

# St. Alexander Catholic Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

# Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."*

MATTHEW 1:23

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## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 19—Advent Weekday</b> Int. Danny McLoughlin
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 20—Advent Weekday</b> Jim Breggren
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 21—Advent Weekday</b> Arthur Simms, Sr.
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 22—Advent Weekday</b> Deceased Members of Clark-DiPrima Families
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 23—Advent Weekday</b> Francis & Yolanda Gentile
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00p.m. 6:30p.m. Midnight	<b>Dec. 24—Advent Weekday</b> Peter Kurasz, Sr., Bob Morris, Bob Connell Helen & Don Liss, Francis Campbell Tom & Ann Jones
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.  10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Dec. 25—The Nativity of Our Lord</b> Tom & Ann Jones/Chuck & Helen Maney/Emil & Harleen Fischer/Jerry & Yolanda Lullo/Laddie & Joanne Koutsky/ Clare Stralko & Family/Carole Maltese Marian Kurasz (28th Anniversary) Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

**Psalm** — The king of glory shall come in (Ps 24).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

**Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;  
Lk 1:46-56

**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Sunday: Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;  
Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;  
Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

## Facilities Schedule

### Mon. 12/19:

CCW-Prayer Blankets                      Gathering Space                      7:00pm

### Tues. 12/20:

Rental-Lions Volleyball                      Hall/Gym                      6:00pm

Music-Children's Choir                      Church                      6:00pm

Fishers of Men                      Fr. Tuan Room                      6:30pm

Music Ministry-Chancel Choir                      Church                      7:00pm

### Wed. 12/21:

Rental-Lions Volleyball                      Hall/Gym                      6:00pm

Music-Joystirs                      Maguire                      6:45pm

Music-Witness Choir                      Church                      7:00pm

Music-Spanish Choir                      Library                      7:00pm

**THE PARISH OFFICE, HALL AND MEETING ROOMS  
WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 23, 2022  
THRU JANUARY 2, 2023. THEY WILL REOPEN ON  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023.**



## Reconciliation

### St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm  
Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm  
or by appointment 630-833-7730.

### St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm  
Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm  
or by appointment 630-279-7404



# Gospel Reflection

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

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### TRUE GRATITUDE

Advent's four Sundays each have their own focus: "Stay awake!" (First); John the Baptist (Second); Rejoice! (Third); Joseph/Mary (Fourth). We might need to have a little pity on the Fourth Sunday, however, since the hectic realities of the secular calendar can overwhelm it, particularly in those years when there are only one or two (or zero!) days before Christmas. This year we have the luxury of a whole week! What shall we do with this gift from God? Perhaps a bit more charity or social action on behalf of God's poorest. Maybe take some time to listen for the voice of God in our dreams, as Joseph did. Attend daily Mass, Advent reconciliation, or pray the "O" antiphons (which began this Saturday evening). As with every gift, we show true gratitude by using it. Let us do so, as Paul tells us in Romans, for the sake of the name of Jesus, whose coming we await.

### WHOSE HOUSE?

Interest in genealogy is much, much older than current fascination with using DNA analysis to trace our heritage. Matthew's Gospel opens with the genealogy of Jesus, going all the way back to Abraham, Israel's father in faith. This is what immediately precedes today's Gospel reading, and is crucial to how we hear the opening sentence: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about." It's not so much as a starting point, but a pivot point that places Jesus firmly in the "house of David" through Joseph (in first-century Judaism, lineage and heritage was traced solely through males). An essential understanding of the Messiah was that he would come from the house and lineage of King David. For those of us who follow Jesus in faith, it's important to recall that it was through Joseph that Jesus both came from the house of David and was made a son of the covenant of Moses.

### WHOSE HOME?

Matthew's Gospel also contains an angelic annunciation scene; we hear from it today. Another pivot point is presented, when the angel says "Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home." As with most angelic appearances in scripture, the angel provides an instruction not to fear. More importantly, Joseph is instructed by God's messenger to take Mary into his home. When Joseph and Mary were betrothed, they were officially constituted as husband and wife; the next step—approved by an angel—would have been for Joseph to take Mary into his home. So he provided a safe place for a young woman in a troubled pregnancy, and offered her child a home, a heritage, and a lineage. This rather difficult and risky move on Joseph's part might inspire us in this season to seek out and help out in those places where people are longing to have a house and—more importantly—a home.

### TODAY'S READINGS

- Isaiah 7:10-14
- Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-24

# Parish/Diocesan News



## St. Alexander Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Tuesdays:** 5:00—6:00pm  
**Saturdays:** 4:00—4:45pm

**Additional/Extended Confession time:**  
**Tuesday, 12/20:** 5:00 –7:00pm

The St. Alexander Catholic Council of Women decorated a Christmas Tree along the Villa Park Prairie Path. Take a walk and check it out!



## St. Alexander's Christmas Mass Schedules

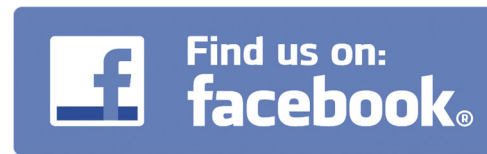
**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Eve Masses**  
4:00pm, 6:30pm, and 12:00 Midnight  
*(Christmas caroling will begin at 11:15pm)*

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Day Masses**  
8:30am, 10:30am and 6:00pm in Spanish

**January 1, 2023—Mary the Mother of God**  
*(Holy day of obligation)*

**Saturday: December 31, 2022 @ 5:00pm**  
**Sunday, January 1, 2023:** 8:30am, 10:30am  
6:00pm in Spanish

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**Saint Alexander Villa Park Illinois**

## St. John the Apostle Christmas Mass Schedule

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Eve Masses**  
5:00pm and 10:00pm

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Day Masses**  
9:00am, 11:00am and 12:30pm

**January 1, 2023—Mary the Mother of God**  
*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

**Saturday, December 31, 2022:** 5:00pm,  
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12:30pm in Spanish



**You are all invited for hospitality and fellowship!!!** Parish Council will host hospitality 4 times a month at one of the Masses, unless there is something else going on..

**Here is the schedule:**

- 1st Weekend: 6:00pm Spanish Mass
- 2nd Weekend: 5:00pm Mass
- 3rd Weekend: 8:30am Mass
- 4th Weekend: 10:30am Mass

# Faith Formation/Parish/Diocesan News

Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com



**Thank you to the following parishioners who donated towards our Christmas Flowers for the church. We greatly appreciate your generosity.**  
*(More will be posted in future bulletins.)*

<u>Parishioner</u>	<u>In Honor/Memory</u>	<u>Parishioner</u>	<u>In Honor/Memory</u>
Ava Marie Lindahl		Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kozbial	Danuta Abramozyk/Henryka Kozbial/Franciszek Kozbial/Maksymilian Abramczyk/Anna Abramozyk
George Laarveld		Mr. & Mrs. Ed Pindelski	Tea & Julia Pindelski/Ralph & Helen Danza/Mary Jo Hanrahan/Carol Ann Kloppmann/Joanne Manzo
George Sifuentes		Mrs. Susan Kroeger	
Joseph and Linda Palek		Ms. Jean Babicz	Babicz Family
Mark Ranieri Jr		Mr. & Mrs. James Dion	Marcella Dion/Doris Karpel
Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Krueger		Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Crilly	
Pauline Bonze		Mr. Thomas Sobaski	Noreen Sobaski/Bill Sobaski/Barbara Sobaski
Robert Schillmiller		Mr. & Mrs. Vandergrift	J. Vandergrift, S&H Husenica V, C, R Vandergrift
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Therese/Dan Hanigan		Mr. & Mrs. Roycroft	Deceased and Living Family Members
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Magdalena Jean			
Mr. & Mrs. James Loesch			

# Parish/Diocesan News

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

**Bulletin Date:** January 1, 2023      **Article Due:** December 21

Please submit your articles to:  
bulletin@stalexanderparish.org.

*Thank you!*



The Arts and Environment team could use help decorating the church for Christmas. If you can help, please contact:  
**Dina Ranieri at Dina@vistpm.com or 630-816-0312**



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.

- 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)*
- Saverio D'Alessandro** *(son of Sue & Tom D'Alessandro)*
- Dustin Hayes**, *(grandson of Kevin & Mary O'Connor)*
- Eric Iftner** *(brother of Megan Iftner)*
- Matthew and Steven Kuhl** *(nephews of Phyllis Oliva)*
- Joshua Lapsos** *(grandson of Clara Fiedler)*
- Cameron Littleson** *(son of Ann & Scott Littleson and son-in-law of Greg and Terry Maher)*
- Joseph McNulty** *(nephew of Kathy McNulty)*
- John Mikita** *(nephew of Frank Gill)*
- Adam Montana** *(Son of Christine & Dennis Montana and big brother of Jeremy Montana)*
- 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)*
- Kimmy Zimmerman** *(niece of Clara Fiedler)*



**NAMI**  
(National Alliance for Mental Illness)  
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**24/7 Crisis Text Line**  
Text "NAMI" to 741741

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# Prayer Intentions



## Dec. 2022 Prayer for Vocations

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

- 19. Dcns. Robert Waring, Douglas Wells, Charles Woods
- 20. Sr. Janet Tucci OSF
- 21. Sr. Helen Vahling OSF, Sr. Rita Vahling OSF
- 22. Seminarian Jonathan Hernandez and Seminarian Colin McGarel**
- 23. Dcns. Gary Wooley, Duane Wozek
- 24. Dcns. Ronald Yurcus, Robert Ziomek
- 25. Sr. M. Yvonne Weidner OSF, Sr. Vivian Whitehead OSF



## 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.

**Gunnar Andersen, Rita Angeloupoulus,  
Phil Coleman, Dennis Finegan,  
Gary Forenewold, Joe Frank,  
Gene & Joy Gassensmith, Sue Jansen,  
Lynn Jones, Peter Maney, Kay Marnell,  
Sue Mecklenburg, Hannah Medow,  
Karen Mocarski, Patrick (P.J.) O'Connor  
Anparo Rodriguez, Trisha Salvino,  
Barb Soundheim, Ruben Stortzum,  
Susan Strickland, Judy Suffin, Gina Szyska,  
and Kevin Wallace**

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 Deceased Mary Hartnett and Georgene Oplawski

## Eucharistic Adoration



The Adoration Chapel is open:  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, and  
Thursday from 3:00pm—10:00pm.**  
*The Chapel is located in the  
Kennedy Center building  
North of the Church on Cornell Avenue.*

## Rosebud Program

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



### CONGRATULATIONS!

To the Jahns family on the birth of their daughter.  
Laura and Josh on the birth of their daughter, Rosalie Nancy.  
Paul and Alexa on the birth of their daughter, Maria Louisa.

George & Patricia due 12/2022      Kristen & Taylor due 3/2023  
Shanetra due 12/2022                  Nathaniel & Amy due in 6/2023

### Special Intentions for:

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

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



## Vocations Cross (3rd Sunday of the Month @ 10:30 Mass)

Recognizing the importance of praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life, the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is asking one family a month to pick up the Vocations Cross at Mass and pray for an increase of vocations that month.

If you are interested, please contact Judy Emerson @ 630-620-1425 to sign up for the Vocations Cross.

# Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 12/4/2022.....	\$10,079
Online Giving (WeShare) 11/30—12/7/2022	\$4,002
Weekly Goal.....	\$9,000
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$194,650
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$459,000
Major Maintenance 12/4/2022.....	\$210
Major Maint. Online Giving 11/30—12/7/2022	\$155

**November 2022 Weekly Envelope Giving:**  
**\$27,585**

**November 2022 Online Contributions**

Sunday Collections .....	\$10,081
Major Maintenance .....	\$155
Miscellaneous .....	\$855

*(Adoration Chapel, All Saints Day, Campaign for Human Development, Faith Formation Tuition Assistance, Religious Education, St. Vincent de Paul)*

**Thank you for your support  
of St. Alexander Parish!**

# Parishioner 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.

## 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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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner

New Address

New Phone Number



## PLEDGE REPORT: Dec. 4, 2022

Thank you to all those who have made pledges. Please continue to make your 2022 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>\$46,300</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$48,204</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$45,421</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$2,783</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>220</b>

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 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. (Eng/Span)  
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 4:45p.m.

**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 @ 12:15 p.m.  
**Spanish Baptisms:**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Johnus Cherunilath  
**Permanent Deacons:**  
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 Julio Jimenez/James Krueger/Mark Ranieri, Jr./  
 Matthew Tretina  
**Music Coordinator:** Alexia Garcia  
**Office Administrator:** Sue D’Alessandro  
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**Director:** Kathy Halloran



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