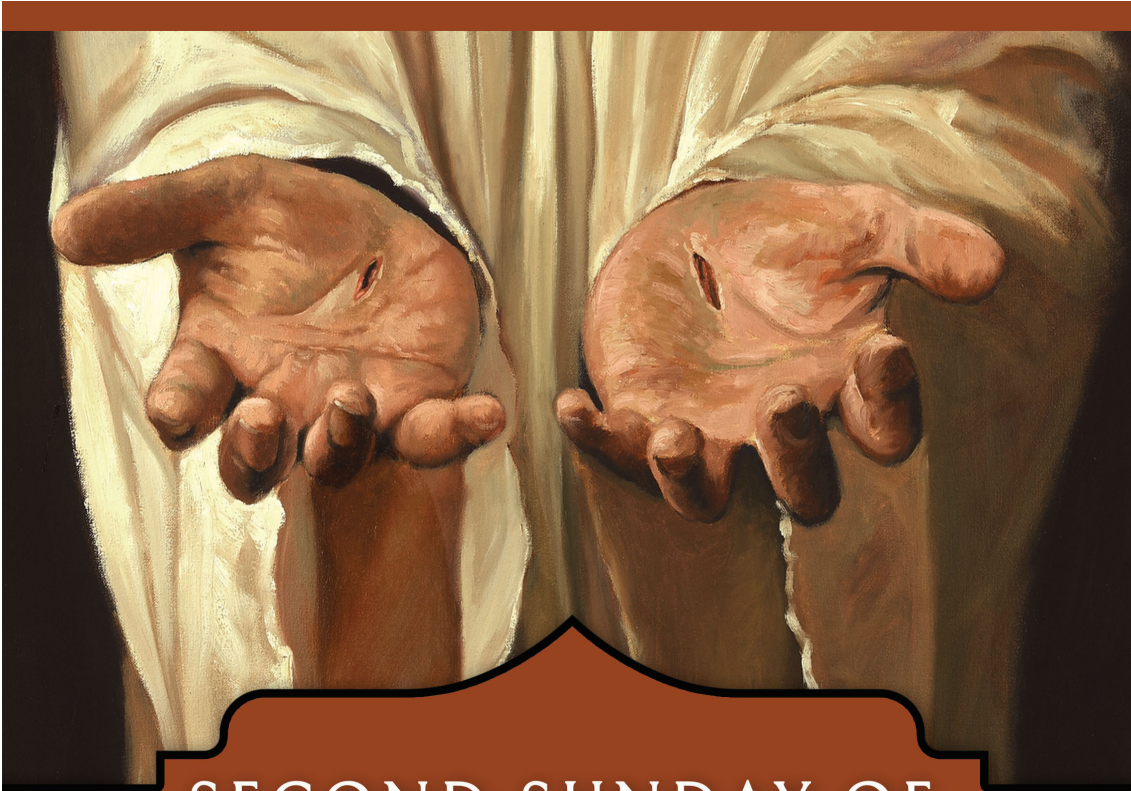


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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday 8:45a.m. | April 12—Easter Weekday Evelyn Pasek |
| Tuesday 8:45a.m. | April 13—St. Martin I, Pope and Marytr Tim Gillen (<i>1st Anniversary</i>) |
| Wednesday 8:45a.m. | April 14—Easter Weekday Joseph & Eeva Sarlund |
| Thursday 8:45a.m. | April 15—Easter Weekday Dr. Richard Perry |
| Friday 8:45a.m. | April 16—Easter Weekday Yuhani Alanen |
| Saturday 5:00p.m. | April 17—Easter Weekday Richard Weber/Barbara Esposito/Brothers & Sisters of the DeRose Family/Patricia Coleman/John Nash/John & Mary Halechko |
| Sunday 8:30 a.m. | April 18—Third Sunday of Easter Harleen Fischer/Int. Patricia Johns/Angela Koeller |
| 10:30 a.m. | Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo |
| 6:00 p.m. | Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish |

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 4/12/2021:

| | | |
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| RCIA | Fr. Tuan Room | 3:30pm |
| Scouts Troop #199 | Hall/Gym | 6:45pm |

Tues. 4/13/2021:

| | | |
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| Faith Formation—Confirmation | Church/GS | 7:00pm |
| Fishers of Men & Women Rosary Group | Hall/Gym | 5:30pm |
| Fishers of Men | Fr. Tuan Room | 6:00pm |
| Compassionate Friends | Hall/Gym | 6:30pm |
| Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour | Barrett Room | 6:30pm |

Wed. 4/14/2021:

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| St. Vincent de Paul | Gathering Space | 6:30pm |
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Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm
No confessions 4/13/21.

St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm

Please wear a Mask.



Please remember to sign up for Weekend Masses by 5:00pm on Thursday on our website: www.stalexanderparish.org. If you don't have access to the internet, please call the Parish Office to assist @ 630-833-7730.
Thank you!

Gospel Reflection



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Jesus came and stood in their
midst and said to them,
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19

FAITH

What a difference faith makes! The faith of the early community of believers led them to rise beyond the selfishness that so many of us struggle with as they grew in communion with Christ and one another. Their selflessness was a living sign of the impact of their faith in Jesus Christ. They did not find the commandments burdensome, but rather centered their lives on the love of God and neighbor that Jesus taught through his life, death, and resurrection. It is good for us to remember that faith is a gift. The journey of faith is not always straightforward and is often marked by doubt and moments of weakness. The apostles' faith grew as they experienced the risen Jesus. Jesus surely knew they needed the peace he offered and the presence of the Holy Spirit, as do we who have not seen the Lord and yet have come to believe in him.

FROM DOUBT TO BELIEF

The apostle Thomas will forever be remembered as the one who doubted. It is good that his experience is recorded in the Gospel of John. We all doubt sometimes, and "Doubting Thomas" shows us how to move from doubt to belief, knowing that the risen Jesus will be with us through it all. Thomas did not keep his doubts to himself, but instead voiced them aloud to his trusted companions. We can only imagine the conversations that took place between Thomas and the other disciples as they described the peace that they felt following Jesus' time with them. Thomas' doubts were put to rest once and for all when Jesus offered him physical proof of the Resurrection. We do not have the sort of physical evidence that was shown to Thomas, but we can perceive Christ's presence in the Eucharist, in the words of sacred scripture, and in the presence and actions of others.

LIVING FAITH

The journey of faith often ebbs and flows, with times when our relationship with the Lord is the guiding force in our lives, and times when we are tempted to turn away from all we know to be true, good, and beautiful. In those moments when we find ourselves struggling with doubt or temptation, we can follow Thomas' lead and turn to trusted companions, faithful and faith-filled family and friends, who will support us and show us the way from doubt to living faith. Like the disciples who were in the room when Jesus came among them, we too have received the Holy Spirit. Today, let us consider where we are on the journey of faith, turn to trusted companions and the Holy Spirit to strengthen us on the way, and know that the Lord is with us as we live and grow in relationship with Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

- Acts 4:32-35
- Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 20:19-31



Faith Formation Office

Please contact Ann Krueger at: akrueger@stalexanderparish.org

Second Sunday of Easter

- ✦ Jesus had told the disciples to stay together after he was crucified.
- ✦ Thomas was not there with the other disciples, Thomas missed out seeing Resurrected Jesus.
- ✦ Then when Thomas re-joined the disciples, we hear that Thomas then had a second chance and saw Resurrected Jesus!
- ✦ The same thing that was true for Thomas is also true for us:
 - We too are invited to follow Jesus, *together*.
 - We too are invited to learn what Jesus taught, *together*.
 - We too are invited to pray like Jesus prayed, *together*.
 - And, we are given second chances to rejoin and try again.
- ✦ Doing these things, *together*, we learn about and better understand who Jesus is.
- ✦ In other words, when we gather together to learn about Jesus and then do what Jesus teaches, we get second chances to see Resurrected Jesus.
- ✦ And that's the **Good News!**



https://rfour.org/childrensmesssage_b_20.html

Divine Mercy Sunday



Devotion to the Divine Mercy was spread and promoted by Pope John Paul II. Pope John Paul II died on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday and he was beatified and canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday. He was truly a Pope of Mercy and he used to say:

“Apart from the mercy of God there is no other source of hope for mankind.”

There are three main components to the devotion of Divine Mercy:

- ✦ asking for and obtaining the mercy of God,
- ✦ trusting in Christ's mercy,
- ✦ and showing mercy to others.

Divine Mercy Sunday is not just about God's mercy towards us, but about the mercy we show towards others as well. We are all in need of God's love and mercy but then we are called to give the love and mercy we receive to others. <https://mycatholickids.com/divine-mercy-sunday-greatest-gift/>

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS! to *Taylor Caldwell*, our RCIA Catechumen, who received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil on April 3, 2021. Welcome to the church Taylor!



Deacon Matt Tretina

Fr. Rosenbaum

Taylor Caldwell (Catechumen)

James Thieme

Deacon Julio Jimenez

Betty St. Louis



ADORATION In the Church

**Thursdays
4:30—7:00pm**

**Please use the West Doors,
wear a mask and sign in.**

Thank you!

CASSEROLE SCHEDULE 2021

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Frozen Casserole Picked Up</u> | <u>Casserole Tin Dropped Off</u> |
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| 4/13/21 | Florentine Ravioli | Shepherd's Pie |
| 5/11/21 | Shepherd's Pie | Texas Hash |

CCW Prayer Blanket Rosary

Pray the Rosary VIA ZOOM with The Prayer Blanket Ministry Mondays @ 7:00pm. Contact them at:

stasprayerblanket@gmail.com

PARISH/DEANERY/DIOCESEAN NEWS

DIOCESAN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Director of Faith Formation

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross Parishes, Joliet

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross Parishes in Joliet, IL are seeking to hire a Part-time Director of Faith Formation. The Director of Faith Formation (DFF) will be primarily responsible for coordinating different faith formation activities at our parishes. You must be a practicing Catholic who understands and supports the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and acts as an example and role model in personal life. A Bachelor's degree in a related field or Certification in Youth Ministry or background in theology required. The candidate should be proficient with Microsoft Office products and have excellent written and verbal communication skills, conflict management skills, and a strong ability to multi-task. Ability to comply with diocesan safe environment policies along with a valid driver's license and reliable means of transportation necessary. This is a part-time position, 29 hours per week. To view a full job description, visit; The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. Resumes can be sent to the Pastor Fr. Jerome Kish at frkish@outlook.com

St. Jude Parish in New Lenox, IL is seeking to hire a Part-time Coordinator of Youth Discipleship (primarily grades 7 & 8 and their families). Our Junior High Youth Ministry program goals are to engage junior high teens and their parents, to evangelize and inspire a renewed understanding of the Catholic faith, and to invite teens and parents into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Our high-energy and dynamic program is built on these three cornerstones: Relationship, Discipleship & Mission. The person who fills this position will serve as a collaborative partner on the parish faith formation team. Must possess a comprehensive understanding and comfort with Catholic theology, including scripture, creed, morality, and the sacraments and be fully initiated and an active member of a Roman Catholic faith community. A Bachelor or Master's Degree in Religious Studies, Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Education or related field required. 1-3 years' experience in the field of Catholic faith formation necessary. To view a full job description, visit; The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois.

To apply please send resume, cover letter, and contact information for two persons of reference to the attention of the St. Jude Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Katie Neu at kneu@stjudes.org or mail to 241 West Second Avenue, New Lenox, IL 60451. Interviews will begin immediately.



It is in Baptism that one is welcomed into a community of faith. As a parish community, "WE WELCOME YOU."

Aiden Arthur, son of Jayson and Nicole Torres, nee Napientek

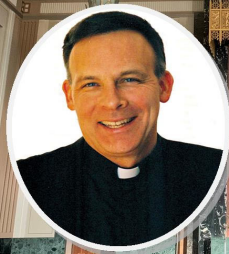
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus

Speaker Series

"God's Presence in Our Suffering"

Thursday, April 29 @ 7:00pm

Fr. Robin Ryan



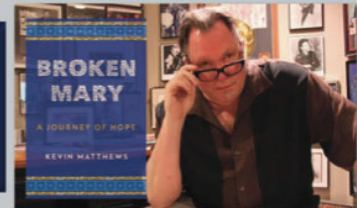
Everyone encounters the reality of suffering in their own personal lives and in the lives of those they love. For Christians, the experience of suffering can challenge their faith in the goodness of God. In this presentation and discussion, we will explore some of the resources in the Judeo-Christian tradition that can help us to endure and to grow in our faith in times of suffering.

Admission is Free | register today @ straymond.net or by phone at 815.722.6653
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Joliet-North Will-Kendall Deanery of the Diocese of Joliet
Council of Catholic Women Spring Institute Event

"An Evening with Kevin Matthews and Broken Mary"

WEDNESDAY
MAY 12, 2021
7:00PM



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smip.org/brokenmary

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Grace Blaszak, JNWKCCW President
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Everyone is invited to this open event.
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A portion of all proceeds will be donated to Daybreak Shelter in Joliet.
Thank you to Fr. Pat Mulcahy and St. Mary Immaculate Parish for their hospitality and assistance.

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Prayer for Vocations

Remember these religious men and women from the Diocese of Joliet in your daily prayers .

12. Fr. Christopher Groh, Fr. Luis Gutierrez
13. Sr. Jeanne Landry, Sr. Donita Mathis, Sr. Joan McGovern, Sr. Jeanne McGue SSND
14. Dcns. Thomas Fricke, Leon Fritz, Larry Fudacz, Ronnie Gagnon, Gabriel Gamboa, Stephen Gerding
15. Sr. Joan O’Connell, Sr. Jean Phelan, Sr. Gloria Rosales SSND
16. Sr. Jenny VandenBergh, Sr. Emily Wollschlager, Sr. Dorothy M. Young SSND
17. Sr. Beatrice Baker, Sr. Theresa Galvan, Sr. Kathleen Murphy CND
18. Fr. David Hankus, Fr. Douglas Hauber

Rosebud Program

“Please pray for the following who have requested prayers of CCW’s Rosebud Program.”



CONGRATULATIONS!

- Erica and Nick on the birth of their daughter, Rose Catherine.
 Jenna & Zach on the birth of their son Brooks David
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| Angelo & Meaghan due 3/21. | Anthony & Beth due in 9/21. |
| Joe & Joselyn due 4/21. | Susan due in 9/21. |
| Matt and Danielle due 6/21. | |

Special Intentions for:

- | | | |
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| Tracey & Bob | Lisa & Jim | Carl & Terrie |
| Trina | Maria & Bobby | Amanda & Scott |
| Tony & Andrea | Amy & Sam | Bob & Cyndy |
| Rose & Eleodoro | Mary Frances | Jason & Leah |
| Mary | Julie & Rus | Kristin |

Please call Michele if you have any questions or would like to add a name or update: 630.564.8423.

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PLEASE PRAY for Sick

We pray for those who have recently been added to our prayer list for the sick. Names will remain in the bulletin list for 1 month.

Ed Driskell, Frank Rajase, Tom Criscione, Andy, Terry Baugh, Lorane Myers, Maggie Gannon, Maria Cruz, Jim Erlenbaugh, Kimmy Dikker, Corinne Principe, Keith Lapointe, Matt & Julie Guth, Lisa Krandal, Jacob St. Louis, Peter Parish, Sue Connelly, Matt Doyle, Bob Chandler, P.J. O’Connor, Karen Soukup, Eda Jett, Patricia Hendrickson, John Jarecki, Sue Duchek, Maureen Donovan and Jenny McQuillan, David Tracy, Frank Gill, Mark Boutin, Clare Stralko, Bob Baker, Noreen Aukst, Judith Hummert, Bernard (Gene) Niewoehner, John Zydek Walter Dittmer, Mary Ellen Erlenbaugh, Michael Haywood, Fr. Arthur Maher, Owen Kingsbury, Matt Guth and all those sick from COVID-19

We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : www.stalexanderparish.org



Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph” from Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021

Prayer to Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

O GLORIOUS St. Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the reputed father of Jesus, the most pure Spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, and Head of the Holy Family. You have been chosen by Christ’s Vicar as the heavenly Patron and Protector of the Church founded by Christ. Therefore, with the greatest confidence I implore your powerful assistance for the whole Church Militant. Protect, in a special manner, with true fatherly love, the Sovereign Pontiff and all the bishops and priests in communion with the See of Peter. Be the protector of all who labor for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life; and grant that all the nations of the earth may submit with docility to that Church out of which there is no salvation. Dearest St. Joseph, accept the offering I now make of myself to you. I dedicated myself to your service, that you may ever be my Father, my Protector and my Guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love for the interior life. Grant that, after your example, all my action may be directed to the greater glory of God, in union with the divine Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and your own paternal heart. Finally, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.



Our Faithfully Departed

John Sidor, Kathryn Rothfahan, Michael Jacobson and Those who died from COVID-19.

STEWARDSHIP

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 Sunday: 5:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. (*Spanish*)

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Attendance at a pre-Baptismal class is required for both English and Spanish Baptisms. Pre-registration is necessary prior to class.
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