

St. Alexander Catholic Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter

APRIL 18, 2021



When the two disciples returned from Emmaus,
they recounted what had
taken place on the way.

Luke 24:35

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	April 19—Easter Weekday Int. Linda Lagon
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	April 20—Easter Weekday Nicholas & Bella Bauer
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	April 21—St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Patricia Serrano
Thursday 8:45a.m.	April 22—Easter Weekday John Sidor
Friday 8:45a.m.	April 23—St. George, Marytr, St. Adalbert John Preuss
Saturday 2:00p.m. 5:00p.m.	April 24—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen Thieme/Caldwell Wedding Sr. Adrienne Weseman (1st Anniversary)/John Nash/ Ralph Sr. & Carmella DeRose/Deceased Members of Klaus & Lechl Families/Anne & Tom Jones/Michael Jacobson
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	April 25—Fourth Sunday of Easter Marian & Peter Kurasz, Sr./Alberto Perez/John Sidor/ Int. Pat Ivanauski Richard Weber Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 4/19/2021: RCIA	Fr. Tuan Rm/Church	3:30pm
Tues. 4/20/2021: Fishers of Men & Women Rosary Group Fishers of Men Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour Parish Council Meeting	Hall/Gym Fr. Tuan Room Barrett Room VIA ZOOM	5:30pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm
Wed. 4/21/2021: St. Vincent de Paul	Gathering Space	6:30pm
Fri. 4/23/2021: Wedding Rehearsal	Church/GS	6:00p.m.
Sat. 4/24/2021: Wedding	Church/GS	2:00pm
Sun. 4/25/2021: Faith Formation—7th grade	Hall/Gym	4:30pm



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!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm

St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm

Please wear a Mask.

Gospel Reflection



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NEW LIFE

Peter saw Jesus after the Resurrection. He listened as Jesus told the disciples all that had been written about him in the scriptures, all that he had said and done when he was ministering among them. Peter heard how Jesus had fulfilled all in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. Jesus, the Messiah, had come to be among them to bring them peace, to offer forgiveness of their sins. Peter shared this Good News with the crowds who gathered to hear him tell the sacred story, the story of God’s love, poured out in Jesus the Christ and offered to the whole world. All who hear and believe are offered new life, life in which God’s love is perfected in them. Are you listening? Are you ready to share in this abundant new life?

NOT WHAT WAS EXPECTED

Have you ever waited for something for so long you began to think it might never happen? Your graduation day, or the day of your marriage, or the birth of a child, perhaps. The Israelites had waited for centuries for the coming of the Messiah. Yet when Jesus, the long-awaited Anointed One came, many failed to believe in him. He wasn’t what they expected. The Messiah was supposed to be a strong, powerful commander of armies, not humble, compassionate, and suffering. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and explained all that he had said in his time with them, opening their minds to what had been written in the scriptures so that they could accept his suffering and death and rejoice in his resurrection.

GOD’S LOVE IN FLESH AND BONE

While the disciples had come to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, his crucifixion and death had left them fearful and confounded. The news of the empty tomb and his appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus added to their confusion. It seems that at first, Jesus’ presence with them did not alleviate their uncertainty. In fact, they were “startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost” (Luke 24:37). Jesus saw that they needed physical proof that it was he who stood among them. They needed to see the nail marks in his hands and feet, to see God’s love in flesh and bone, in one who ate among them. Only when their fear and confusion had been quelled could they hear the story, the sacred story of how the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead. Only when they were filled with the peace of Christ would they be ready to witness, to share the sacred story with others. We, too, are invited to hear the sacred story and to perceive God’s love for us in Jesus Christ.

TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9
1 John 2:1–5a
Luke 24:35–48



Faith Formation Office

Please contact Ann Krueger at: akrueger@stalexanderparish.org

Third Sunday of Easter *Luke 24:13-35*

Two discouraged disciples are joined by Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They pour out their hearts to him, but they do not recognize him. Jesus explains the Scriptures to them. It is only when Jesus takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to them that they recognize him.



Thinking back now, was there a time this past week that Jesus was close, but you missed him because you were too busy about other things, or perhaps too upset or too angry?

The Source of Joy

Joy springs from the deep well of gratitude, and gratitude comes from noticing.

There is so much about spring to be grateful for ... the first shoots of green grass, the buds of the trees plumping in the longer days waiting to burst forth when the time is just right. With the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, it's easy to overlook the beauty bursting forth all around us. Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Annie Dillard, a woman famous for her books on "noticing," wrote, "How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives." Let's choose to spend our days and our lives noticing.

What signs of Christ's resurrection and new life are you grateful for this spring?

TeachingCatholicKids@OSV.com

Sacrament of CONFIRMATION



The names of Confirmation Candidates and Saint names will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your prayers.

Sacrament Of Eucharist



Please pray for the Faith Formation Children preparing to receive First Communion beginning May 1st.

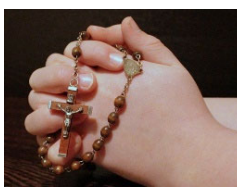
PARISH NEWS




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

Oliva Grace, daughter of Heather Pitman

Marie Francesca, daughter of Brian and Angelina Steder, nee Spiotta



Join Bill Conroy and many other men and women in saying the Rosary for peace and health in our nation, every **Tuesday** evening, @ 5:30pm in the Hall/Gym. Please wear a mask, socially distance and sign in.



ADORATION In the Church

Thursdays 4:30—7:00pm

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

Thank you!


CASSEROLE MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Frozen Casserole Picked Up</u>	<u>Casserole Tin Dropped Off</u>
5/11/21	Shepherd's Pie	Texas Hash
6/8/21	Texas Hash	Beans and Burgers

Contact Betty St. Louis (bettyst.louis@comcast.net) if you would like to make a casserole for the shelters.

CCW Prayer Blanket Rosary

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



We hold our military personnel and their families in our prayers. To add a name to the Military Prayer List, please email: bulletin@stalexanderparish.org or call the Parish Office @ 630-833-7730. Names will be published once a month.

- Tony Amore** (son of Joe and Betty)
- Brianne Aronin** (niece of Don Oliva)
- Dan Burgess** (grandson of Marilyn Hannon)
- Terry Connelly** (son of Sue Connelly)
- John Cooper** (nephew of Joyce Splan and Patrick Belling)
- Tom Crilly** (son of Joseph & Kim Crilly)
- Dustin Hayes**, (grandson of Kevin & Mary O'Connor)
- Eric Iftner** (brother of Megan Iftner)
- Matthew and Steven Kuhl** (nephews of Phyllis Oliva)
- Joshua Lapso** (grandson of Clara Fiedler)
- Cameron Littleson** (son of Ann & Scott Littleson and son-in-law of Greg and Terry Maher)
- Adam Montana** (Son of Christine & Dennis Montana and big brother of Jeremy Montana)
- John Mikita** (nephew of Frank Gill)
- Adam Monroe** (grandson of Judy Emerson)
- Michael O'Hara** (son-in-law of Sue Connelly)
- Alexander Reiland** (Great-Nephew of Ann Campbell)
- Luke Russell** (son of Annmarie Baughman)
- Trina Savageau** (niece of Don Oliva)
- Ryan Savageau** (nephew of Don Oliva)
- Luc Stanicek** (nephew of Mary Flynn)
- Lauren E. Wallace** (daughter of Laurie & Kevin Wallace)
- Jeremy Williams** (nephew of Maureen Schmidt)
- Greg Wyrobek, Sgt. 1st Class**
(son of Renee Wyrobek)
- Kimmy Zimmerman** (niece of Clara Fiedler)

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.


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

Freewill offering to benefit the Cathedral Speaker Series
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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




St. Mary Immaculate Church
15629 S. Route 59
Plainfield, Illinois
Masks and social distancing required.

\$10.00 PER PERSON

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smip.org/brokenmary

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815-254-7078

Everyone is invited to this open event.
200 Person Limit

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 .

- 19. Fr. Albert Heidecke, Fr. Eugene Hemrick
- 20. Fr. Daniel Lydon C.S.V., Fr. Jason Nesbit C.S.V.
- 21. **Sr. Joan Shields, Sr. Adrienne Weseman SNDdeN**
- 22. Fr. John Peeters C.S.V., Fr. Richard Pighini C.S.V.
- 23. Dcns. Milton Leppert, Francis Lillig, Laurence Lissak
- 24. **Fr. Burke Masters**
- 25. **Todd Bly, Carlos Briceño, Stepen Contreras, Michael Doerries (Deacon Candidates)**

Rosebud Program

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Angelo and Megan on the birth of their son Peter Joseph
Erica and Nick on the birth of their daughter, Rose Catherine.
Jenna & Zach on the birth of their son Brooks David

Joe & Joselyn due 4/21. Anthony & Beth due in 9/21.
Matt and Danielle due 6/21. Susan due in 9/21.

Special Intentions for:

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.

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, Ryan Randal, Mike Pennock, Anthony Castrogiovanni, Judy (McArdle) Heikes 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

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

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Benefits to registering as a Parishioner:

1. Registration helps you stay connected with the parish, builds community and helps the parish stay connected with you.
2. Other parishes (including St. Alexander) often request verification of a person's status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, sacraments, etc., when that person has been asked to be a **Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor**. Without registration, no such verification can be made.
3. Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.



PLEDGE REPORT: April 12, 2021

Please continue to make your **2021 CMAA** pledge payments. **Once** we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal:	\$42,100
Amount Pledged:	\$36,340
Amount Paid:	\$30,524
Remaining Balance:	\$5,816
Donor Count	184

Thank you for your continued support.

Welcome to St. Alexander!

We are blessed to have you with us today—and every weekend! Our liturgies are enhanced by your presence and participation. We hope that you find the experience here at St. Alexander's to include a warm and inspiring celebration of the Eucharist and the faith that we profess.

If you are not registered at St. Alexander's or are registered and need to make changes, please complete the form below and place it in the offertory basket or mail it to the Parish Office at 300 S. Cornell Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181.

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Address: _____

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 Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon
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Mass Schedule:
 Monday - Friday: 8:45 a.m.
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 6:00 p.m. (*Spanish Mass*)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 5:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. (*Spanish*)

Sacrament of Baptism
Attendance at a pre-Baptismal class is required for both English and Spanish Baptisms. Pre-registration is necessary prior to class.
 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month @ 1:00 p.m.
Spanish Baptisms:
 3rd Sunday of the month @ 1:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage
 Arrangements must be made **AT LEAST SIX (6)** months in advance before making other arrangements.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
 (Closed due to COVID until further notice)
Adoration in the church is on Thursday, 4:30—7:00pm
Use West entrance. Wear a mask.
Pastor: Reverend Mark Rosenbaum
Mass Assistants:
 Rev. David Dillon/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/
 Fr. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/
 Fr. Danny Soriano/Fr. Johnus
Permanent Deacons:
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 James Krueger/Matthew Tretina
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