

# St. Alexander Catholic Church

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## FOURTH Sunday OF *Advent*

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country  
in haste to a town of Judah,  
where she entered the house of  
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 20—Advent Weekday</b> Roy Johnson
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 21—St. Peter Canisus, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> Gilberta Gonzalez Galindo
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 22—Advent Weekday</b> Deceased Members of Clark & DiPrima Families
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 23—St. John of Kanty, Priest</b> Cecilio Torres
<b>Friday</b> <b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Dec. 24—Christmas Eve/Advent Weekday</b> Bob Morris/Maher & Schaber Families
<b>6:30pm (sp)</b>	Francis Campbell/Braun & Liss Families
<b>Midnight</b>	Tom & Anne Jones/Chuck & Helen Maney/Carol Maltese
<b>Saturday</b> <b>8:30am</b>	<b>Dec. 25—The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day</b> Barbara Esposito/Ralph, Sr. & Carmella DeRose/Harleen & Emil Fischer/Tom & Anne Jones/Chuck & Helen Maney/ Bud Campbell
<b>10:30am</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>Marian Kurasz (27th Anniversary)</b> All Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>Dec. 26—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> Frank, Alice and David Paulin/Laddie & Jeanne Koutsky/ Carol Sitowski
10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo & Marvin G. Jett Spanish Mass—The People of St. Alexander Parish

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Mon. 12/20:</b>		
YMCA	Hall/Gym	6:30am
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
<b>Tues. 12/21:</b>		
YMCA	Hall/Gym	6:30am
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm
Fishers of Men Prayer Group	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir practice	Maguire Room	7:00pm
<b>Wed. 12/22:</b>		
YMCA	Hall/Gym	6:30am
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Music—Witness Choir practice	Library	6:00pm
Music—Spanish Choir practice	Church	7:00pm
<b>Thurs. 12/23:</b>		
YMCA	Hall/Gym	6:30am
Rental—St. Pius Basketball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
CCW-Ornament Therapy	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm

**Parish Office, Hall and Meeting Rooms  
will be closed from December 24—January 2, 2022  
for the Christmas Holiday.**

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah** shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

**Psalm —** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading —** We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

**Gospel —** Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

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

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

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

**Saturday:** 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]

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



## 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

## Gospel Reflection



Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40

### INCARNATION AND PASCHAL MYSTERY

For years, Catholic spiritual writers have drawn our attention to the Christmas liturgy's subtle—and not-so-subtle—linking of Christ's incarnation with his paschal mystery. In the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke, there are countless intimations of the Passion and cross. The saints of the Christmas octave, dubbed “comites Christi,” Christ's companions in suffering, form a royal honor guard of martyrs and others who bore witness at great personal sacrifice to the Child we hail as “Prince of Peace,” while the wood of the manger evokes the wood of the cross. But these days, sadly, in the wake of seemingly endless mass shootings at schools, we need no reminders of how close in real life are the cradle and the cross. May our hearts find, if not answers, at least comfort in the prophet Micah's reminder that, from the pain of a woman's labor came forth the Child who is our incarnate peace.

### COMFORT AND SALVATION

All of today's scriptures seem to declare Christmas's “comfort and joy.” Micah declares that, as small as Bethlehem is, the child born there will bring peace that “shall reach to the ends of the earth.” Hebrews proclaims that, despite pain and suffering, the “offering of the body of Jesus Christ” saves us all. In today's Gospel, bearing the Christ Child within her, Mary, barely more than a child herself, immediately, unselfishly sets aside her own preoccupations—and as a betrothed but as yet unmarried mother-to-be, how many they must have been—to travel in haste, over dangerous terrain, a four-day journey (the scholars say) from Nazareth to Ain-Karem, to the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

### BLESSED

Then, just as David leapt and danced before the ancient Ark of the Covenant that bore precious signs of God's abiding presence, so John leaps in his mother Elizabeth's womb as Mary arrives, a living ark bearing God's living presence. Elizabeth joyfully greets Mary in words that we pray daily in the “Hail Mary”: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” Why Mary is so “blessed” Elizabeth then explains: “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” Likewise, we may dare hope to be “blessed” for “believing that what was spoken” to us “by the Lord”—Jesus' promise of mercy—will be fulfilled as we share God's mercy with everyone. For by reason of our baptism and, more immediately and repeatedly, because of our participation in the Eucharist, we too bear within ourselves the living Christ. To whom, or to what situation, do we need to bear Christ this Christmas? Indeed, throughout the year, how selflessly do we set our own concerns aside? How eagerly—“in haste”—do we, disregarding difficulties, traverse whatever dangerous terrain needs conquering to be of service to another?

### TODAY'S READINGS

Micah 5:1-4a  
 Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
 Hebrews 10:5-10  
 Luke 1:39-45

# PARISH NEWS

## **Fantastic Job!! 420 Coats delivered to the Mission to Our Lady of the Angels!!**

We cannot be prouder of our St. Alexander parish, our friends and community! You collected 150 new and used coats throughout our two-month drive. Pilot Pete’s Coffee in Elmhurst train station (go in, get a coffee, and say thanks) partnered with us and collected 150 coats and provided a trailer to haul all the coats to the city.

With a huge donation from Knights of Columbus Council #8365, along with a generous donation from The Divine Word Missionaries (Fr. Tran’s order), we also purchased 120 new coats which were shipped directly to the Mission. **All told, they received 420 new and used coats!**

**The Mission to Our Lady of the Angels** is in West Humboldt Park, Chicago; a neighborhood which has been identified as the poorest in the city. Our Lady of the Angels Mission is staffed by a group of Catholic nuns and brothers from the **Franciscans of the Eucharist** order. Please visit their website to learn more about their amazing ministry at [www.missionola.com](http://www.missionola.com).

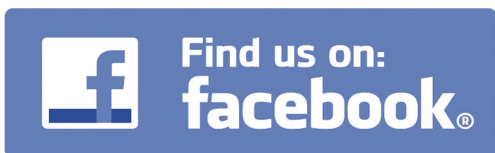


Above: Peter Thomas of Pilot Pete’s Coffee and Sr. Stephanie of Our Lady of Angels



Above: Parishioners sort and bag coats collected at our coat drive.

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# Faith Formation News and Parish/Diocesan News

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



## St. Alexander Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Tuesdays:** 5:00—6:00pm

**Extended Confession time:**

Tuesday, Dec. 21 from 5:00—7:00pm

**In addition to the above,  
Confessions can be heard on:**

Friday, 17, 5:30—6:30pm

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

**Bulletin Date:**

January 2, 2022

**Article Due:**

December 21

Please submit your articles to:  
**[bulletin@stalexanderparish.org](mailto:bulletin@stalexanderparish.org)**.

Attach a Word File to your email and include a contact name and phone number on each article indicating the date(s) you would like the article to run.

*Thank you!*



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce that **IN-PERSON** experiences will be held locally in Chicagoland on the following 2022 weekends: February 11-13, April 9-10, August 12-14! Early registration is suggested due to limited space. For more information or to apply, go to <https://wwme-chicagoland.org>, or call 630-577-



*A message from  
Fr. Rosenbaum.....*

Christmas greetings in the Lord to all,

I hope this message finds you safe and healthy. I want to send my Christmas blessings upon all of you. Thanks be to God that we have returned to full capacity in our churches. May we make our presence and faith known to one another over the newborn child in a manger, Our Savior Jesus Christ.

I thank all of those who have persevered in their faith through the challenges of this past year. Our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is something that we can choose to carry with us throughout our life. In the goodness of God, we can offer prayers for loved ones who are not physically present to us. Just as Christ, entering into humanity, was an offering for people of all times and places. Let us not be discouraged, rather let us be a people of hope, a people of offering, that will not let the present circumstances slow us down.

Again, a Blessed and Merry Christmas to you all. I continue to keep my parishes, my family of St. Alexander and St. John the Apostle, in my thoughts and prayers.

Fr. Rosenbaum

## PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

### A Request for Help and a Thank you!

Are you interested in decorating the church for Christmas, Easter and the different seasons throughout the year? We need your help!! See our contact information below.

Our decorating committee, The Art and Environment Committee, is stepping back after 20 plus years of service. They have made our church look amazing every Christmas and Easter! A special thank you to **Nancy Himmes** who directed and coordinated the committee that spent many hours decorating the church. Also thank you these volunteers who gave of their time and talent: **John Korbus, Laura and Scott Kuhrau, Bill Hodges, Rebecca Placzek, George Himmes, Kim Stoltz and Tom Molinaro, Annette Korbus.** We are sorry to see you go.

To join our decorating team, please contact **Dina Ranieri** at [Dina@vistpm.com](mailto:Dina@vistpm.com) or **630-816-0312**.

### Pastoral Visits with the Homebound

Pastoral visits to the homebound is an important ministry in the Church. This is especially true since the pandemic has limited visits to hospitals and extended care facilities. One of our parishioners, Mark Ranieri, has been preparing for ordination as a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Joliet. Having completed the Principles of Pastoral Care course, he will begin supervised Field Ministry in January of 2022 by focusing his ministry on visiting the homebound.

If you know of a parishioner or neighbor who would benefit from a home visit, please call Mark at 630.514.7958.



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**MARCH FOR LIFE** **ADULT & FAMILY BUS TRIP**  
**CHICAGO** **Saturday, January 8th 2022 11:50 am-4 pm**  
 Round Trip Bus Between Elmhurst and Daley Plaza



### CONTRIBUTE TO A MOVEMENT

Participate with over 10,000 people to MARCH from Federal Plaza in Chicago.

All adults and families are invited to join a group of from Elmhurst to experience a powerful day of fellowship your pro-life faith.

Cost is \$15 per individual or \$40 per family

To register on-line, go to [www.icw.org](http://www.icw.org) and search IC Elmhurst or visit <http://bit.ly/30j77g0>.

To register in person, visit IC Parish office: 134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126 630-530-8515

Questions? Contact: Tess Hill 630-732-1129 [t.hill@lwreedy.com](mailto:t.hill@lwreedy.com)

#### Schedule for the day:

11:50 pm Depart from Immaculate Conception  
 12:50 pm Arrive in Chicago  
 1-3 pm Rally & March: Beginning at Federal Plaza  
 3:00 pm Board bus to return to Elmhurst  
 4:00 pm Arrive at Immaculate Conception

There is a second bus specifically for high school students (\$5 per ticket)—details and registration materials available at <http://bit.ly/30j77g0>.



### 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.

There is a family signed up for December 2021, so CCW is looking for a family to sign up for January 2022.

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

# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## Dec. 2021 Prayer for Vocations

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

- 20. Sr. Janet Tucci OSF, Sr. Therese M. Tusek OSF
- 21. Sr. Helen Vahling OSF, Sr. Rita Vahling OSF, Sr. Patricia Ann Wagner OSF
- 22. Seminarian Jonathan Hernandez
- 23. Dcns. Gary Wooley, Duane Wozek
- 24. Dcns. Ronald Yurcus, Robert Ziomek
- 25. Sr. M. Yvonne Weidner OSF, Sr. Vivian Whitehead OSF
- 26. Dcns. Guadalupe Villarreal, Franics Vonesh

## Rosebud Program

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



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Lily & Tim on the birth of their daughter, Noelle Lillian.  
Kelly and Jeremy on the birth of their son Lucas Scott.  
Tricia and Cameron on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Grace.

Lindsay & Dan due in 12/21.                      Matthew & Ellis due 5/22.

### 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.**



## 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.

- Jane Banks, Emily Bertucci, Nu Bui, Emil Ciardullo, Bob Connell, Garcey DiBella, Walter Dittmer, Barb Doyle, Matt Doyle, Prinda Fabis, Joe Frank, Joy and Gene Gassensmith, Frank Gill, Marge Green, Joan Gnad-Hayes, Nick Jones, Joe Kilgallon, Diane Knudtson, Chrissy Kulinski, Peter Maney, Ray Orsolini, Meadow Paulsen, Hailey Wilson Peyer, Jerry Riley, Jon Riley, Roy Robinson, James Rohrich, Andres Villeras Santana, Arthur Simms, Gary Spearman, Gerry Spearman, Karen Soukup, Allan Sterwalt, Clare Stralko, Linda Toaddy, Judy Travnicek, 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)



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

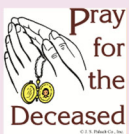
- Chase Keith**, son Justin and Joanna Wiora, nee Martin
- Holden Ronald**, son of Michael and Kelly Troxell, nee Coleman
- Perla Sophia Torres Garcia**, daughter of Jose and Fabiola Garcia, nee Garcia
- Cam Bradley**, son of Bradley and Christine Custer, nee Stelter

## Adoration Chapel



The Adoration Chapel, located in the Kennedy Center building, is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00—8:00pm. Just ring the bell and an Adorer will let you in.

If you would like to sign up for a 1 hour a week time slot, go to our website: [www.stalexanderparish.org](http://www.stalexanderparish.org).



## Our Faithfully Departed

Clara Fiedler, Nick Kozak, Marie Seiwert, Nima Haag and for those who died from COVID-19.

# STEWARDSHIP

**Due to an early bulletin deadline, financials could not be reported at this time.**

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

# 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: Nov. 28, 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>\$47,210</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$46,823</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$387</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>Rebate</b>	<b>\$3,306</b>

*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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**Fax Number:** 630.833.3127  
**Office Hours:**  
 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.  
 (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:**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
**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  
**Permanent Deacons:**  
 John Boyle, Emeritus/Christopher Cochran/Julio Jimenez  
 James Krueger/Matthew Tretina  
**Music Coordinator:** Alexia Garcia  
**Office Administrator:** Sue D’Alessandro  
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