 Vigil: 7:00 PM

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 - Benediction and Eucharistic Adoration for one hour

### 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 mentioned in last week's bulletin, our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. Doors will open at 6:00PM with the Trivia Competition beginning at 7:00PM. It is a great night of fun for people of all ages. Please come early to decorate your table with whatever theme you so choose (favorite sports team, favorite vacation destination, favorite holiday, favorite music group, etc.). A prize will be awarded for the winning table. Know that friends and family members are welcome. If you don't have a team of eight please sign up and we will create a team for you. This is a great way to meet new people and fellow parishioners. The price is \$10 per person which makes this an extremely affordable night and is cheaper than the cost of a movie at the theater. Plus, here you get to bring your own food and beverages without having to sneak it under your coat. Remember no food and beverage will be sold at the event.

Please remember our ushers will be taking our annual attendance count at all Masses this October. Encourage all those fellow Catholics who have fallen away from Sunday liturgy to please attend Mass not only during October, but throughout the whole year. As I stated in last week's bulletin this October count is reported to the Archdiocese and is a testament to the vitality of our parish community.

Unfortunately, over the past several weeks certain individuals have once again been soliciting money from our parishioners as they enter or leave Sunday liturgies. Please know that they do not have our permission to ask for any funds. Unfortunately, at times these people are not in need and are just trying to make a dollar. This may sound harsh, but it is reality. We, at St. Alexander care for the poor and are certainly aware that there are poor people who need assistance. This is why we have our St. Vincent de Paul Society. When you contribute to St. Vincent de Paul the committee meets and decides who is truly in need and helps them accordingly. Throughout the year there are many ways to help the poor by donating to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and our Parish Sharing Tree. In the meantime, let us all keep the poor and the needy in our prayers.

God Bless,  
Father Marty

### 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*



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:

**John Lally**, son of Mary  
**Karyn Mrotek**, daughter of Donna  
**Carolyn Blake-Parker**



**BAPTIZED**

The following children were baptized by Deacon Mike Ciciura on Sunday, September 24, 2023.

**Kane Anthony Martinez**, son of Anthony & Amanda  
**Jameson David Scott**, son of Richard & Theresa

We welcome them into the family of the church and offer their 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 Fran Pendergast or Deacon Jim Horton at 708-448-4861.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK October 2-8, 2023

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| Monday:    | Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29<br>and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10                     |
| Tuesday:   | Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/<br>Lk 9:51-56                                  |
| Wednesday: | Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62                                       |
| Thursday:  | Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/<br>Lk 10:1-12                         |
| Friday:    | Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/<br>Lk 10:13-16                                |
| Saturday:  | Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/<br>Lk 10:17-24                             |
| Sunday:    | Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20<br>(Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-4 |



### 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
Antoinette Gill	Karen Singer
Lenore Neadley	Jennifer Aparo
John Russell	Aggie Sweeney
Carole Holding	

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



A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, “I can’t stand all these converts to the faith. They’re always rocking the boat.” It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of “us” and “them.” The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don’t we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus’ punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn’t get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. “Which did the will of his father?” asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won’t do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do God’s will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let’s reject the convenient but damaging categories of “insiders” and “outsiders.” Instead, let’s embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren’t them. They are us. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

— Father John Muir

Today’s Readings: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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**THE BLESSING  
OF THE PETS**  
with Fr. Colm  
Mitchell and Deacon  
Francis Pendergast  
Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
2:00PM—outside the  
parish lounge

**St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day  
Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Until one has loved an animal,  
part of their soul remains unawakened.*

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
—ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO—  
AWARENESS — SERVICES — PREVENTION

OCTOBER  
**DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE**  
AWARENESS MONTH

WWW.DOMESTICVIOLENCEOUTREACH.ORG



**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!

## COMMUNION MINISTERS

### Saturday, October 7th

5:00 PM— Terry Horvath, Sharon Mundo,  
Dolores Gorski

### Sunday, October 8th

7:30 AM— Pat Karrasch, Ruth Macey, Nancy Foster  
9:30 AM— Rosemary Dziuba, Linda Horton,  
Patti Hartig  
11:30 AM— Tom Stuchly, Guido Cadore  
6:00 PM— Michael Collins, Johanna Jurgens



## READERS

### Saturday, October 7th

5:00 PM— Jan John, Joan DeVito



### Sunday, October 8th

7:30 AM— Mark Foster  
9:30 AM— Debbie Myron, Rich Cruz  
11:30 AM— Ryan Alberts  
6:00 PM— Merrill Jurgens

OCTOBER 2023



*respect life*  
**month**

**LIFE CHAIN—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Today is Life Chain Sunday. Please take 90 minutes today to stand with us as we silently and lovingly proclaim that abortion is not a solution ... it is a critical mistake. We will meet in front of Oberweis on 159th Street between Harlem and 80th Avenues. Please arrive by 2:00PM to pick up your sign, and then display God's love with a warm and welcoming smile to passers-by. See you there!

**Respect Life**

**Pick up a baby bottle,  
help a mother in need.**

Our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefitting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support.

Baby bottles will be available after Masses **TODAY**. Please take a bottle, fill it with your spare change, and return it to the parish by the **OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**.

The bottles cost almost \$1.00 each and are re-used afterward, so please return them with your donation. You may also write a check payable to The Women's Center. Thank you!



## **SAVE THE DATE** **ST. ALEXANDER** **TRIVIA NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ST. ALEXANDER PARISH CENTER**

**RCIA**



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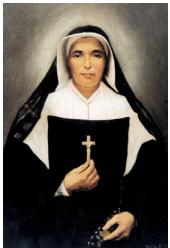
**Are you curious about the Catholic Faith?  
If any of these reasons apply, RCIA might be exactly  
what you're looking for!**

**(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](mailto:mciciura@archchicago.org)**



## FEAST DAY OF ST. THEODORE GUERIN — OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin was born Anne-Thérèse Guerin on Oct. 2, 1798 in Etables, France. She entered the Sisters of Providence in 1823. She educated children and cared for the sick poor in France for 17 years. In July 1840, in response to a request from the bishop of Vincennes, Indiana, Mother Theodore led a group of five Sisters of Providence to the United States to establish a motherhouse and novitiate, to educate children of pioneer families and to care for the sick poor.

After an arduous journey over sea and land, Mother Theodore and her companion sisters finally arrived in the remote forest wilderness of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. The following summer, Mother Theodore opened an academy, now known as Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. In March 1842, she opened a school in Jasper, Indiana. In the years that followed, Mother Theodore established schools, orphanages, and free pharmacies throughout Indiana and Eastern Illinois.

Mother Theodore was canonized by Pope Benedict on Oct. 15, 2006. Shortly after, the newly formed Knights of Columbus council at St. Alexander parish chose her as its patron saint.

### Bulletin Information

Please email your print ready information, in a word, jpeg or pdf file, to Nancy Romano at [nromano33@aol.com](mailto:nromano33@aol.com) no later than 10 days prior to the Sunday in which you would like your information included. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to meet the publisher's deadline.

### 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.

## 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	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
Roger Benda - U.S. Marines	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 Risdan - 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
Anthony Baudo - U.S. Army	Judith Hite - U.S. Army
Michael D. Faloona - National Guard	Jake Soukup - U.S. Army
Isaac & Veronika Baines - U.S. Navy	Gino Albergo - U.S. Army

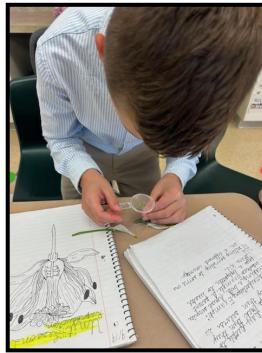




# ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



4th grade students hands-on science activity, exploring plant parts after drawing them in their notebooks



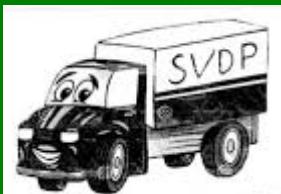
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**ST. ALEXANDER  
SOCIETY OF  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**ST. ALEXANDER  
PARISH  
BUNDLE WEEKEND**



**Friday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**TO SCHEDULE PICKUP OF  
LARGE ITEMS CALL  
(773) 779-6700**

**ITEMS YOU CAN BRING:**

Blankets	Baby Clothes
Pots & Pans	Kitchen Utensils
Silverware	Small Appliances
Jewelry	Clothing (especially men's & boy's)

Instead of throwing stained or worn out clothing in the trash, please donate them to us! We sell bulk quantities to companies that turn them into rags. Please place the items in a separate bag/box marked "RAGS".

Please check the items you are donating prior to dropping them off, as we are unable to search the trailers once they have been loaded.

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT:**

**Bicycles, Computers,  
or Televisions**

**TRAILERS WILL BE IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT**

**FRIDAY: October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00AM—3:00PM**

**SATURDAY: October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00AM—6:00PM**

**SUNDAY: October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00AM—12:30PM**

***THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO HELP OTHERS!***

**WANT TO VOLUNTEER? NEED SERVICE HOURS?**

**Students who need service hours or any adults who are interested in volunteering, please call Joan DeVito at 708-448-4861 or 708-267-5146.**

## WORD OF LIFE

"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



## Spiritual Direction/ Companion Ministry

### Who is God for you?

Are you ready to see God's activity in all things?  
Would you like to explore a deeper experience of God  
through Spiritual Companionship?

I'm Deacon Mike Ciciura and I am a permanent deacon here at St. Alexander's parish and a certified Spiritual Director/Companion. Simply defined, this ministry is one of compassionate, respectful, confidential engagement-listening through conversation about the light of faith. Spiritual Direction/Companionship helps us to see more clearly what God is asking of us and how God is acting in our lives. It's about acknowledging life's great "unfixables"-the things we are unable to change. It's about moving through the mysteries of time, experience, love, mortality, and life.

Spiritual direction/companionship is an ancient ministry. Throughout Hebrew and Christian tradition people sought spiritual counsel. Hermits, Monks, mystics and saints offered spiritual counsel as did those of other faith experiences.

### What is your response to God?

Could you trust me with your sacred story,  
your struggle, your questions?

I'm available in person at St. Alexander's parish,  
by phone or email. Deacon Mike Ciciura 630-243-9342  
mciciura@archchicago.org



## SUNDAY 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.



## E-Giving Made Easy

If you would like to make a one-time electronic donation, please scan this bar code.



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*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.

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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**.

# 2023 St. Alexander Athletic Association Golf Outing

Water's Edge Golf Club  
Friday October 6th, 2023

1pm shotgun start  
\$185.00 per player  
checks payable to:

## St. Alexander Athletic Association

### Includes:

18 holes of golf, lunch at the turn, unlimited beverages on the course,  
2-hour open bar and pizza after golf.

### Sponsorship Opportunities Available

For more information or to request a foursome, please contact:



Joe Livigni:  
[LivigniJoe1@gmail.com](mailto:LivigniJoe1@gmail.com)  
(708) 296-2175

Brian Enright:  
[BEnright4@yahoo.com](mailto:BEnright4@yahoo.com)  
(773) 398-4656

\* All proceeds benefit the St. Alexander Athletic Association

**PALOS**  
HEIGHTS  
FARMERS MARKET

# *Palos Heights* Farmers Market

May 17-October 11  
Wednesdays 8am-1pm  
12217 S. Harlem Ave  
No Market July 5

UNITED Health Insure  
LINK-UP Illinois  
palos M Northwestern Medicine  
CNB LEGACY  
Auto-Owners INSURANCE

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

### 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 beginning in June; “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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# Mass Intentions For The Week



## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 1, 2023

### Saturday, September 30th

- 5:00 PM— For the Parishioners  
 Raymond Schwaller  
 Joseph Sloyan  
 Catherine Wells  
 Raymond & Marion Hunt  
 Caroline Reckwerdt  
 Benjamin Jagodzinski—1st Anniversary

### Sunday, October 1st

- 7:30 AM— Linda Koepke  
 Vincent & Mary Hoban  
 Tom Dombrowski  
 Colleen J. Nix  
 Aggie Palmer  
 9:30 AM— Msgr. C. J. McGillicuddy—42nd Anniv.  
 John Janik  
 Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner  
 Gerald Barry  
 Dr. Loren J. Feldner  
 Meg Feldner  
 Beth King  
 Mike McConville  
 Michael Joseph McGrail  
 Dorothy Dunmore  
 Eugene Crowley  
 11:30 AM— George Lombard  
 Wittenbonn Family  
 Dee Stuchly  
 Irene Haberkorn  
 Jack Schuch  
 Cathy Little Smith  
 Thomas Harney—20th Anniversary  
 6:00 PM— Mary Martin

### Monday, October 2nd (The Holy Guardian Angels)

- 8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
 Joe Punda  
 James Mikulski

### Tuesday, October 3rd

- 8:30 AM— Fr. Patrick M. Clancy, OP—22nd Anniv.  
 Colleen J. Nix  
 Dorothy Janik  
 Diane Maria DiFillips

### Wednesday, October 4th (St. Francis of Assisi)

- 8:30 AM— Joe Macey  
 John Janik  
 Colleen J. Nix  
 Martha Grill  
 Frances & Frank Chwierut  
 Eleanor Chapan  
 Eileen Wilson

### Thursday, October 5th (Saint Faustina Kowalska, Bl.)

- 8:30 AM— Helen Cieplak (Francis Xavier Seelos)  
 Colleen J. Nix  
 Bette Barron

**Friday, October 6th (St. Bruno, Bl. Marie Rose Durocher)**  
 8:30 AM— Lisetta Romeo  
 Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner  
 Dr. Loren J. Feldner  
 Colleen J. Nix  
 Ann & Joseph Malacina

**Saturday, October 7th (Our Lady of the Rosary)**  
 8:00 AM— Theresa Urbanski  
 Pat Carlson  
 Sophia & Walter Feiling  
 Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner  
 Dr. Loren J. Feldner  
 Lisa Nolan  
 Colleen J. Nix

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 8, 2023

### Saturday, October 7th

- 5:00 PM— Shirley Pine—1st Anniversary  
 Eugene McMahon  
 Irene Koenig  
 Dolores & Robert Kramarski  
 Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 Irene Haberkorn  
 Nancy Tarka  
 Benjamin Jagodzinski—1st Anniversary

### Sunday, October 8th

- 7:30 AM— Bernard Ziobro  
 Richard Scodro  
 For the Parishioners  
 Raymond & Marion Hunt  
 Catherine Hoban  
 Colleen J. Nix  
 Aggie Palmer  
 Linda Koepke  
 9:30 AM— Brian Cadore  
 Nancy Tarka  
 Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner  
 Dr. Loren J. Feldner  
 Walter & Mary Smith  
 Tom Grady  
 Michael McConville  
 Dan Nicholson  
 11:30 AM— Dee Stuchly  
 Martin Bergquist—34th Anniversary  
 Jack Schuch  
 Martin McNally  
 6:00 PM— Special Intention

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