

# St. Alexander Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 17, 2025

## The Palos Catholic



### 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three.”

- Lk 12:50-52

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## St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

### Parish Administrative Center

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

Phone: 708-448-4861

Pastor: ..... Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227  
Associate Pastor: ..... Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223  
Deacons: ..... Jim Horton, Michael Ciciura, Fran Pendergast  
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Operations Manager: ..... Paula Somers ext. 233  
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### St. Alexander School

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

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

Principal: ..... Sharon O'Toole  
Administrative Assistant: ..... Mary Ann Pellicore  
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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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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**

#### **OCIA** *Celebration of the Order 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 (OCIC) and teens (OCIT).

**OCIA/OCIC/OCIT 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

#### **Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

On the 1st Wednesday of the month

6:00-7:00PM in the Church

### 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 times throughout the year you will notice the initials OCIA mentioned in the bulletin. OCIA stands for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a program designed for adults who are interested in joining the Catholic faith. The OCIA program also helps those who are in need of sacraments. This program is geared to those who have never been baptized, those who were baptized in another faith or those who are in need of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist or Confirmation. This year's OCIA classes will begin in October and conclude a few weeks after the Easter Vigil in 2026. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the Catholic faith or receiving any sacraments, please contact our OCIA director, Deacon Mike Ciciura at 708-448-4861.

As I stated in last week's bulletin St. Alexander School will return on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, Religious Education program begins in September, and many young people are returning to college. It seems like just yesterday I was celebrating the graduation Mass for the eighth grade Class of 2025 and celebrated liturgies for the kindergarten and preschool graduations. As I grow older in years (not necessarily more mature) I realize how quickly time flies by. This reminds me that all of us should embrace each and every day as a gift from God. Sometimes we concern ourselves too much with what we're going to do next week or next month and fail to embrace the current moment we are living in. Thinking too far in the future causes us a lot of undue worry and anxiety. Sure we have to plan for the future but if we don't live and enjoy the gift of the present, we can waste many opportunities to enjoy the people in our lives and the simple pleasures of life. Let us slow down and give thanks to God each and every day for every moment we have on earth and enjoy it as much as we can. If we don't, we will soon all be looking at our sidewalks and mumbling to ourselves "I can't believe it snowed three inches last night and I have to shovel".

This weekend we celebrate Mission Sunday at St. Alexander Parish and are blessed to have a member of the Order of The Sisters of the Imitation of Christ (aka Bethany Sisters). Currently the Order brings the word of God to those in need in nine countries in four different continents. The congregation was established in September of 1925 and was raised into pontifical status in August of 1956. The sisters run many missions in remote areas where children are deprived of basic education and many families face economic hardship. The sisters provide early education for over fifty children in each village they serve, but they need help to build a permanent study center. Your support will provide children with a safe space to learn, grow, and build a bright future. The Bethany Sisters will share the importance of being generous to the missions as we as a Catholic church continue to grow throughout the world bringing the word of Christ and meeting the temporal needs of people who are in need. Today's second collection will be for the missions. If you forgot your envelope you can place it in next week's collection.

Please mark your calendar for this year's Annual Parish Picnic which will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Food (hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, water, etc.) will all be free of charge. There will be plenty of activities for both children and adults. We will also have a DJ to provide music, the egg toss, musical chairs, our popcorn machine, Bingo, and ice cream for dessert. This is the perfect opportunity for us to gather as parishioners of all ages to celebrate God's gift that we have here at St. Alexander Parish.

God Bless,  
Father Marty

**Do you attend Mass regularly, but crave something more?** Using the new Pilgrimage app, you can journey through Scripture with friends, and your group. Your group will have access to a message board, which enables you to ask questions, start discussions, share content and connect with fellow group members, all from within the app. Learn more: [www.pilgrimage.americanbible.org/](http://www.pilgrimage.americanbible.org/)



## PRAY FOR THOSE SOON TO BE MARRIED

- III Laura Flerick & Peter Jahn
- II Kathryn Sodetz & Leslie Bates III
- II Mary Elen Wood & Giovani Tomada



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 Allen, sister of Cindy Kmetty
- Jane E. Hurley, mother of Pat

## WORD OF LIFE

"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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:

Lisa Krisik	Paul Lunter
Mary Egan	Molly Flynn
Hedie Alt	Mary Ann Hunt

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

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth on fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

August 18-24, 2025

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



**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!

**NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE!**

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**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.

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

**Saturday, August 23rd**

5:00 PM— Steve Lukasik, Maureen Balich,  
Terri Filipiak

**Sunday, August 24th**

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski, Sue Murphy,  
Karen McNeal  
9:30 AM— Rosemary Dziuba, Carol Schuemann,  
Nancy Dougherty, Patti Hartig (LG)  
11:30 AM— Patricia Klaus

6:00 PM—



**READERS**

**Saturday, August 23rd**

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers, Linda Buchanan

**Sunday, August 24th**

7:30 AM— Paula Somers  
9:30 AM— Rich Cruz, Ryan Alberts  
11:30 AM— Joan DeVito  
6:00 PM— James Clark



# St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship

**Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Parish Lounge — 11:30AM  
(use lounge doors on the south end of building)**

**Take me out  
to the ballgame!**  
Come and enjoy a hot  
dog and share your  
baseball memories!  
Show your team spirit.  
Team shirts, hats or just  
their team colors.  
All are welcome!



**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

**WELCOME TO ST. ALEXANDER!**

We extend a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors who have graced us with their presence at today's liturgy. We hope that you feel at home here; please let us know if we can be of any assistance while you are with us.

**Prayer to Begin the Day**

Lord God, may everything we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your help, so that all of our work today will bring us closer to you. Guide us in our work today, that we may do it not for ourselves alone, but for the common good of all.

We ask this in your name. Amen.

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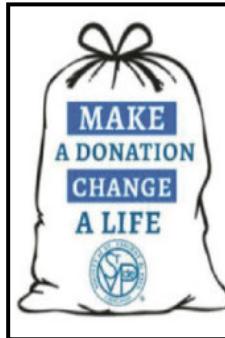
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## *to choose Catholic Schools*





**St. Al's Gals Present**  
**What's Your Purse-onality?**  
**By: Deb DiSandro**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 PM**



**ST. ALEXANDER**  
**BUNDLE WEEKEND**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

## BULLETIN INFORMATION

Any flyers, photos, or information submitted for the bulletin must be received in the Parish Office no later than 10 days prior to the bulletin publication date. Anything submitted after that time frame may not be included until a later date.

Please email your print ready information, in a word, jpeg or pdf file, to [nromano33@aol.com](mailto:nromano33@aol.com). The information will be used as space in the bulletin is available.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to meet the deadlines required by our publisher!

Contact the parish office if you would like to have a Mass intention for 2025 or 2026. Please note that Mass intentions are not just for the deceased but for anyone you would like to include in prayer.

## 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.

## EXCITING NEWS FOR THE PARISH OF ST. ALEXANDER!

Commencing this Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, and every third Thursday of the month, we invite you to study the Catholic Bible, diving into both the Old and New Testaments.



We will be meeting in Room 311 of the church/school building from 2:00-3:30PM. All are welcome to join. Please bring your Bible, love of faith to learn, study, and discuss and understand the greatest book ever written.

**WE'RE SO LOOKING FORWARD TO SHARING  
 THE BILE WITH YOU ON AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>**

## **New & Exciting Things are Happening at St. Alexander Parish!**



Starting in September we are introducing a **Community Dinner** once a month on a Tuesday. The church will purchase the food but we will need some volunteers and ideas to get it off the ground and keep it going.

Also, starting in October on the first Sunday of the month we will have **Hospitality** after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Mass. A few volunteers to help with this would also be appreciated. If you want more information, or to offer your assistance, call Paula Somers at 708-448-4861

## **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
Andrew Cleland - U.S. Army	Alan Filipiak - U.S. Navy
John Hoban III - U.S. Army	Mark Filipiak - U.S. Marines
A. Amanda Cleland - U.S. Air Force	Joshua Bramlett 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	

**Thanksgiving after Mass****Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

O Mary, Virgin and Mother most holy, behold, I have received your most dear Son, whom you conceived in your immaculate womb, brought forth, nursed and embraced most tenderly.

Behold him at whose sight you used to rejoice and be filled with all delight: him, whom, humbly and lovingly, once again I present and offer him to you to be clasped in your arms, to be loved by your heart, and to be offered up to the Most Holy Trinity as the supreme worship of adoration, for your own honor and glory and for my needs and for those of the whole world. I ask you therefore, most loving Mother: entreat for me the forgiveness of all my sin and, in abundant measure, the grace of serving him in the future more faithfully, and at last, final grace, so that with you I may praise him for all the ages of ages. Amen.

**SUNDAY SALES****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.



Scroll down to "One-Time Gifts" and enter the amount and type of payment. It's that simple!



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](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll securely online. Or, download the Faith Direct app onto your smartphone. Our parish code is **IL910**.

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(JR High/ High School)**

**-Stay and Play**



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# ST. ALEXANDER PARISH PICNIC

Join fellow parishioners in a celebration of faith & family!

**Festivities include:**

- Dance Factory DJ
- Annual Egg Toss Contest
- Bingo
- Hula Hoop Contest

**New this year:**

- **Gaga Ball**
- **9 Square in the Air**



**Bring Your Own  
Lawn Chairs  
& B.Y.O.B.**

**Enjoy complimentary water, along with burgers, hot dogs, brats, chips, ice cream and popcorn prepared by the parish staff from 1:00-4:00**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
12:30–5:00 pm**

**All parishioners  
are welcome!**

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Sponsors Needed!

### Qualities of an OCIA Sponsor:

- Be a model of faith, hope and love by being an active Catholic
  - Comfortable relating to others
  - Balanced spiritually and love for the Church

### Responsibilities of an OCIA Sponsor:

- Keep regular contact with the candidate
  - Encourage the candidate
  - Listen to the candidate's faith story
- Sharing time and experiences in a friendly way
- Participate in at least half of the OCIA sessions
  - Pray for the candidate

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact  
Deacon Mike at [mciciura@archchicago.org](mailto:mciciura@archchicago.org) or 630-243-9342



**Are you curious about the Catholic Faith?**

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

**(OCIA means The Order 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 OCIA 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)**

# St. Alexander Athletic Association Presents The 2025 St. Alexander Golf Outing

George Dunn National Golf Course  
Friday, September 5th

1pm shotgun start  
\$175.00 per player

All pertinent information including: reservations  
and payment for golf, please visit the website  
<https://birdease.com/Raiders>  
or use QR Code below

Sponsorship Opportunities also available via website

Updated 2025 code 



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



For more information, please contact:  
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[LivigniJoe1@gmail.com](mailto:LivigniJoe1@gmail.com)  
(708) 296-2175

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

## Low-Gluten Hosts

At the 9:30AM Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Communion will be available with low-gluten hosts. The Extraordinary Minister will be located at the entrance of the ramp which leads to the sanctuary on the side where the statue of our Blessed Virgin is presented.

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Our Advertisers*

There will be an **Evening of Recollection for Women** on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-9:00 pm in St. Linus Church given by a priest of Opus Dei.

The recollection will include several short talks, Adoration and Benediction, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All women are welcome!



## NEAT REPEATS RESALE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Make a real difference in the lives of those affected by domestic violence by volunteering at Neat Repeats! Just five hours a week at one of our stores in Orland Park or Worth can create lasting change. We are in great need of volunteers on Monday's from 2-7pm and Saturday's. Every task helps support our mission - and the people who need it most. Volunteering is more than just giving your time - it's a chance to connect with others, build new skills, and be part of something truly impactful. Plus it's fun and incredibly rewarding!

All sales at Neat Repeats Resale benefit the clients served by the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, a non-profit domestic violence agency.

For additional information, call (708) 429-7255, option 5 or e-mail [volunteer@crisisctr.org](mailto:volunteer@crisisctr.org)



## JAN KARSKI POLISH SCHOOL at St. Alexander Parish



For everyone looking to connect with their Polish heritage or learn Polish language, history, culture and religion.

### Registration:

August 23rd 9:00am-12:00pm

August 27th 6pm -8pm@lobby



ph. 708-289-8640

[www.szkolakarskiego.org](http://www.szkolakarskiego.org)



*Polska Szkoła im. Jana Karskiego ZAPRASZA*

# Mass Intentions For The Week



## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 17, 2025

### Saturday, August 16th

5:00 PM— Bill O'Mara  
Eleanor & Gustav Heinenmann  
Jennifer Aparo  
Matthew Ouimet  
Dale Yukich  
Eleanore & Ken Reilly

### Sunday, August 17th

7:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Chet & Thomas Chwierut  
Judy McCarthy  
Irene Brajner  
Michael King  
Jeremiah King  
Catherine Hoban  
9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt  
Brian Cadore  
Don & Mary Tadda  
Bunny Rivoli  
Robert Celio  
11:30 AM— Bronislawa & Ludwik Kopec  
Anelia & Ludwik Karwaczka  
Ed Obiala  
Tom Scanlon  
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

### Monday, August 18th

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
John Hayes  
Patricia Hayes

### Tuesday, August 19th (St. John Eudes)

8:30 AM— Rosemary Beran  
Thomas Chwierut—1st Anniversary  
Colleen J. Nix  
Chet Chwierut  
Jennifer Aparo

### Wednesday, August 20th (St. Bernard)

8:30 AM— Kevin Reynolds Sr.  
Colleen J. Nix  
Lorraine Wittbrodt—5th Anniversary  
Michael Devine  
William & Sandy Macey & Family—Sp. Int.  
Linda Pocius

### Thursday, August 21st (St. Pius X, Pope)

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix  
Joseph Pajda

### Friday, August 22nd (The Queenship of the Blessed

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix *Virgin Mary*  
Tom & Kathleen Walsh  
Linda Koepke  
Linda Pocius

### Saturday, August 23rd (St. Rose of Lima)

8:00 AM— Dorothy Cusak  
Colleen J. Nix  
Robert Ward  
Daniel Girzadas Sr.  
Thomas & Chet Chwierut  
2:00 PM— Wedding: Laura Flerick & Peter Jahn

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 24, 2025

### Saturday, August 23rd

5:00 PM— Joseph DiSomma  
Dale M. Yukich  
Marcy Nelson  
Jim Foskett

### Sunday, August 24th

7:30 AM— James Grzeczka  
Colleen J. Nix  
Chet Chwierut  
Irene Brajner  
Helen King  
Jack King  
Johanna Hoban  
Thomas Chwierut  
Jeffrey Williams  
Robert James Plescher  
Margaret & John Feil  
9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt  
Paul Domico  
August Arrigo  
James Zawaski  
Don & Mary Tadda  
11:30 AM— Berquist & Donovan Families  
Janeen Pikula  
Thomas McInerney  
Michael Belczak  
Tom Scanlon  
Linda Pocius  
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners  
Phyllis Netzel

## PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GRACE

O glorious Mother of God, Our Lady of Grace,  
hear my humble prayers, seeking your maternal  
intercession in obtaining from the Heart of Jesus,  
your Divine Son, all the graces and favors  
necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare,  
and for the special needs I now place before you.  
(Here mention your intentions.)

O Heavenly Queen, be my comfort, hope, strength  
and consolation as, through God's goodness and  
mercy, I await the great day of glory. Amen.



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