

St. Alexander Catholic Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 25, 2021



I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep.

John 10:11

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	April 26—Easter Weekday Int. Cheyenne Mitchell
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	April 27—Easter Weekday Int. Jim Schmidt Family
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	April 28—St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest People of St. Alexander Parish
Thursday 8:45a.m.	April 29—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doc. Of the Church Kathleen Schmidt
Friday 8:45a.m.	April 30—St. Pius V, Pope Anthony & Margaret Corbo
Saturday 2:00p.m.	May 1—St. Joseph, the Worker First Communion
5:00p.m.	John & Mary Holechko/Clarence & Clara Airhart
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	May 2—Fifth Sunday of Easter Karen Jorn
10:30 a.m.	Martin Meenaghan
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).
Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).
Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).
Gospel — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).
 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 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 4/26/2021:

RCIA	Fr. Tuan Rm/Church	3:30pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	6:45pm

Tues. 4/27/2021:

Fishers of Men & Women Rosary Group	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Fishers of Men	Fr. Tuan Room	6:00pm
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm
Spanish Ministry-Family & Marriage	Gathering Space	6:30pm

Sat. 5/1/2021:

FF—First Communion	Church/GS	2:00pm
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Sun. 5/2/2021:

FF—First Communion (10:30 Mass)	Church/GS	9:30am
Faith Formation—7th grade	Hall/Gym	4:30pm



Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm
or by appointment

St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm
or by appointment

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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BELONGING

There is nothing like belonging. Many of our deepest experiences in life are of the belonging we feel among family or close friends. We may experience belonging within our parish, even saying we are “at home” in our faith community. Sometimes, we say we belong to a school alumni association or social club. Our deepest belonging, however, is in the heart of God. We are God’s children, precious in God’s sight. We are so treasured that Jesus laid down his life for us. Knowing that we belong to God in Jesus Christ gives us a new, eternal perspective on life. Peter understood this when he explained that his healing of the man who had been disabled from birth had been accomplished through Christ. Jesus describes the relationship between him and those who believe in him in intimate terms—we who are in relationship with Christ know that our very lives depend upon him.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him—not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on his care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

BECOMING GOOD SHEEP

No sheep with any sense would wander off and leave the fold. The shepherd provides food and safety. Away from the fold, the sheep risks death in the jaws of wolves or starvation in the desert. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and invites us to be good sheep. Jesus has experienced the best and the worst of all that life has in store. He has known the simple joys and the deep disappointments of life; he has known temptation, anxiety, and fatigue. Jesus walks ahead of us, leading the way. We may be tempted to wander away, lured by temporary pleasures and tempted by the illusion of something better over the horizon. In the noise of daily life, surrounded by messages that compete with God and God’s ways, it is easy to become distracted from what is important and lasting. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites us to be good sheep who are so close to him that we hear and recognize his voice. As good sheep, we are called to follow the voice of the Shepherd, trusting that he will guide us to the best pasture, where we can thrive.

TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 4:8–12
Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28, 29
1 John 3:1–2
John 10:11–18



Faith Formation Office

Please contact Ann Krueger at: akrueger@stalexanderparish.org



Sacrament Of Eucharist

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



Confirmation Saint Names and Confirmandi



Riley Josephine Bakhita Coulter – “She tried to find the good God does through the bad she had to experience. Even through her battles she found Jesus in her life.”

Camryn Rose of Lima Dooley – “Just like her, throughout my life I have always wanted to help the poor and care for people when they need it.”

Isabella Maria Goretti Zuccherro – “Something I admire her for is her relationship with God, and how she always talked to Him, and how she was so comfortable with Him.”

Sophie Elizabeth of Hungary Tu – “Saint Elizabeth was very selfless, generous, and caring. One of the main qualities I strongly admire is how selfless she was and how devoted she was to helping the poor and straying true to her faith and to God.”

Noah Sebastian Martinez – “I admire most his strength and his ability to bounce back when things get difficult. These qualities are very important for an athlete.”

Cecelia Dymphna Meier – “I admire her will to help others with mental illness. We are both Irish as well.”

Ryan Philip Neri Guilfoyle – “I admire than Saint Philip always had joy with him and that the Baptismal call is a joyful one and we should live it with a joyful heart.”

Margaret Therese of Lisieux Brennan – “Saint Therese was able to make little, yet meaningful sacrifices every day, and although I may not do big or seen things for the Church, I know that I can drop the little flowers for others that Saint Therese did.”

Brennan Joseph of Cupertino Galvin – “St. Joseph is an example of living a life, humbly and faithfully. I think he could help set an example for me. Despite the way he was treated, he remained joyful and humble.”

Lorenzo James Franco - “Two virtues I admire from St. James are faith and perseverance. We are similar because if there is something I really like or a sport, I persevere and push through to get better.”

Kiley Francis of Assisi Koziol - “St. Francis will help me live a Catholic life, he’s so inspiring and he lived a very faithful life. The faith he had impacted me and has taught me to live in peace and forgive people. He will teach me how to love all of God’s creation. This will push me to be a part of God’s plan for me more.”

Jaydy Dymphna Fowler – “I admire the fact that she was a martyr, she died for her faith. We are about the same age. I feel as though she is a really close and true friend. She can show me the love that God has for everyone, for me.”

Yasmine Catherine of Alexandria Gomez – “St. Catherine really valued knowledge and learning. She will help me learn more about God and about being a good catholic.”

Samuel Dunstan Alexander – “St. Dunstan is important because he fought the devil. St. Dunstan and I both like rocks, mining, and blacksmithing. He believed in morality and urging peace, this is very important to me in my life.”

Ryan Sebastian Krichbaum – “I admire his strength in adversity. He never stopped believing in Jesus, so he can help me do the same. He is the patron of athletes and athletics are important to me.”

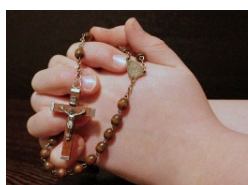
PARISH NEWS



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



Again, A Blessed and Happy Easter to you and your families!!!

I continue to keep you in my prayers for your holiness and health and those of your loved ones. I just wanted to offer a quick thank you to all those who have helped us prepare for and offer our sacred liturgies and the work in our parishes. From the volunteers, the music, the decorations, the outreach, etc. Also, a thank you to those who gave me gifts at Easter.

We keep our prayers upon those who have received and are preparing to receive their Sacraments in these days. I offer praise to God for each one of you who says 'yes' to His gifts and graces. Blessings upon those who continue to make themselves present for our Masses, whether physically here or from home. A final thank you to those who have continued to offer their financial support for one another.

I give thanks to God every day for placing me in such wonderful parishes with such wonderful and faithful people.

In the offerings of Christ,

Fr. Rosenbaum



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION TRUCK WILL BE HERE SATURDAY, MAY 1 AND SUNDAY, MAY 2!!

Spring cleaning? Bring your unwanted items to the truck! Your donations go to the St. Vincent Resale Store, and money from those donations help the needy in our area.



PARISH/DEANERY/DIOCESEAN NEWS

DIOCESAN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Saint Mark Catholic Church in Wheaton is seeking a position to hire an office Secretary. This person will be responsible for answering the phones, maintaining sacramental and parishioner records, gathering information for upcoming sacramentals, managing the parish calendar and preparing the parish bulletin. Candidates must have a good communication and interpersonal skills. This position requires the desire and ability to support the mission of the Catholic Church. Office experience is required, including knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher and Parish data system.

This is a part time, unbenefited position with the possibility of flexibility in schedule.

Please email your resume to Fr. Andrew Lewandowski, C.R to office@stmarkwheaton.org

Administrative Assistant & Ecclesiastical Notary

The diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire an Administrative Assistant & Ecclesiastical Notary to provide Administrative services for the Judicial Vicar and staff of the Tribunal, particularly the Advocates and the Defender of the Bond.

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum of high school graduate with good computer skills, such as, Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word etc.), and knowledge of office equipment. Must pay attention to detail and have good communication and organizational skills, and the ability to work cooperatively with others. Bilingual in English and Spanish is a plus.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Full time employee with full benefits package. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Occasionally works outside the required normal hours.

Qualified candidates please email cover letter, resume and salary requirements to humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

To view a full job description, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=630>

Catholic Home Missions Appeal *Strengthening the Church at Home*



This weekend, our special collection supports the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Four out of ten diocese in our country and its territories are considered home mission territories. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home. Please be generous. Donations can be given when you come to Mass or online at:

stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com

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

Tickets Available Online
smip.org/brokenmary

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Grace Blaszak, JNWKCCW President
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 .

- 26. Fr. Juan Jose Hernandez, Fr. Daniel Hessling
- 27. Dcns. Thomas Goebel, George Goes, Sergio Gonzalez
- 28. Dcns. Alexander Grozik, Manuel Guerrero
- 29. Fr. Daniel Hoehn, Fr. Robert A. Hoffenkamp
- 30. Sr. Margaret Christi Karwowski OSF
- 1. Brs. Raphael Mascari, Raymond McManaman, Lawrence Oelschlegel, Michael Quirk FSC
- 2. Dcns. Michael Murphy, Paul Nappi, Hung Nguyen

Rosebud Program

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Joe & Joselyn on the birth of their daughter Ophelia Faith.
 Angelo and Megan on the birth of their son Peter Joseph
 Erica and Nick on the birth of their daughter, Rose Catherine.

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| Joe & Joselyn due 4/21. | Anthony & Beth due in 9/21. |
| Matt & Danielle due 6/21. | Susan due in 9/21. |
| Theresa & Nick due in 8/21. | |

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, David Tracy, Frank Gill, Mark Boutin,
 Clare Stralko, Bob Baker, Noreen Aukst, Judith Hummert,
 Bernard (Gene) Niewoehner, John Zydek Walter Dittmer,
 Mary Ellen Erlenbaugh, 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

**Michael Haywood, David Wieringa,
 Deanna LaPidus and
 Those who died from COVID-19.**

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Why register with St. Alexander Parish?

Faith is a Journey, not a Destination. Registering with the parish is a commitment to your Faith Journey and St. Alexander's would like to walk with you.

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 18, 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:	\$36,590
Amount Paid:	\$31,109
Remaining Balance:	\$5,481
Donor Count	185

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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- St. Francis of Assisi

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 Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon
 1:00 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Church Website: www.stalexanderparish.org
Parish e-mail: office@stalexanderparish.org
Bulletin e-mail: bulletin@stalexanderparish.org
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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