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ISAIAH 43:19

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	April 4—St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Kathy Kehoe (1 st Anniversary)
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	April 5—St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	April 6—Lenten Weekday Joyce Maxse
Thursday 8:45am	April 7—St. John Baptist, de la Salle, Priest Rose Marie Merrill
Friday 8:45am	Apr. 8—Lenten Weekday Warren C. Warren
Saturday 5:00p.m.	Apr. 9—St. Francis of Paola, Hermit Don Liss/Estelle Blake/Brothers & Sisters of DeRose Family/ Peter Kurasz/Gregory Wyrobek
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Apr. 10—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Jerry Matthews (8 th Anniversary)/Richard Bade/Orest Dacio David Wieringa/Roland & Patricia Tretina Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

FACILITIES SCHEDULE

Mon. 4/4::		
CCW-Prayer Blankets	Gathering Space	6:30pm
Scout Troop 199 Meeting	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm
Tues. 4/5:		
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Fishers of Men Prayer Group	Gathering Space	6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir practice	Church	7:00pm
Wed. 4/6:		
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Spanish Ministry Choir Practice	Library	7:00pm
Music—Witness Choir	Church	7:00pm
Thurs. 4/7:		
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sister's Room	9:30am
Knights of Columbus	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Cub Scout Pack #122 leader mtg.	Barrett Room	6:30pm
CCW Board Meeting	Sister's Room	6:30pm
Faith Formation	Church/GS	6:30pm
Rental—Men's Basketball	Hall/Gym	7:30pm
Fri. 4/8:		
Faith Formation	Sister's Rm & Library	6:00pm
Stations of the Cross	Church	7:00pm
Sat. 4/9:		
Faith Formation Retreat	Hall/Fr. Tuan/Sisters	1:00-5:00pm
Faith Formation Retreat	Library	2:00-6:00pm
Sun. 4/10:		
CCW—WOY Reception	Gathering Space	After Mass
Chosen Series	Gathering Space	3:00pm

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

[41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20 (or Jn 8:1-11 if Year A readings were used on Sunday)

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;

Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]



Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm
or by appointment 630-833-7730.

Extended times and extra days:

Tues. 4/5, 5:00—7:00pm, Fri. 4/8, 5:00—6:30pm; Tues. 4/12, 5:00—7:00pm

St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm
or by appointment 630-279-7404

Gospel Reflection

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THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US

Isaiah prophesies for the Lord: “Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!” One of the most dangerous things that we can do is get stuck in our old ways. As individuals, as parishes, as nations we can say, “We’ve always done it that way,” and miss calls to growth and change. Throughout this Lent and our lives, God continues to call us to life, and we should celebrate that! The psalmist reminds us that “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!” Saint Paul realizes this as he explains, “I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus.” In the Gospel, Jesus offers a new way of looking at a tricky situation and provides a kinder, less judgmental response.

AN AGE-OLD STORY OF JUDGEMENT

In our Gospel today we hear an ancient story, but one that feels like it could be taken out of the headlines today. We can be very quick to pass judgment on others, those with different political or cultural backgrounds, or perhaps with a different sexual orientation. Jesus was teaching in the temple, and the scribes and Pharisees did not like the message that he was proclaiming or the popularity he was gaining. When a nearby woman was caught in adultery, they thought it was the perfect chance to trip Jesus up, wondering how he would respond when the Mosaic Law provided clear consequences for such behavior. Many would be able to quote instantly chapter and verse of the law pertaining to the infraction. Instead of answering their question, Jesus turned it back on the accusers: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

DRAWING IN THE SAND

Awaiting the response of those challenging him, Jesus bent over and wrote in the sand. According to scripture scholar John Pilch, this was a simple technique that peasants used to buy time in a discussion or argument. Instead of looking the scribes and pharisees in the eye, he looked down and did his own thing while they all slipped away. The scriptures do not tell us what the woman was doing during this time. But by not looking at her, Jesus gave her a chance to restore her own dignity. He didn’t comment on her innocence or guilt. Rather, he instructed her to go forth and sin no more. It is not our past that matters as much as the choices we make now and in the future. Again and again, God gives us the chance to start our life over. This is our challenge this Lent, to continue to use the opportunities we are given to repent and grow.

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Isaiah 43:16–21
Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6, 12a
Philippians 3:8–14
John 8:1–11

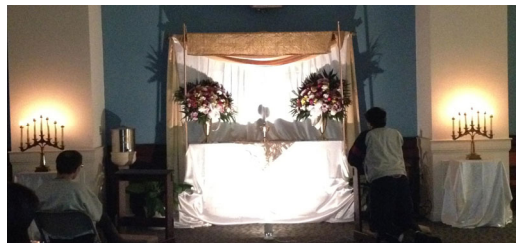
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PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

The **Adoration Chapel** will close at 6:00pm on Holy Thursday & remain closed through the Easter Holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday, April 19 @ 3:00pm.

HOLY THURSDAY ALTAR OF REPOSE



Pray with me, remain here with me, watch and pray.—Matthew 26:38

St. Alexander will remain open until 12:00 Midnight on Holy Thursday (April 14) for anyone who wishes to pray before the blessed sacrament.



Come and Join St. Alexander Church

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK

“Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus”

Stations of the Cross with a theme of Peace and Social Justice Starts in St. Alexander’s Church at **10:00 am, Friday, April 15, 2022**. This is an outside event – slow paced walk of about 1-1/2 mile loop. Dress fit for the weather. This is a wonderful event for families. Strollers and wagons are welcome.

Any questions, call Deacon Chris Cochran @ 630-833-7730.

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

Bring your baskets of food that will be eaten for your Easter meal to be blessed.



Holy Saturday, April 16
11:00 a.m.
Gathering Space



2022 HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday @ St. Alexander Church:

Saturday, April 9 @ 5:00pm
Sunday, April 10 @ 8:30am, 10:30am
and in Spanish @ 6:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 14 @ St. Alexander:

Bilingual Mass of the Lord’s Supper @ 7:00pm
St. Alexander will remain open until midnight for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 15 @ St. John the Apostle:

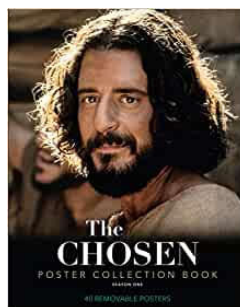
Good Friday Walk: 10:00am Starting @ St. Alexander
Bilingual Living Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion 7:00pm @ St. John the Apostle

Holy Saturday, April 16 @ St. John the Apostle:

Blessing of the Food Baskets: 11:00am @ St. Alexander in the Gathering Space
Bilingual Easter Vigil Service & Mass will begin 8:00pm @ St. John the Apostle

Easter Sunday, April 17 @ St. Alexander Church:

Mass will be celebrated @ 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm and in Spanish @ 6:00pm



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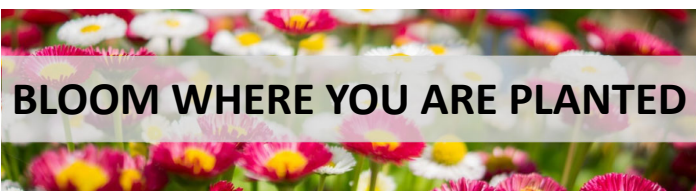
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Director Faith Formation: [Kathy Halloran—khalloran@x-town.com](mailto:khalloran@x-town.com)

Parish Mission—Part 2
With Fr. David Medow
“**Holy Week—Our Reason for Hope**”
Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 6:30pm
Held @ St. John the Apostle




Stations of the Cross
will be every Friday during
Lent @ 7:00pm.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:
Bulletin Date: **Article Due**
April 17 (Easter Sunday) April 6 by 4:00pm
Attach a Word file to your Email and send it to:
bulletin@stalexanderparish.org. - Thank you.



CCW ANNUAL
SPRING LUNCHEON
Honoring Woman of the Year
Jan Robbins
SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022
SALT CREEK COUNTRY CLUB
1051 North Prospect Avenue
Wood Dale, IL 60191
Doors open 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon 12:00 Noon
Tickets \$35.00
Available in the Gathering Space after
Masses April 2/3
or from any CCW member



A message from Fr. Rosenbaum.....
Greetings in the Lord,

I pray that our Lenten season has been and will be fruitful in the graces of God and in our faith in His Divine Providence. I just wanted to offer a quick reflection on the veiling of images and statues during the season of Lent. Towards the end of Lent, the Church calls us to reflect more and more upon the Passion of our Lord, His offering upon the Cross and into death for us.

The veiling of the image and crosses is a devotion that strikes at our hearts. The Church provides this veiling as a devotion found in the ORDO, which is the liturgical guide for our diocese of Joliet, and in the Roman Missal, which is the book that I use for the prayers at Mass.

The veiling of the images and statues remind us that our sin keeps us veiled from the Glory of God to be revealed in the Resurrection. The Lord’s Pascual Mystery restores humanity to the Divinity of God. All three of the Synoptic Gospels as they are called (Matthew, Mark and Luke), make mention, immediately following the death of Jesus, of the veil in the temple being torn asunder or split in two, a veil which separated mankind from the Holy of Holies in the Temple.

We look forward with eager hearts to the offering of Our Lord, especially the Pascual Mystery. Without the offering of Christ, without His entering into humanity, without His offering upon the cross, we don’t have the saints, we don’t have the heavenly, we don’t enter into the Glory of God. If the offering of Christ is veiled, then all is veiled. This veiling helps to communicate this spiritual and physical aspect of our relationship with God and His great love for us. He comes to restore what has been veiled through sin.

So, if the veiling of the images and statues are disturbing, they should be. We should look eagerly to the unveiling of all that Christ has gained through His offering of love for us. And continue to rejoice in what the heart of Christ rejoices. The full revelation of the Father’s Glory and Love in all humanity and all creation.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Rosenbaum

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

St. Alexander Council of Catholic Women **2020 WOMAN of the YEAR** *Celebrating on April 9, 2022* **JAN ROBBINS**



Jan Robbins is a country girl, born and raised on a dairy farm in Monee, IL, 60 miles southwest of Chicago. In 1960, Jan married her high school sweetheart, Dave Robbins. They had two children and moved to Villa Park in 1968 to accommodate Dave's job. Jan still lives in the "many times remodeled" house that she and Dave purchased at that time.

Although not raised Catholic, as a good mother, she attended Mass on a regular basis with her family and ensured that her children received their Sacraments. One Sunday, she accepted the invitation from the bulletin for a volunteer organist. This included Sundays, Holy Days, Holidays, Weddings and Funerals. One time, while in the organ loft with Rollie Hudson, Rollie asked Jan why she did not receive communion. She explained that she was not Catholic because she felt it would have been difficult for her father to accept her leaving the United Church of Christ, the faith in which she was raised. In his wisdom, Rollie suggested that her father, now deceased, was now in a place to understand and accept her decision. These words led her to Fr. Barrett; receiving private instructions, Confirmation, and membership into St. Alexander Parish.

Jan retired in 2003 after working for many years as a Telecommunications Manager. As one of her retirement projects, she joined the St. Vincent DePaul Society, following the example of her friend, Judy Fabis. She soon learned to interview, offering help to those less fortunate, and feels that this is truly her calling. When she first volunteered to do this, she remained cautious that her time would not interfere with her band rehearsal. At that time, her other passion, music, was playing the saxophone, as well as the piano and organ.

Jan is also in charge of the Thanksgiving baskets leading numerous volunteers. During the few weeks before Thanksgiving, she works tirelessly and spends endless hours at the parish organizing the event. A former leader of the Building and Grounds Committee, she continues as a working volunteer to beautify the outside grounds of the church; she states she would rather be pulling weeds than attending a meeting. She also is very generous of her time in helping with The Giving Tree. Jan has always been very supportive of all CCW activities, the parish and its members.

Jan, widowed in 2010, is the proud mother of two; son Tim (*Melony*) from Elmhurst and daughter Mary who resides in Woodridge. Her two granddaughters, Kelly, a middle school teacher, lives in Wheaton with her husband Joe, and Kerry, recently married to Kody, lives in Raleigh, NC.

*A woman who is humbled but very deserving of this honor ...
 please congratulate CCW 2020 Woman of the Year JAN ROBBINS.*

Council of Catholic Women Annual Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 9, 2022

Salt Creek Golf Club

*Tickets \$35.00 sold after Masses 4/2-3 in the Gathering Space
 or contact lajccw@gmail.com*



PRAYER INTENTIONS



March 2022 Prayer for Vocations

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

1. Sr. Mary Joanna Brigan, Sr. Joan Marie Curtin, Sr. Rose Cecile Espinos, SSND
2. **Seminarian Christina Sinclair**
3. Brs. Philip Johnson, Leo Jones, David Kuebler, Joseph Martin FSC
4. Dcns. Armando Jaquez, Anthony Leazzo
5. Sr. Carmen Sanchez, Sr. Carmen Sotelo MSCGpe
6. Fr. Sebastian Gargol, Fr. Marek Herbut
7. Dns. Robert Lasica, Anthony Lenard, Phillip Lennon
8. Fr. Daniel Belanger C.S.V., Fr. James Fanale C.S.V.
9. Sr. Frances Josef Flach, **Sr. Mary Lou Henderson**, Sr. Mary Juarez, Sr. Dorothy Kunze SSND
10. **Newly Ordained Deacons (transitional) Dcn. Jeremy Leganski, Dcn. Alex Lorang, Dn. Frank Pusateri, Dcn. Jared Rutnicki**

Rosebud Program

"Please pray for the following who have requested prayers of CCW's Rosebud Program."



Matthew & Ellis due 5/22.

Patrick & Anna due 9/22.

Special Intentions for:

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

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



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

Ryan Treto, son of Daniel & Stephanie Treto, nee Sziel

Michael Alexander, son of Garth & Sara Goetz, nee Barrett

Please pray for our Catechumens Eternity Hart and Brendan Buck They will be baptized and receive all their sacraments this year at the Easter Vigil.

Also please pray for our Candidates Karl Enhelder and Taylor Drake who will be Confirmed and receiving their First Communion at St Raymond's Cathedral May 1, 2022.

Our Parish Lenten Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

We ask that you enlighten our minds, inflame our hearts, and make us aware of your great love for us.

Increase in us the faith that you are truly here in the Eucharist and in every member of St. Alexander Church.

You have defeated death itself and called us to you by our Baptism.

Thank you for the ways you have blessed St. Alexander Church.

Help us to communicate to others the joy we have received.

We ask this in your Holy Name.
Amen.



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.

Bob Connell, Frank Gill, Joan Hayes, Joe Killigan, Ron Murray, Blair Fetenhal, Patricia Castrogiovanni, Matt & Julie Guth, Gene Niewoehner, Zenon Saldana, Mary Capagana, Tim Carroll, Nicole Zabel, Walter Dittmer and all those sick from COVID

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



Our Faithfully Departed

Sonya Booth, Orest (Doc) Dacio, Casey Kania, Tom Gill, Ann Russell, James J. Bradley and for those who died from COVID-19.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 3/27/2022.....	\$4,286
Online Giving (WeShare) 3/23—3/29/2022	\$1,687
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$315,423
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 3/27/2022.....	\$216
Major Maint. Online Giving 3/23—3/29/2022	\$35

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PARISH REGISTRATION

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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How would you like to help save a life?

The Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph the Workers at St. John the Apostle and St. Alexander Parishes are planning a blood drive for June 2022 and need volunteer donors now. If you would like to donate this Summer, please provide your name, email and/or cell phone number. We will notify you when the drive is scheduled.

Email Contact Info:
 St. John the Apostle: Al Forester foresteralvin@att.net
 St. Alexander Joe Neilly joe.neilly@gmail.com

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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
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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.
 (English and 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 @ 12:15 p.m.
Spanish Baptisms:
 3rd Sunday of the month @ 12:30 p.m.

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

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 3:00pm-8:00pm
Pastor: Reverend Mark Rosenbaum
Mass Assistants:
 Rev. Brian Henden/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/
 Rev. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/
 Rev. Danny Soriano/Rev. Johnus
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 James Krueger/Matthew Tretina
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