

# St. Alexander Church

*Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
November 12, 2023

## The Palos Catholic



### 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!” But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’”  
- Mt 25:11-12

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## St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

### Parish Administrative Center

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

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### St. Alexander School

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

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### Religious Education Office

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

Phone: 708-448-6624

Coordinator of Religious Education: ..... Tyler Ried

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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**

### 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: 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 Saturday, we as a country celebrated Veterans Day. One hundred and five years ago, on November 11, 1918, the Armistice was signed ending World War I. Unfortunately this war, to end all wars, killing millions, led to World War II. For years this day was known as Armistice Day and was eventually changed to Veterans Day. Let's make sure that we all keep in our prayers the millions of men and women who have died, been injured, and those who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America. Many times we take for granted the extreme sacrifices that have been made by millions of brave Americans who have fought for our country, freedom, and the rights not only of our beloved United States, but for the rights of others. Let us never forget these brave individuals who have served our country in the past and those who now serve the United States presently so that we may be free. Let us pray every day that one day war and the unnecessary loss of life will be a thing of the past.

Once again, our Ninth Annual Trivia Night will be held Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. Please consider attending. Doors will open at 6:00PM with the trivia competition beginning at 7:00PM. It's a great night of fun for people of all ages. Know that friends and family members are welcome. If you don't have a team of eight please sign up and we'll create a team. This is a great way to meet new people. The price is \$10 per person which makes this an extremely affordable night since you will be bringing your own food and beverages from home. Reservations and payment can be made at the parish office and tickets will be sold after Masses this weekend. If you plan on coming in the office for your reservation please make sure it is placed by noon this Friday.

As you have probably noticed, we continue to print the "Renew My Church" prayer in the bulletin. We, at St. Alexander Parish went through the first phase of the Renew My Church process two years ago where we as a parish and school remained independent. This was only the structural part of this archdiocesan program. Renew My Church is also a call to renew ourselves as a church and to remind ourselves that we are all called to be disciples of Christ. With that in mind, we must ask ourselves the following questions. Am I a disciple of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to be His disciple? Is there anything holding me back from following Jesus more closely? Do I promote our faith to others in conversations with family, friends, and acquaintances? What exactly is my relationship to the St. Alexander community? How can I as a disciple of Christ strengthen our parish and the Archdiocese of Chicago?

Within the next year we will receive more information from the Archdiocese of Chicago on how we at St. Alexander can refresh not only our parish but our own spirituality. Please pray how you can be a part of this process and reenergize a world which is in need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

God Bless,  
Father Marty



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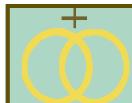
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The following children were baptized by Deacon Fran Pendergast on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

**Thomas Raymond Delaney**, son of Raymond & Kaitlin  
**Blair Elise Kierney**, daughter of Thomas & Michelle  
**Ari Martin Lopez**, son of James & Katelyn  
**Leah Grace Ustanik**, daughter of Michael & Kelley

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



## Wedding Banns

I Kristen Vranicar & Daniel Abbott



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:

**Janice Kurland**, wife of John  
**Peter Wilczak**, father of Thomas

Contact the parish office at 708-448-4861 if you would like a Mass intention for 2023 and 2024.



### 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	Bernadette Wojenik
Eileen Long	Susan Wilson
Ronald Riesbeck	Joe Stachler
Mary Daley	Emily Shewski

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



Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-1

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



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
November 13-19, 2023**

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| Monday:    | Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/<br>Lk 17:1-6  |
| Tuesday:   | Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/<br>Lk 17:7-10  |
| Wednesday: | Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19  |
| Thursday:  | Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130,<br>135, 175/Lk 17:20-25  |
| Friday:    | Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37  |
| Saturday:  | Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,<br>42-43/Lk 18:1-8   |
| Sunday:    | Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3,<br>4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or<br>25:14-15, 19-21 |

**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

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

**Saturday, November 18th**

5:00 PM— Terry Filipiak, Sharon Mundo,  
Joan DeVito

**Sunday, November 19th**

7:30 AM— Bob Straz, Karen McNeal, Ed Sobczak  
9:30 AM— Mary Beth Flynn, Dorothy McCloskey,  
Carol Schuemann  
11:30 AM— Val Thoma, Jim & Pat Fisher  
6:00 PM— Merrill Jurgens, Mike Collins



**READERS**

**Saturday, November 18th**

5:00 PM— Linda Buchanan

**Sunday, November 19th**

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



# St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship

**Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Lounge — 11:30AM  
(please enter on the south side of the lounge)**

**JOIN US FOR A  
SOUP LUNCHEON!**



Keeping with November being a month dedicated to Veterans, Ruth Macey will share with us information on Honor Flight Chicago. Guests are always welcome!

**WORD OF LIFE**

“In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.”

—Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge,  
Chair of the USCCB Committee on  
Pro-Life Activities “Living Radical Solidarity”

Our Knights of Columbus recently delivered 98 winter coats to the children of St. Agnes, our sharing parish in Chicago Heights.



**PASTORAL COUNSELING SERVICES  
AT ST. ALEXANDER PARISH**



**Services for individuals,  
couples & families**

For more information, call  
448-4861 ext. 310

Sr. Claire M. Czerwiec, SSND, LCPC  
*Pastoral Counselor & Spiritual Director*

## St. Alexander Sharing Tree

November 25<sup>th</sup>  
thru December 10<sup>th</sup>

For  
God so  
loved the  
world he gave  
his one and only  
Son that whoever  
believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life  
John  
3:16

The Sharing Tree experience is a long  
and beautiful tradition at St. Alexander.

We ask that you make a monetary  
donation and we will then purchase  
gift cards for the families in need.

Please make your check payable to St.  
Alexander Church and place it in an  
envelope marked "Sharing Tree".

Donations may be mailed, dropped  
off at the parish office, or placed in  
the offertory boxes in the back of

Those being helped this year are families  
in need in our own parish community,  
and families served by the Franciscans of  
The Port Ministries in Chicago.

*During these times of financial difficulties  
your donation will make all the  
difference in someone's  
Christmas celebration. God Bless.*

St. Alexander School - Class of 2024



SUNDAY, NOV. 19TH | AFTER ALL MASSES  
7:30 AM - NOON



Cookies are chewy and cakes are sweet,  
our 8th grade class just can't be beat!

Come buy a tasty treat and support our Class of 2024 fundraiser!

100% of bake sale proceeds will go toward  
the class Graduation activities!

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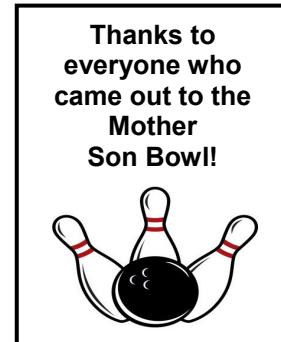
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# ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



## Mass of Healing for those Suffering from Addiction

November 22, 2023  
7pm



**OUR LADY OF THE RIDGE - ST. LINUS PARISH**

St. Linus Church  
10300 Lawler Ave.  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Please contact  
Fr. Ryan Brady  
for more information:  
[rbrady@archchicago.org](mailto:rbrady@archchicago.org)  
708-422-2400

### 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.



### 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!



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH – ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO – AWARENESS—SERVICES—PREVENTION**  
[www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)  
*For Information call 708-215-5418*

## 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
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 Risden - 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

## Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

**HS YM**  
Sunday Night  
**7PM-9PM**  
Dates  
Oct 22nd  
Oct 29th  
Nov 5th  
Nov 12th  
Nov 19th  
Dec 3rd

**JR HIGH YM**  
**6TH & 7TH GRADERS**  
**NOVEMBER 16TH**  
**3PM-5PM**

**For Information on any  
upcoming events, please  
contact:**  
**Tyler Ried**  
**(309)826-2049 (Cell)**  
**Tried@archchicago.org**

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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.

## Stay And Play

Come meet other families in the St.  
Alexander Parish Community!!!

All families are invited to attend the 9:30 AM  
Mass and join us for fellowship in the  
Gym/Parish Center after Mass from 10:30-11:30!!!

Open to all families with  
children newborns through  
5 years old (older siblings  
are welcome)

Snacks and drinks will be  
provided!

Any questions or  
Interested in helping  
Contact: Tyler Ried  
(309) 826-2049 (Cell)  
[Tried@archchicago.org](mailto:Tried@archchicago.org)

**Nov 19th**  
**Dec 17th**  
**Jan 21st**  
**Feb 25th**  
**Mar 17th**  
**Apr 21st**  
**May 19th**



***Thank you to our 2023 St. Alexander Golf Outing Sponsors!!***

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DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM — GAME BEGINS: 7:00PM



# TRIVIA NIGHT ST. ALEXANDER PARISH CENTER SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

BRING YOUR OWN  
BEVERAGES & SNACKS!

TABLE DECORATING  
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Sign up at the after Mass sales or drop off the completed form and payment at the Parish Administrative Office. Access this form online on our webpage — [stalexanderpalos.org](http://stalexanderpalos.org)

Please make checks payable to: St. Alexander

## TRIVIA NIGHT TEAM MEMBERS

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 4: \_\_\_\_\_

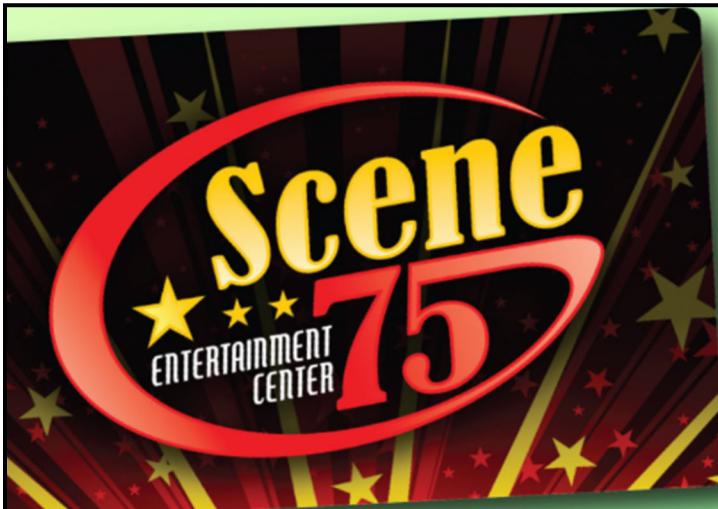
Member 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 6: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 7: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 8: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



-ST. Alexander  
-ST. Walter  
-SES & SSDM

## **YOUTH MINISTRY PARTY! ALL 8TH - HS STUDENTS**

Where: Scene 75 in Romeoville (460 Weber Rd)  
(please drop your child off at the location)

When: Dec 7th 6-9PM

Cost: \$25 per Student

3 Hours unlimited attractions!!

-Go Karts	-Mini Golf
-Laser Tag	-Batting Cages
-Mini Bowling	-Laser Maze

\$15 Game card for arcade games

2 Slices of Pizza and unlimited fountain drink

### **ST. ALEXANDER**

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(309) 826-2049 (Cell)  
or  
[Tried@archchicago.org](mailto:Tried@archchicago.org)

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(708) 986-2446 (Cell)  
or  
[Jsobol@archchicago.org](mailto:Jsobol@archchicago.org)

### **ST. WALTER**

Contact: Evelyn Garfias  
(630) 439-3018

### **Our Lady of the Ridge 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Our Lady of the Ridge Catholic Church will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a faith community at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, November 26. A post-Mass reception with light snacks and refreshments will take place in the church hall. Reception registration requested, visit [ourladyoftheridge.org](http://ourladyoftheridge.org).

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### **Are You A Candidate For Spiritual Direction?**

- 1. Is your experience of faith in transition?**
  - \* Exploring new ideas about your faith
  - \* Picture of God is changing
  - \* Physical place of faith has changed
  - \* Spiritual practices need a review
- 2. Have you experienced a personal loss?**
  - \* Physical loss of a relative, friend, or loved one.
  - \* Loss of material possessions or income
  - \* Loss of special relationship
- 3. Has your self-perception changed?**
  - \* Transition from single to married life
  - \* Beginning a new job or career
  - \* Forced change of career/loss of job
  - \* Desire to become more healthy—physically or spiritually
- 4. Do you feel a yearning for God?**
  - \* Asking where is God in your life experiences
  - \* Desire to pay more attention to your relationship with God
  - \* Desire to pay closer attention to your prayer life

If you are interested learning more about Spiritual Direction, contact Deacon Mike at 630-243-9342 or [mciciura@archchicago.org](mailto:mciciura@archchicago.org)



### **Join us for Symbolon!**

Too often we try to live a faith we don't know or understand. Some of us stumble along with it, going through the motions. Others simply walk away. *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith* explains the essentials of the Catholic Faith in a way that will inform our minds and inspire our hearts.

**Who:** All adult parishioners who want a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith

**When:** Tuesdays from 7-8:30PM  
September 12<sup>th</sup>-November 21<sup>st</sup>

**Where:** Parish Lounge

There is no obligation to attend all sessions.

For more information contact Fr. Mitchell  
[cmitchell@archchicago.org](mailto:cmitchell@archchicago.org)



### **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.

### **Is your marriage tearing you apart? Retrouvaille may be the answer.**

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold or distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you already separated or divorced, but you want to try again — then Retrouvaille is the program that can help you. **Upcoming Weekend Program:** November 17-19—Chicago, IL. For information call 1-800-470-2230 or go to [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org). You may call anonymously or register online. Please be assured that all names are kept in the strictest confidence. No group discussions.

## **Mass Intentions For The Week**

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## NOVEMBER 12, 2023

**Saturday, November 11th**

- 5:00 PM— John Lahey  
Elizabeth Ann Ferencevich  
Tom Basich  
Denise Graney  
John Racila  
Steve Weber—19th Anniversary

Sunday, November 12th

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| 7:30 AM—  | Bernard Ziobro<br>For the Parishioners<br>Catherine Hoban<br>Colleen J. Nix<br>Aggie Palmer<br>Linda Koepke<br>Carol Nilles  |
| 9:30 AM—  | Brian Cadore<br>Raymond & Marion Hunt<br>Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner SGM<br>Dr. Loren J. Feldner<br>Linda Barcelona<br>Peter & Frances Feldner<br>Gerry Pannaralla<br>Joan Bagniewski<br>Joanne Schwabe |
| 11:30 AM— | Richard Ciesler<br>Irene Haberkorn<br>Karyn Mrotek<br>The Lally Family<br>Al Leonard<br>Sally MacFarlane   |
| 6:00 PM—  | Nicholas Thies   |

## **Monday, November 13th** (St. Francis Xavier Cabrini)

- 8:30 AM— Macey-Kavanaugh Family  
Mark Toth  
Denise Graney  
Colleen J. Nix

Tuesday, November 14th

- 8:30 AM— Eileen Kenneally  
Colleen J. Nix  
John Lally

## Wednesday, November 15th (St. Albert the Great)

- 8:30 AM—Dee Stuchly  
William E. Fitzgerald—4th Anniversary  
Colleen J. Nix  
Alex Liceaga—Birthday Blessing

**Thursday, November 16th** (St. Margaret of Scotland;

- 8:30 AM—Dorothy Janik  
Colleen J.Nix  
Nancy Tarka  
Bishop Kevin Birmingham

**Friday, November 17th (St. Elizabeth of Hungary)**

- 8:30 AM—Cara Daly  
Caroline Reckwerdt  
Colleen J. Nix

**Saturday, November 18th** (*The Dedication of the  
Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine*

- 8:00 AM— Liam Hanley                      Duchesne)  
Colleen J. Nix

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## NOVEMBER 19, 2023

**Saturday, November 18th**

- 5:00 PM— Helen & Joseph Hertko  
Eleanor O'Neil  
Arlene Benzie  
Robert Fisher  
Eileen Corcoran  
Ken & Eleanore Reilly

Sunday, November 19th

- 7:30 AM— Judy McCarthy  
Johanna Hoban  
Aggie Palmer  
Linda Koepke  
Bob Hallberg—4th Anniversary  
Cynthia Plescher  
Matthew Murphy

9:30 AM— For the Parishioners  
Meg Feldner  
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner SGM  
Dr. Loren J. Feldner  
Beth King  
Thomas Grady  
William Hoelscher  
Dr. Robert Novak  
Edward Gildea  
Joanne Schwabe

11:30 AM— Bergquist & Donovan Family  
Raymond & Marion Hunt  
John Lally  
Margaret Bruckner—5th Anniversary

6:00 PM— Special Intention

## 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***