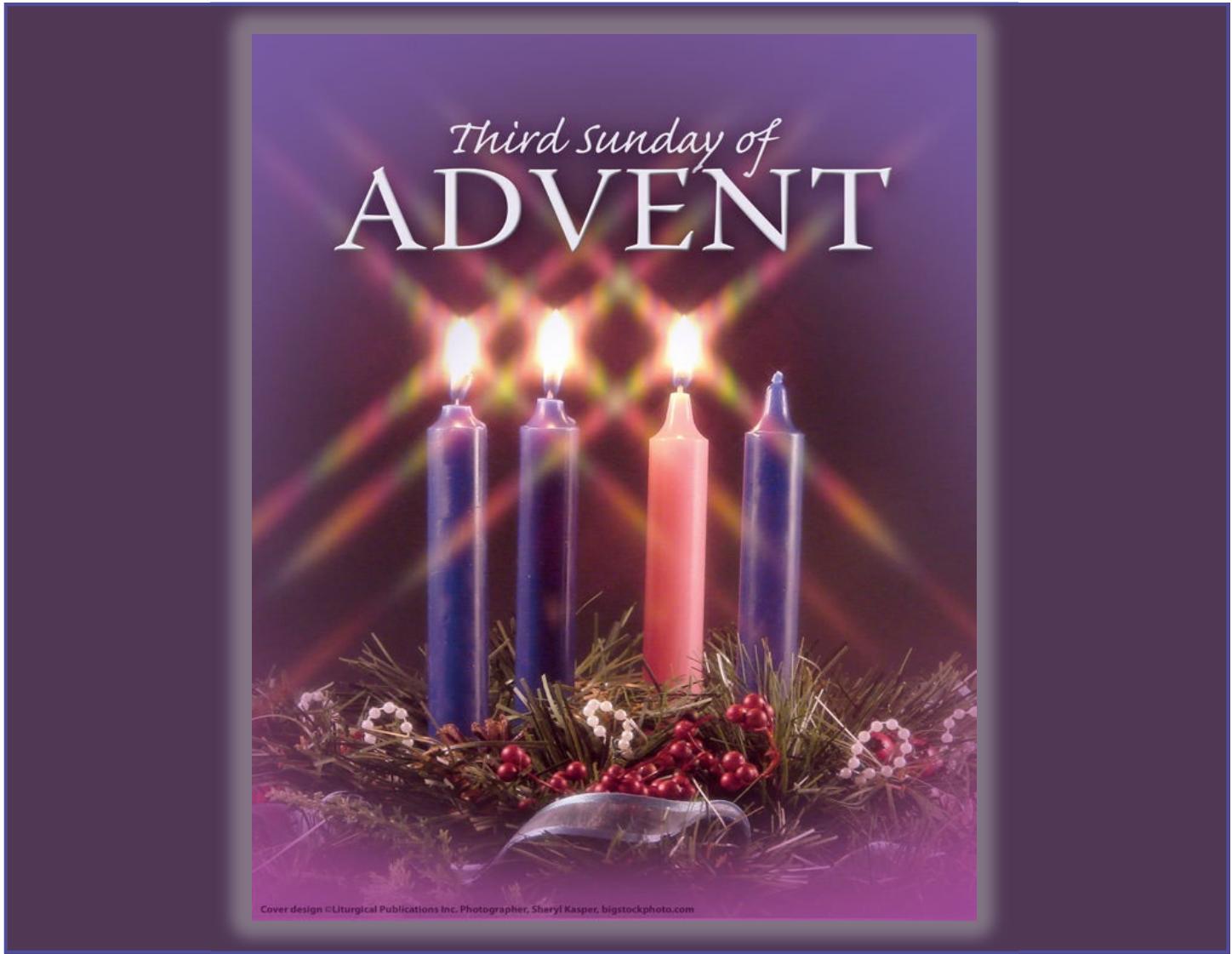


St. Alexander Church

Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023

The Palos Catholic



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

Deacons: Jim Horton, Michael Ciciura, Fran Pendergast

Director Parish Home & Health Ministry: Jim Horton ext. 232

Operations Manager: Paula Somers ext. 233

Director of Music: Matthew Berardi ext. 224

Youth Minister: Tyler Ried—708- 448-6624

Athletic Director Michael Kennedy

Counseling Center: 708-448-4861 ext.310

Director: Sr. Claire Marie Czerwiec, SSND, LCPC

Parish E-Mail: alchurch1@comcast.net

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

St. Alexander School

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

Phone: 708-448-0408 Fax: 708-448-5947

Principal: Sharon O'Toole

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School Web: www.stalexanderschool.com

School E-Mail: info@stalexanderschool.com

Religious Education Office

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

Phone: 708-448-6624

Coordinator of Religious Education: Tyler Ried

Religious Ed. E-Mail: tried@archchicago.org

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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

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,

Many thanks to St. Alexander's Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul who sponsored our Holiday Food Drive and to all our parishioners that were so generous in donating food this year. Due to your caring generosity many families received a nourishing meal in order to celebrate Thanksgiving. Many times we take the gifts and possessions that we have for granted when many people in our own country, and throughout the world, are homeless and are hungry each and every day. As Pope Francis reminds us, we must always remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves and share our gifts with our neighbor.

On page six of our bulletin is the schedule of our Christmas Masses and liturgies for our Christmas season. Due to popular demand we have two 3:00PM Masses on Christmas, one in the church and one in the parish center. On Sunday, December 31st there will be no 6:00pm evening Mass. January 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year so Mass will be celebrated on Monday at our regularly scheduled 8:30AM time.

Oplatki, the Christmas Wafer, is available in the back of church and for purchase at the parish office. The donation is \$3.00.

One of my least favorite Christmas carols is the Twelve Days of Christmas. Because for me who in the world gives away ten leaping lords or eleven piping pipers? I'll take the five golden rings any day. Last year someone emailed me information about the real meaning behind this carol. I found it to be quite enlightening and interesting.

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

1. The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
2. Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
3. Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
4. The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
5. The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
6. The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
7. Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
8. The eight maids a-Milking were the eight beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
10. The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.
11. The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
12. The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

This certainly makes me appreciate this carol more now knowing its history and background. But still, I'll take Hark the Herald Angels Sing over this carol any day.

God Bless,
Father Marty



II Emma Somers & Leo Heinz



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:

Mary Forde, aunt of James Lally
Mary Moss



READINGS FOR THE WEEK December 18-24, 2023

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| Monday: | Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
Mt 1:18-25 |
| Tuesday: | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17/Lk 1:5-25 |
| Wednesday: | Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 1:26-38 |
| Thursday: | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,
11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45 |
| Friday: | 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56 |
| Saturday: | Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14/Lk 1:57-66 |
| Sunday: | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-3 |



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	Emily Shewski
Jaiden Trevino	Jeanette Budinger
Pat Potokar	Marian Conway
Paul Pendergast	

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.

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.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

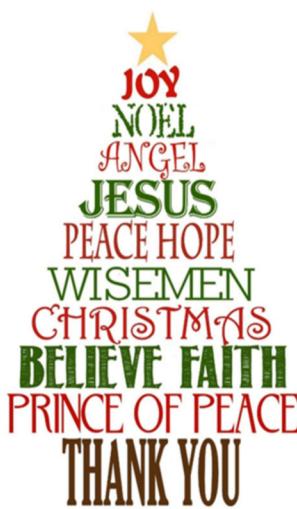
Available in the church vestibule after all weekend Masses or in the Parish Office during regular business hours.
DONATION: \$3/PACKET



It's Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday!



Light the third (rose-colored) candle on your Advent wreath. On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.



ST. ALEXANDER SHARING TREE THANK YOU!

Our Parish families were once again very generous to families in need at Christmas. Your donations will truly help make it a special Christmas for many. God Bless and Merry Christmas!

WORD OF LIFE

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



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!

GOD BE IN MY HEAD

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00 PM—Sharon Mundo, Dolores Gorski



Sunday, December 24th

7:30 AM—Bob Straz, Nancy Foster, Susan Chillmon

9:30 AM—Pat Karrasch, Wendy Loftus, Patti Hartig

11:30 AM—Rosemary Dziuba, Tom Stuchly

READERS

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00 PM—Linda Buchanan, Jan John



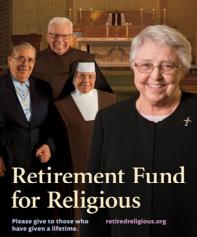
Sunday, December 24th

7:30 AM—Mark Foster, Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM—Linda Horton

11:30 AM—Mary Lally, Joan DeVito

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

*St. Alexander
String Quartet*

*St. Alexander's String Quartet
will be performing a concert
half an hour before the
5:00 PM and 10:00 PM Masses
on Christmas Eve.*

*Also the 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, and
11:30 AM Masses on Christmas Day.*

*Come listen to the
magnificent music as we
glorify the newborn King!*



The holiday season
can be especially difficult
for some people.
Check in with someone
who might need
your help.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

***Christmas Vigil
December 24th***

3:00 PM — Church
3:00 PM — Parish Center
5:00 PM — Church
10:00 PM — Church

***Christmas Day
December 25th***

7:30 AM — Church
9:30 AM — Church
11:30 AM — Church

***Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph***

December 30th 5:00 PM

December 31st 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

***Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
January 1st 8:30 AM***

* Not a Holy Day of Obligation

- Please note there is no 6:00 PM evening Mass on December 31st



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



The PreK 3 kids got into the Christmas spirit making Christmas trees with their 6th grade Prayer buddies.



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Spiritual Direction

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



ST. ALEXANDER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MINISTRY

The mission of the Domestic Violence Ministry of St. Alexander Parish is to raise awareness of domestic violence in our parish; to promote the development and delivery of services in our community; and to advocate for the prevention of domestic violence through education and parish activities.

If you need help contact:

- National DV Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- Illinois DV Helpline: 1-877-TOENDDV (1-877-863-6338)
- Crisis Center for South Suburbia: 1-708-429-SAFE (7233)

St. Alexander School took part in the Palos Heights Tree Decorating Contest. Be sure to stop by the Community Park (across from City Hall) and check-out the wonderful ornaments made by our intermediate grade students!





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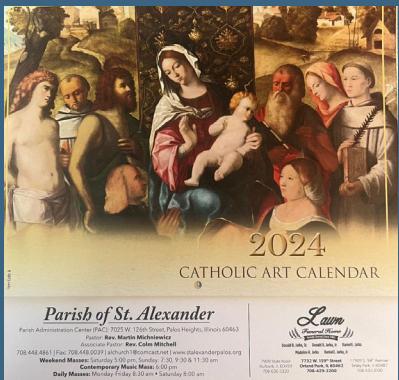
It's EASY and FREE to register!

1. Visit formed.org/signup
2. Enter our parish zip or name
3. Enter your name and email
4. Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

LEGACY PLANNING

Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish when you update your estate plans. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations.

Prepare or update your will or trust today by contacting an attorney. For sample bequest language, contact Fr. Marty at 708-448-4861.



2024 PARISH CALENDARS

Thanks to the generosity of
Lawn Funeral Home,
we continue to offer our Parish Calendars!
They are available in the back of church
or in the parish office.

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

If any parish ministry or organization would like to have an announcement made at Mass we ask that you please have the information to the office by noon on Friday. This allows us to compile the books we need for weekend liturgies by the end of Friday. Also, please limit announcements to one or two sentences.



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Please visit 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

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

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

HS YM
Sunday Night

7PM-9PM
Dates

Dec 12th
Dec 17th
Jan 7th
Jan 21st
Jan 28th

JR HIGH YM
6TH & 7TH GRADERS
DECEMBER 14TH
JANUARY 18TH
3PM-5PM

For Information on any upcoming events, please contact:
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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
Conor Knapp - U.S. Army	



Honor Flight Chicago

The American veteran is one of our greatest treasures—the men and women who answered our nation's call, especially at times of our greatest need. At Honor Flight Chicago, our mission is to thank and pay tribute to these heroes—especially our World War II and Korean War veterans—by bringing them to Washington, D.C. for a day of honor and remembrance at no cost to them. There are an estimated 25,000 WWII veterans living in the Chicagoland area—and we want to reach and honor each and every one. As you reflect on all that our WWII veterans have done for us, please consider what you can do for them—before they pass into history.

Refer a WWII or Korean War Veteran so we can invite him or her to an upcoming flight. **Volunteer your time** to help us with our flight logistics and other important tasks. **Make a donation** to help us bring as many vets to Washington as we can—the cost is approximately \$500 per veteran. **For a Veteran Application** visit www.honorflightchicago.com or call 773-227-8387.

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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*

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448-4861 ext. 310

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

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St. Alexander Youth Ministry



ST. ALEXANDER PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you know someone who needs to be remembered? Do you have a relative, friend or neighbor who needs to know someone is praying for them?

We have a gift for you. St. Alexander's Prayer Shawl Ministry has handmade shawls and blankets that have been blessed, and are available to anyone who needs them. You just need to pick them up. They are available to all parishioners at the Parish Administrative Center during normal business hours.

A Prayer for "Renew My Church"

*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

Congratulations to Week 1 Winners



Card #224 - 3G004

Winner: Roger Alice Carrera

Paid \$25

Ticket sold by: Carrera family

Card #787 – 3G004

Winner: Berle Littmann

Paid \$25

Ticket sold by: Littmann family

Card #1364 - 3G004

Winner: Tony Hastings

Paid \$25

Ticket sold by: Segreti family

Congratulations to Week 2 Winners



Card #209 - 3G004

Winner: Thomas Cachor

Paid \$25

Ticket sold by: Cachor family

Card #490 – 3G004

Winner: Debra Morge-Erickson

Paid \$25

Ticket sold by: Erickson family

Card #1168 - 3G004

Winner: Agnes Phillips

Paid \$25

Ticket sold by: Phillips family



CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE....STOCK UP NOW!!!

It's time to start stocking up on SAVE! We have many retailers and restaurants, both local and national, to help make your holiday shopping easier. Gift cards make great gifts!

DID YOU KNOW.... SAVE is a program where you can buy gift cards or certificates for many retailers and restaurants, both local and national. Pick up a list of participating vendors or check out all our SAVE vendors on the website www.raiseright.com. This site has many additional vendors to choose from; besides those carried in-house. The order procedure for these cards is the same as a regular SAVE order.

Orders may be dropped off at the Parish Administrative Center Monday thru Wednesday, during normal business hours 9:00AM-5:00PM or through the school. Pick up completed orders at the Parish Administrative Center after Noon on Thursday or during sale hours in the Parish Activity Room on Sunday from 10:15 - 11:30AM.

The credit you receive for your SAVE purchases can be applied towards tuition payments or fees at any educational facility; grade school through college — public or private. It can even be applied to pay off college loans!! You may also choose to have the credit returned directly to you. The school is also a beneficiary of the SAVE program!

THE LAST DAY TO PURCHASE SAVE FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

WILL BE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH FROM 10:15—11:30AM!

LAST DAY FOR SPECIAL ORDERS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

TRAVELING OVER THE HOLIDAYS? MASS TIMES WHILE OUT OF TOWN

There are free iPhone apps available that give church locations and Mass times all over the country; *Catholic Mass Times Church Directory* and *Mass Times for Travel*. Or visit the websites www.masstimes.org or www.findaparish.com.

Congratulations to Week 3 Winners



Card #777 - 3G004
Winner: Jessica Bolek
Paid \$25
Ticket sold by: Levine family

Card #629 – 3G004
Winner: Katie Stahulak
Paid \$25
Ticket sold by: Hach family

Card #694 - 3G004
Winner: Lara Jafilan
Paid \$25
Ticket sold by: Jafilan family

Card #891 – 3G004
Winner: Michael Harwood
Paid \$25
Ticket sold by: Mayer family

Card #933 - 3G004
Winner: Jeff McGee
Paid \$25
Ticket sold by: McGee family

Congratulations to Week 4 Winners



Card #329 - 3G004
Winner: Karen O'Shea
Paid \$25
Ticket sold by: Denton family

Card #170 – 3G802
Winner: Judith Sweas
Paid \$25
Ticket sold by: Strzempa family

Congratulations to Week 5 Winners



Card #1035 - 3G004
Winner: Joaquin Flores
Paid \$25
Ticket sold by: Novak family

Card #683 – 3G802
Winner: Phil McGovern
Paid \$25
Ticket sold by: Hughes family

Card #57 – 3G802
Winner: Christine Augustyn
Paid \$25
Ticket sold by: Augustyn family

Mass Intentions For The Week



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 17, 2023

Saturday, December 16th

5:00 PM— Peggy Boyle
Nancy Tarka
Mary Ann DeLorenzo
Ken & Eleanore Reilly
Jennifer Aparo
Ray & Dorothy Majdecki
Jeanette & William Schuble
Bill Schuble Jr.
Joe Schuble

Sunday, December 17th

7:30 AM— Judy McCarthy
For the Parishioners
Sr. Regina
Johanna Hoban
Aggie Palmer
Linda Koepke
Matt & Arlene Sobczak
Colleen J. Nix
9:30 AM— Jim Thome
Gerald O'Brien—1st Anniversary
Clara Doyle
Raymond & Marion Hunt
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner SGM
Dr. Loren J. Feldner
Ed McGuire
11:30 AM— Dan Donovan
Jerome Dillon—11th Anniversary
Gloria Dillon
John Lally
Norbert Putlak
Kathi Engelman
William Sokolowski
6:00 PM— Walsh Family—Special Intention

Monday, December 18th

8:30 AM— Mary Somers—2nd Anniversary
Liam Hanley
Mary & Charles Somers
Colleen J. Nix
James McGuffage
Anna & Bill Sokolowski

Tuesday, December 19th

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Anna & Bill Sokolowski

Wednesday, December 20th

8:30 AM— Mary Murphy O'Connell
Tony & Lisetta Romeo
Paul & Mary Ann Follenweider
Colleen J. Nix

Thursday, December 21st (St. Peter Canisius)

8:30 AM— John Casserly
Colleen J. Nix

Friday, December 22nd

8:30 AM— Peggy Keenan
Colin Myron
Colleen J. Nix

Saturday, December 23rd (St. John of Kanty)

8:00 AM— John J. Casey
Joseph A. Feldner
Colleen J. Nix

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 24, 2023

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00 PM— Chuck Fabing
Colin Myron
Jennifer Aparo
Dee O'Leary
Anne Trecek

Sunday, December 24th

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer
Linda Koepke
Joe, Virg, & Rick Potempa
Colleen J. Nix
Emma Somers & Leo Heinz
9:30 AM— For the Parishioners
Helen Jablonski
Robert M. Pikula
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner SGM
Dr. Loren J. Feldner
Dalia Santuras
Dan Nicholson
11:30 AM— Marie Hohmer
Raymond & Marion Hunt
William Sokolowski

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Sunday, December 24th



3:00 PM— Church: Maureen Balich, Mary Ceebin,
Mike Collins
3:00 PM— Parish Center: Nancy Dougherty,
Joan Obiala, Sharon Mundo
5:00 PM— Guido Cadore
10:00 PM— Denise Ciciura

Monday, December 25th

7:30 AM— Nancy Foster, Susan Chillmon,
Karen McNeal
9:30 AM— Dorothy McCloskey, Wendy Loftus,
Rosemary Dziuba
11:30 AM— Tom Stuchly, Mary Beth Flynn

READERS

Sunday, December 24th



3:00 PM— Church: John & Grace Donovan
3:00 PM— Parish Center: Joan DeVito
5:00 PM— Paula Somers, Linda Buchanan
10:00 PM— Charlie Smith, Joan DeVito

Monday, December 25th

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski, Mark Foster
9:30 AM— Rich Cruz
11:30 AM— James Clark