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AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD,
WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

JOSHUA 24:15

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	Aug. 23—St. Rose of Lima, Virgin <i>Francis Campbell</i>
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Aug. 24—St. Bartholomew, Apostle Pacita Justiniani Plomantes
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Aug. 25—St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest John Travnicek
Thursday 8:45a.m.	Aug. 26—Weekday Jean Claps
Friday 8:45a.m.	Aug. 27—St. Monica Marie Johnson
Saturday 5:00p.m.	Aug. 28—St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Katherine Chandler/John Curtin/Barbara Esposito/Robert Airhart, Jr./Wenceslas Montibon/Noreen Aukst
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Aug. 29—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sr. Andrelita Balmes, SS/Margaret Zaroogian/Carol Maltese (2nd Anniversary)/Paul Tadelski Marian & Peter Kurasz, Sr. Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).
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: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

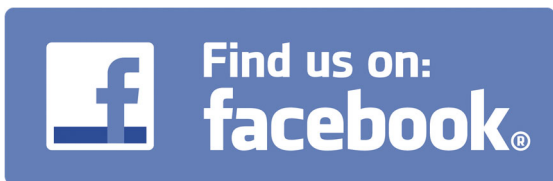
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 8/23:		
Scout Troop #199	Hall	6:45pm
Tues. 8/24:		
Parish Council	Sister's Room	7:00pm
Wed. 8/25:		
Faith Formation Catechist Mtg.	Sister's Room	7:00pm
Thurs. 8/26:		
Cub Scout Pack Mtg	Hall	5:30pm

For St. Alexander News and Faith Enrichment follow us on:



Saint Alexander Villa Park Illinois



Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm
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St. John the Apostle:

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

Gospel Reflection



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WHOM SHOULD WE FOLLOW?

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse in John. After Jesus' continued insistence that he is the Bread of Life come down from heaven, and that his words are "Spirit and life," most of his disciples drift away. The Twelve, however, affirm their faith in Jesus, whom Simon Peter professes to "have the words of eternal life." In the first reading, Joshua and the Israelites are preparing to enter the Promised Land, and Joshua asks the people to decide which god they will follow, the LORD their God, or the gods of neighboring peoples. The Responsorial Psalm features Psalm 34, the "taste and see" psalm, that reflects the kinds of struggles the Israelites faced during their sojourn in the wilderness. In the second reading, Paul gives counsel for maintaining domestic peace and happiness.

CROSSROADS IN LIFE, THEN AND NOW

Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

CAN WE STAY WITH JESUS?

The people who were frenetically following Jesus, crossing the lake twice to pursue him, eating the bread he miraculously provided, are now puzzled by Jesus proclaiming himself as "the bread of life," and they are incredulous. They can go with him no farther, so they gradually drift away. The Twelve, however, stay with Jesus. What else could they do? Who else offers such a profound vision of human life? Peter expresses it well: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not all of our life's crossroads involve our faith, but some do. Perhaps there is someone in your parish who chose to become Catholic and is now alienated from their family; someone who is unhappy with a new pastor and wondering about looking for a different parish; someone who was especially distressed by the clergy sex abuse and prayed long and hard before deciding that she needed her parish to get through it. There may be many in your parish facing such choices, and they need our support and our prayers. In the meantime, we can hope that someday they will again experience Jesus as the Holy One of God, offering them words of eternal life.

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PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

FOOD DONATIONS

At this time, we will not be putting the white boxes out in the hallways to collect food donations for the food pantry. Please do not leave bags of food outside the Parish Office or in the hallways as we do not have anyone to take the food to the pantry.

Thank you.



Learn Scripture with the *Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet*:
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The acclaimed *Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet* is taking registrations now for **Live Online Classes** for Year 1- Old Testament Foundations - and in person classes at **Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Aurora** for Year 2 – New Testament Foundations. If you want to learn Scripture in a truly engaging manner, with a teacher and from a solidly Catholic perspective, the *Biblical Institute* promises you an enriching experience! Come to one of the **preview events** to meet teachers and current students or attend or view a Zoom Preview. For more information about the *Biblical Institute* and preview events, go to: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj and click on *Biblical Institute*. Or call the diocesan Religious Education Office at 815-221-6147



Hospitality Weekend

Our first hospitality weekend since the pandemic is set for **September 18 /19**.

Come meet your new Parish Council after all masses! Plan to spend a little time after mass renewing old friendships with acquaintances you haven't seen for a while. We've missed you and cannot wait to welcome you back!

CASSEROLE MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Frozen Casserole Picked Up</u>	<u>Casserole Tin Dropped Off</u>
9/14/21	Florentine Ravioli	Beans and Burgers

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



Have You Received All Your Sacraments?

Are you still looking to be Confirmed or make your First Communion? Do you want to join the Catholic church?

Our information sessions start in September. Along with receiving the sacraments, you will grow in your understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith.

Call the parish office (630-833-7730) or email Deacon Matt at: mtretina@stalexanderparish.org

Faith Formation News

Director: Kathy Halloran—khalloran@x-town.com



Faith Formation Registration available on our website or after Masses this weekend, August 21/22.



Faith Formation Open House Sunday August 29 9:30—10:15am

Come see the classrooms and meet the Catechists in the school building. Registration will be available as well.

Radiating Christ, by John Henry Newman
John Henry Newman, canonized by Pope Francis on October 13, 2019.

Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go. Flood our souls with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly, that our lives may only be a radiance of yours. Shine through us, and be so in us, that every soul we come in contact with may feel your presence in our soul. Let them look up and see no longer us, but only Jesus! Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine as you shine; so to shine as to be light to others; the light O Jesus, will be all from you, none of it will be ours; it will be you, shining on others through us. Let us thus praise you in the way you love best, by shining on those around us. Let us preach you without preaching, not by words but by our example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to you. Amen.



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PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



The That Man Is You! program will be returning in person for its fourth year in the Eastern DuPage Deanery soon! We are excited to kick off a new year of TMIY Elmhurst, with a return to in person breakfast, fellowship, and most importantly taking the next steps to experiencing authentic freedom as sons of God as we journey through a multi-speaker video series together. TMIY is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

MEETING INFORMATION

Saturday Mornings beginning
September 11, 2021
6:30am - Breakfast and Fellowship
7:00am - Video Presentation
7:30am - Small Group Discussions
Concludes no later than 8:00am

LOCATION

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish –
Barrett Hall
426 West Ave.
Elmhurst, IL 60126

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

For more information go to www.TMIY.org, or contact either Andrew Morgan at 630-276-6401 or Ken Gillie at 847-980-2803
Advanced registration is preferred, but not required.

To Register, go to www.TMIY.org:

.. Click on 'Find a Group / Register For a Class'

.. Search near Elmhurst, IL —> Select Mary Queen of Heaven

.. Complete Registration Information

Returning participants DO NOT need to resubmit registration info



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)

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)

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)

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PRAYER INTENTIONS



August 2021 Prayer for Vocations

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

- 23. Fr. Jesus Oliveros, Fr. James Olofson
- 24. **Fr. David Dillon O.Carm.**, Fr. William Harry O.Carm., Fr. Robert Colaresi O.Carm.
- 25. Sr. Rose Mary Pint OSF, Sr. Diane Przyborowski OSF
- 26. **Fr. Clive Otieno**, Fr. John Ouper
- 27. Sr. Mary Patrick Salm OSF, Sr. Lynn Schafer OSF, Sr. Rosemarie Stewart OSF
- 28. Sr. Julie Walsh OSF, Sr. Sylvia Wehlisch OSF, Sr. Georgene L. Wilson OSF, Sr. Mary Lou Wirtz OSF
- 29. Fr. J. Agustin Ortega Ruiz, Fr. William O'Shea

Rosebud Program

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Danielle & Matt on the birth of their baby boy.
Joe & Joselyn on the birth of their daughter Ophelia Faith.

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| Theresa & Nick due in 8/21. | Tricia & Cameron due in 10/21. |
| Anthony & Beth due in 9/21. | Kelly & Jeremy due in 11/21. |
| Susan due in 9/21. | Lindsay & Dan due in 12/21. |
| Alexia & Jorge due in 10/21. | Lily & Tim due in 12/21. |
| Collette & Ben due in 10/21. | |

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.

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, 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, Noreen Aukst, Judith Hummert, Bernard (Gene) Niewoehner, John Zydek, Walter Dittmer, Mary Ellen Erlenbaugh, Fr. Arthur Maher, Owen Kingsbury, Matt Guth, Ryan Randal, Anthony Castrogivanni, Judy (McArdle) Heikes, Steve Ferguson, Ruben (Dwyer) Stortzum, Eleanor Burton, James Rohrich, Bob Connell, Emily Bertucci, Saul Ayala, Celia Suared, Ryan Randall, Linda Toaddy, Gene & Joy Gassensmith, Prinda Fabis, Fr. John Sebahar, Haily Wilson Peyre, Jerry Riley, Charles Brown, Joseph DiBella, Gracey DiBella, John Kogut, Linda Lagon 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



Gracious God, as the Summer begins to fade, new possibilities lie on the horizon.

Bless all of those who are beginning or returning to their roles as teachers and catechists as well as those who lead and support them in their efforts.

May this school year be a time of grace and potential as they teach, share and challenge others to grow in faith, knowledge and wisdom.

Bless children and youth, along with their parents, as they begin a new school year.

May their minds be open to learning and to the wonder of discovery and insight.

Be with us all as we embark on this new year.
Amen.



Our Faithfully Departed

Noreen Aukst, Grace DiBella, Henry Albert Link and Those who died from COVID-19.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 08/8/2021.....	\$7,462
Sunday Collection: 08/15/2021.....	\$5,942
Online Giving (WeShare) 08/2/21—08/15/21	\$6,699
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$46,814
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—51 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 08/8/2020.....	\$293
Major Maintenance 08/15/2020.....	\$174
Online Giving (WeShare) 08/2/21—08/15/21	\$100

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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: Aug. 15, 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:	\$43,400
Amount Paid:	\$41,297
Remaining Balance:	\$2,103
Donor Count	218

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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 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.
 (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 @ 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
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 3:00pm-8:00pm
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 Rev. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/
 Rev. Danny Soriano/Rev. Johnus
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 James Krueger/Matthew Tretina
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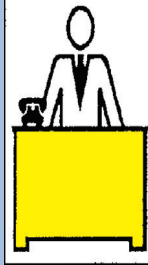
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