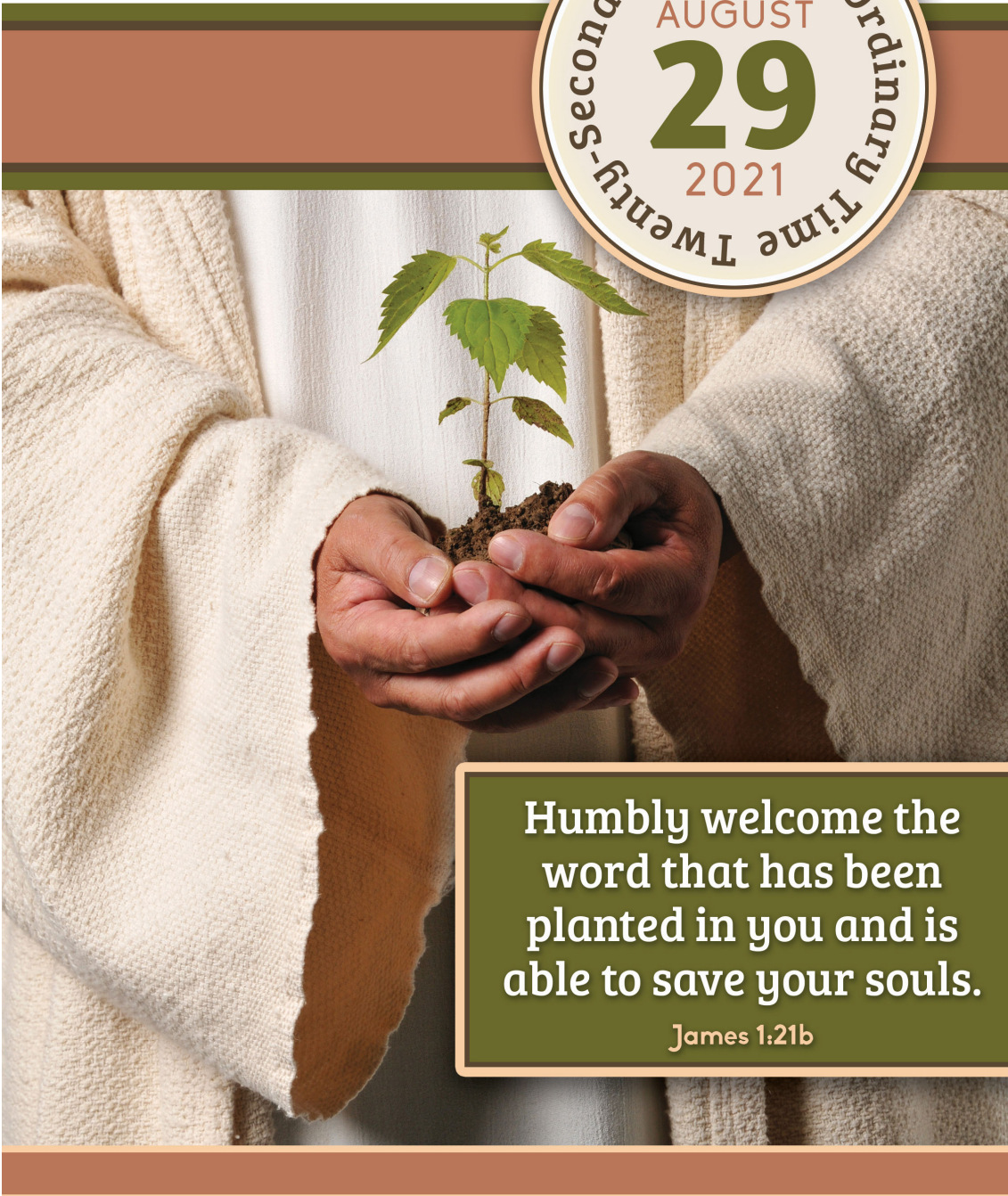


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**Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.**  
*James 1:21b*

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# Gospel Reflection

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



AUGUST  
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Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.  
James 1:21b

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### GOD’S LAWS

Today’s readings provide some interesting parallels and contrasts. The first reading is an account of Moses who, having delivered the Law to the Israelites, admonishes them to “observe them [its statutes] carefully.” The author of the Letter of James likewise instructs fellow Christians to “welcome the word” they have received, that they may become “doers of the words and not hearers only.” The psalmist praises “whoever walks blamelessly and does justice” by listing a few examples of what is required for that—descriptions that apply equally to both Jewish and Christian traditions. On the other hand, when the scribes and Pharisees point out that the disciples have not properly washed their hands before eating (which is, as Mark explains, the usual Jewish practice) Jesus scolds them sharply for being too focused on human rules—even ritual ones—instead of God’s laws.

### MOSAIC LAW: WHAT GOD WANTS OF THE PEOPLE

Moses gives the Israelites their Law, which provided the structure for daily life. As recorded in the Bible, over half of the Law is about rituals for worship and sacrifice. A related concept is the concept of a person’s ritual purity (or cleanliness), which is required for participation in both social and religious activities, since persons become unclean by physical contact with other unclean persons, animals, or objects. Other ways a person becomes unclean include the presence of skin lesions, bleeding, or a bodily discharge. Unclean persons are required to purify themselves to be again considered clean. Despite the Law’s complexity, observant Jews considered it a privilege, not a burden, to observe its precepts, and they continue to do so today.

### ON THE OTHER HAND . . .

The scribes and Pharisees are focusing on the disciples’ failure to properly wash their hands prior to eating. But nowhere in the biblical texts of the Law are there regulations regarding the washing of hands before or after meals. These regulations, as described by Mark, are merely practices like those that arise in all societies; if they continue long enough, they can seem like sacred duties, sanctified as “the traditions of their elders.”

This distinction is the source of the tension in these three readings. Moses and James both tell their people that they are recipients of a divine gift that requires special care, while Jesus is practically livid when the scribes and Pharisees react harshly to the disciples’ failure to wash their hands according to Jewish practices.

Such a distinction between divine law and human practices is valuable for our own lives. When we hear of another’s misdeeds, we should evaluate the seriousness of the offense before forming our own impression. Is this truly a serious moral matter? Or something less weighty? Carefully discerning the seriousness of such matters might reveal that things are not as grave as they first appear. Such care is an exercise in Christian charity, one way of acting on the word we have received as members of the Body of Christ.

### TODAY’S READINGS

- Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–8
- Psalm 15:2–3, 3–4, 4–5
- James 1:17–18; 21b–22, 27
- Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

## PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



**Labor Day Mass,  
Monday, September 6  
St. Alexander @ 9:00am**

**St. Alexander & St. John will have a  
combined 9:00am Mass on Labor Day,  
Monday, Sept. 6, 2021 @ St. A's.  
Hope you will join us!**



**The Parish Office  
will be closed on  
Labor Day, Monday,  
September 6.**



**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](mailto:mtretina@stalexanderparish.org)



### **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! *(Food will be individually wrapped.)*



**Special collection for Haiti  
recovery efforts set for  
weekend of Sept. 11-12**

The people of Haiti have suffered greatly in recent days, as both an earthquake and tropical storm have struck the country located in the Caribbean Sea. Numerous lives have been lost, and many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed.

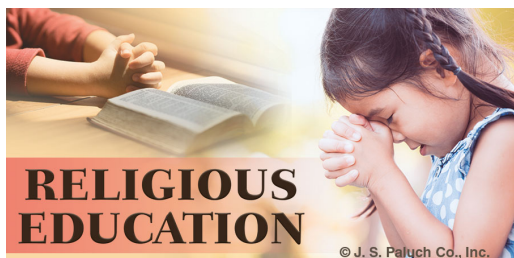
Catholic Relief Services is on the ground providing humanitarian aid, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has approved \$10,000 grants to each of the three most affected dioceses. But more help is needed.

In his role as USCCB president, Archbishop Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has called for a voluntary, special collection to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to provide additional aid to Haiti. The Diocese of Joliet has set the weekend of Sept. 11-12 for this special collection.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the people of Haiti.

# Faith Formation News and Parish News

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



**CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>!**

Grades K-5, Sundays 9:00—10:15am

Grades 6-8, Sundays 4:30—5:45pm

**Faith Formation (RE) Registration  
available on our website**

**[www.stalexanderparish.org/  
faitH-formation](http://www.stalexanderparish.org/faitH-formation)**



### CCW UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars to save the dates for these upcoming CCW Events!

- **Thurs. 9/16 @ 6:30pm**—Salad Supper and Bingo Night *(see page 6 for details)*
- **Sat. 10/23 @ after 5pm Mass**—Reverence for Life Rosary & Memorial Luminary Lighting
- **Thurs. 11/18 @ 7:00pm**—Movie Night to watch “Unbreakable”
- **Thurs. 12/16 @ 7:00pm**—Ornament Therapy.



**Faith Formation  
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9:30—10:15am**

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### **A FREE tool to be a steward for God’s Blessings.**

As Catholics, we are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, St. Alexander Church is sharing a **free, online will-writing tool**. It is cost0free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets, and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations and strengthen St. Alexander Church. Get started at **FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet**.



# PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



## Come for the food, stay for the Prizes! CCW SEPTEMBER EVENT

Salad Supper (Boxed) and Bingo Night,

Thursday, September 16 @ 6:30pm (Doors open 6:15pm) St. Alexander Hall (Gym)

**WELCOME** Ladies of St. Alexander Parish! We are excited to begin our CCW 21 - 22 season by kicking it off with our Salad Supper and Bingo Night. To make sure everyone stays safe, boxed meals will be served. Make sure you practice your yelling voice because Bingo will follow. **The cost is only \$5.00 per person for the entire evening.**

Please fill out the form below and drop it off at our table at masses on Sept. 4 & 5, and 11 & 12 weekends or in the drop box located in the Gathering Space. One form per person is required; however, you can put multiple forms and payments in one envelope.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling face soon!

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Check your Food Choice:**

- Turkey Salad Cold Plate (Turkey Salad, Assorted fruit, tomato/cucumber slice)
- Chopped Villa Salad (Bacon, tomato, cucumber, red onion, cheese, hard boiled eggs, avocado, croutons, dressing)

**Please Check your Payment Choice:**

- \$5.00 Cash included
- \$5.00 Check included payable to CCW of St. Alexander Parish

(One form per person is required; however, you can put multiple forms and payments in one envelope.)



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 TMIIY 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. TMIIY 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](http://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](http://www.TMIY.org):  
• Click on 'Find a Group / Register For a Class'  
• Search near Elmhurst, IL → Select Mary Queen of Heaven  
• Complete Registration Information  
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# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## August/Sept. 2021 Prayer for Vocations

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

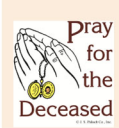
- 30. Fr. James Guarascio, Fr. Michael Groth
- 31. Sr. Yvonne Wiza OSF, Sr. Ella Binz OSF, Sr. Christine Bowman OSF, Sr. Ellen Mary Brenner OSF
- 1. Br. Alphonsus Brown O.H., Br. Charles Pratt O.H.
- 2. Jack Hayes, Peter Houtman, Phillip Leonard (Deacon Candidates)
- 3. Sr. Maria Brizuela OSF, Sr. Gloria Therese Cabrera OSF, Sr. Lois Ann Cline OSF
- 4. Fr. Dennis Paul, Fr. Thomas Paul
- 5. Sr. Patricia Dailey OSF, Sr. Mary-Lynn Danaher OSF

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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, 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, 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 Suarez, 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, Barbara Doyle, Don Hosek, Diane Knudtson, Chrissy Kulinski, Scott Liaison, Hailey Wilson Peyre, Jerry Riley, Jon Riley, Fr. John Sebahar, Allen Sterwalt, 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](http://www.stalexanderparish.org)



### Our Faithfully Departed Noreen Aukst, and those who died from COVID-19, the Tennessee floods and Haiti earthquake.

## 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.

- |                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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:

- |                 |               |                |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 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.**



## 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.

# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 08/22/2021.....	\$5,154
Online Giving (WeShare) 08/16/21—08/22/21	\$3,197
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$46,814
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—51 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 08/22/2020.....	\$272
Online Giving (WeShare) 08/16/21—08/22/21	\$200

*Thank you for your continued financial support of St. Alexander!*



**PLEDGE REPORT: Aug. 22, 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.

<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$42,100</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$43,400</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$41,447</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,953</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>218</b>

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## Ambit Energy Fundraiser

<b>August</b> Check from Ambit	\$98
2021 Total:	\$1,466.50
Total Raised Since 2009:	\$22,750.25
Families Participating:	52
Accounts (Gas and Electricity):	88

**Thank you Beverly Johnston for participating since October 26, 2009!**  
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 Call Kathy Gilroy (630) 202-3836 to enroll.

# PARISH REGISTRATION

## Why register with St. Alexander Parish?

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### Benefits to registering as a Parishioner:

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3. Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.

## 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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 Friday 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.  
**Church Website:** www.stalexanderparish.org  
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**Bulletin e-mail:** bulletin@stalexanderparish.org  
**Mass Schedule:**  
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 Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
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**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.*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month @ 1:00 p.m.  
**Spanish Baptisms:**  
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**Sacrament of Marriage**  
 Arrangements must be made **AT LEAST SIX (6)** months in advance before making other arrangements.

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 Rev. Danny Soriano/Rev. Johnus  
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 James Krueger/Matthew Tretina  
**Music Coordinator:** Alexia Garcia  
**Office Administrator:** Sue D’Alessandro  
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