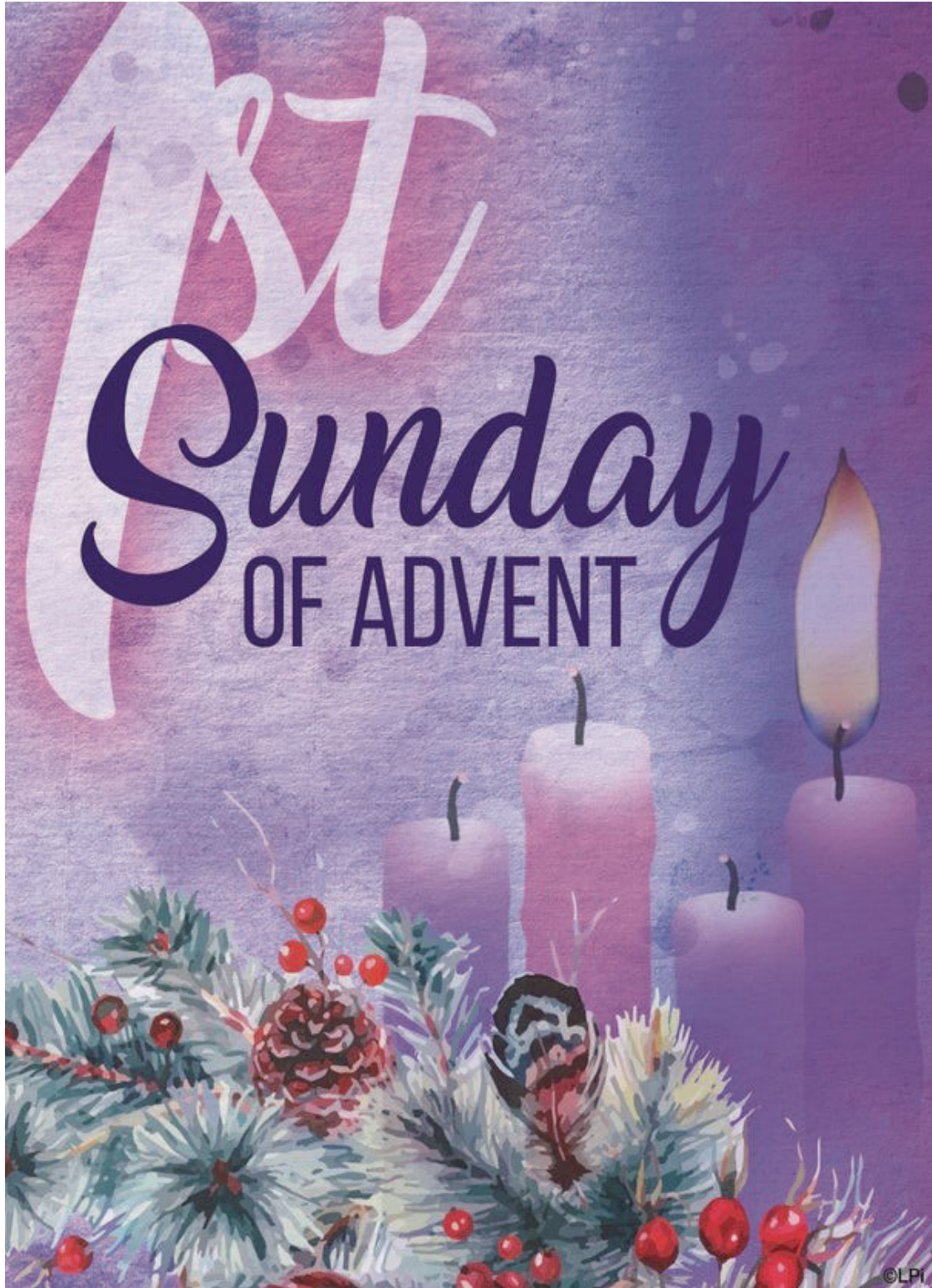


# St. Alexander Catholic Church

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**Dec. 3, 2023**

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## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 4—St. John Damascene, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Richard Flower
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 5— Advent Weekday</b> Joe Gilles
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 6— Advent Weekday</b> Int. of Walko Family
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 7—Saint Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Joyce Maxse (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Friday</b> 8:45am 8:00pm	<b>Dec. 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> People of St. Alexander Parish People of St. Alexander Parish
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>Dec. 9—St. Juan Diego, Cuauhtlatoatzin</b> Braun & Liss Families/Angela Saporito & Josephine Santisi/ Ed Driskell/Thomas Kulik
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30am  10:30am 6:00pm	<b>Dec. 10—Second Sunday of Advent</b> Karen Mocarski/Natalie Baker (16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)/ Urban Baker (62 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)/Int. Michael Tellone Peter Kurasz, Jr. People of St. Alexander Parish

The Hospitality Committee is taking the month of December off. Therefore, no hospitality will be served after Masses during the month of December.

The committee wishes everyone a blessed Advent/Christmas season and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



**You are all invited for hospitality and fellowship!!!** Parish Council will host hospitality 3 times a month at one of the Masses. Hospitality is a time for all parishioners to get together in a casual setting with friends and just to “visit”. All are invited to bring a favorite comfort food to share with friends after Mass.

**Here is the schedule:**

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

## Weekly Facility Schedule

<b>Mon. 12/4:</b> Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Altar Server Training	Church	5:00pm
O.C.I.A.	Fr. Tuan Room	6:00pm
Scout Troop 199	Gym/Hall	7:00pm
CCW-Prayer Blankets	Gathering Space	7:00pm
<b>Tues. 12/5:</b> Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Gym/Hall	6:00pm
Faith Formation Fundamentals	Library	6:00pm
Fishers of Men	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
<b>Wed. 12/6:</b> Legion of Mary	Fr. Tuan Room	9:00am
Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Gym/Hall	6:00pm
Music—Youth Choir	Church	6:00pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Gym/Hall	6:00pm
Music—Joystir Choir Practice	Maguire Room	6:45pm
Music—Witness Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
Music—Spanish Choir Practice	Library	7:00pm
<b>Thurs. 12/7:</b> Thursday Coffee	Gathering Space	after 8:45am Mass
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sisters Room	9:30am
Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Gym/Hall	6:00pm
CCW Christmas Board Mtg.	Sister’s Room	6:30pm
Knights of Columbus	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm
<b>Sat. 12/9:</b>		
Faith Formation-breakfast setup	Hall/Gym	5:00-8:00pm
CCW—Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt	Hall/Gym	6:00-8:30pm
<b>Sun. 12/10:</b> FF Breakfast w/Jesus	Hall/Gym	8:00am
Knights of Columbus Xmas Party	Hall/Gym	1:00-5:00pm



## Reconciliation

**St. Alexander:**

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

**No confessions on Tues., 12/5/2023.**

**St. John the Apostle:**

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

## Parish News



**Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception**  
(This is a holy day of obligation.)  
**Fri., December 8, 2023**

Join us for Masses on  
December 8 at  
8:45am and 8:00pm(Bil)

**Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 8th for the Immaculate Conception Holy Day.**

**The office will reopen on Monday, December 11th at 9:00am.**



**St. Alexander  
Advent Sacrament  
of Reconciliation**

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

**Additional/Extended Confession time:**

**Friday, 12/15: 5:30—6:30pm**  
**Tuesday, 12/19: 5:00—7:00pm**  
**Friday, 12/22: 5:30—6:30pm**

## Retirement Fund for Religious

**Please give to  
those who have  
given a lifetime.**



### December 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your support for this collection December 9/10 provides financial assistance for retirement needs for 297 U.S. religious communities.

Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests—collectively known as women and men religious—have selflessly served for decades without significant financial compensation. However, due to escalating health-care costs, numerous U.S. religious communities face a substantial gap between their elderly members' needs and the financial resources available for their care. Many religious orders currently experience insufficient retirement savings.

**The 2022 appeal demonstrated Catholics' tremendous generosity by raising \$27.6 million. Diocese of Joliet parishioners contributed \$286,788.25 to the collection.**

The senior religious in our diocese never retire from their vows, and they play a crucial role in conveying the faith from one generation to the next. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry as ongoing witnesses to the Gospel. Others are frail and need assistance, yet all remain wholly committed to their vocations by embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Please support the retirement needs of our senior religious. And please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

As I remain –  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks  
Bishop of Joliet



## Parish News

### Giving Tree Donations



Your gift cards for the Giving Tree are due back this weekend. There is a drop box in the gathering space. Please place your gift card in an envelope with the family number and recipient's name on the envelope. Additional Jewel, Target and Walmart gift cards will be accepted if you were unable to use the "Sign Up Genius".

Also, we are asking for a small amount of your time and energy next Saturday, December 9th to deliver gift bags from the Giving Tree to our needy children and families. Please meet in the Hall at 9:00am to deliver a bag or two. Thank you.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Betty Martin at 630.346.0177 or Barbara Colby at 630.725.8425.

*Thank you.*



Two of our choirs, *Joystir and Chancel*, are looking for an accompanist.

- **Joystir Choir** meets for practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and sings for the Mass on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. The Masses are every first and third weekend of the month. Joystir Choir group is also seeking a guitarist and singers to join
- **Chancel Choir** meets for practice on Tuesday at 7:00p.m and sings every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

The piano accompanist is paid a stipend for both rehearsal and Masses played.

Interested? Please contact Music Director Gina Gabriel at [ggabriel@stalexanderparish.org](mailto:ggabriel@stalexanderparish.org).

**Also, anyone who likes to sing, is welcome to join either one of these choirs.**



*It is in Baptism that one is welcomed into a community of faith.*

*As a parish community,*

**"WE WELCOME YOU."**

**Charles Henry**, son of Jacob & Rachel Garbacz, nee Weber

**Bode Robert**, son of Thomas & Ashley Garbacz, nee Stoltz

**Althea Rose**, daughter of Michael & Rose Elgeness, nee Brown

**Augustine James**, son of James & Jacqueline Connelly, nee Flowers

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Tuesday, December 5, 2023  
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(includes carryout).

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Proceeds will go towards our future 100th Anniversary celebrations.

Anyway's  
5 East Roosevelt Road  
Oakbrook Terrace

## Parish News



Make this Christmas special for Pregnant Moms in Need at Waterleaf Pregnancy Center. Buy a gift card or donate and receive a baby stocking Christmas decoration and prayer card.

See the "Tree for Life Table" in the Gathering Space at masses December 2/3, December 9/10 and December 16/17. Thank you

**Walking with Moms in Need**  
Dianne D'Amico 630-333-8947

### Parish Council Corner

I'd like to thank you for your kindness as I recovered from my knee accident this fall. As I look back on these last several weeks I am so grateful for each and everyone of you. This parish is one of deep, loving kindness. You all care so very much for one another, and I felt the depth of that love personally. Thank you.

I spent my teaching career working with middle school students, and through them I realized that the holidays aren't as "jolly and happy" as we'd like to think. It was a huge struggle for many of those kids just to get through a time that was supposed to be a joyful one. That realization was a profound learning experience for me and has affected how I approach the Christmas season.

As we embrace this season of Advent, I implore you to take a few minutes to look around the pews when you attend mass. Who is missing? What faces are usually near you, but haven't been around these last few weeks? Who is suffering? Who needs you? Just a phone call, a note, a smiling face, or a surprise visit could make the difference for someone who is suffering. Please remember those around you whose lives are not going well. Reach out; you will be deeply rewarded.

May God bless you during this wonderful season of the birth of our Lord.

Linda Krause, Parish Council President

# Faith Formation & Parish News

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



On Saturday, 11/18, Faith Formation participated in Feed My Starving Children at Yorktown Mall from 8:30 am - 10:30 am. We had 25 participants with 8 adults and 17 students. The morning session we participated in packed 177 boxes which was 38,332 meals and 104 kids will eat for a year. Below were the participants.

### Students

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Taylor Koziol   | Emily Balius     |
| Camilla Amaya   | Kimberly Carmona |
| Lena Trippi     | Nancy Carmona    |
| Ashley Boynton  | Camila Huerta    |
| Maddie Bousum   | Jasmine Huerta   |
| Susanna Salgado | Kiera Miller     |
| Dayanira Luna   | Liam Kirchbaum   |
| Lucia Luna      | Mia Sansone      |
| Pedro Luna      |                  |

### Adults

- Kate Bousum
- Sam Bousum
- Susan Balius
- Anne Miller
- Andrew Miller
- Ally Ranieri
- Brandon Raines

## 6 Hours of Confession

**When was the last time you received Reconciliation?**

**You are invited to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas.**

The priests of the 15 parishes of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness of Sin.

**Saturday, December 16, from 9am until 3pm**

There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in Spanish.

**All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace.**

Please come to Mary Queen of Heaven  
430 N. West Avenue, Elmhurst, IL  
630-279-5700

## **EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:**

Due to the upcoming holidays, bulletin items must be submitted early. Please submit to [bulletin@stalexanderparish.org](mailto:bulletin@stalexanderparish.org). Thank you.

### Submit by Noon:

- Dec. 5
- Dec. 11
- Dec. 18
- Dec. 20

### Publication Date:

- Dec. 17
- Dec. 24
- Dec. 31
- Jan. 7, 2024



Join us for:  
*National  
Eucharistic Revival  
Adoration Holy Hour*



**Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023**

**2:00—3:00pm**

**In the church**

**Rosary, Music & Benediction**

# Prayer Intentions



1. Br. Augustine Mallak OSB, Br. Gregory Perron OSB, Br. Richard Poro OSB
2. Dcns. Mark Ranieri, Rodney Sindac, David Stanton
3. Sr. Geraldine Podobnik OSF, Sr. Lois Prebil OSF, Sr. Margaret (Peggy) Quinn OSF
4. Bishop Daniel Conlon
5. Sr. Janet Rieden OSF, Sr. Marianne Saieg OSF, Sr. Sandra Salois OSF
6. Michael Raiz, Juan Reyes, Sean Tierney, Robert Visher (2025 Deacon Candidates)
7. Frs. Krzysztof Janicki S.Ch., Bogdan Molenda S.Ch.
8. Sr. Rita Schmitz OSF, Sr. Clarita Schumacher OSF
9. Dcns. William Thomas, Arturo Tiongson, **Matthew Tretina**, Robert True

## Eucharistic Adoration

The Adoration Chapel is open:  
**Tuesday: 3:00pm—10:00pm,**  
**Wednesday: 3:00pm—9:00pm,**  
**Thursday: 3:00pm—10:00pm.**



*The Chapel is located in the Kennedy Center building North of the Church on Cornell Avenue.*

**Adoration is also available in the Church on Mondays from 3-4pm.**

## Rosebud Program

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



### CONGRATULATIONS!

**Lori & Fred** on the birth of their son **Lucas Frederick.**  
**Anthony & Beth** on the birth of their daughter **Lucille Lake.**  
**Katie & Joh** non the birth of their son **Jack.**

Lindsay & Dan due in 1/2024  
 Diana & Jake due in 1/2024

Patrick & Anna due 4/2024

### Special Intentions for:

Tracey & Bob	Maria & Bobby	Carl & Terrie
Tony & Andrea	Amy & Sam	Amanda & Scott
Rose & Eleodoro	Mary Frances	Bob & Cyndy
Mary & Jared	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.



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. If someone can be taken off this sick list, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

**Ray Bacci, Charles Baker, Pete Connelly, Bill Conroy, Sandra Krutz, Reinelia Leiva, Mary Mullen, Fr. John Ouper, Brianna Payne, Paloma, John Rich, Jr., James Rohrich, Jerry Spearman, Susanne Strickland, Deacon Herb Waldron, Kevin Wallace, Laurie Wallace, those affected by the conflicts in Ukraine & Israel**

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)



## 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.



**Our Faithful Departed**  
**Sally Sommers, Carol Austria, Gene Niewoehner, Mary Flynn**

# Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 11/19/2023.....	\$4,676
Sunday Collection: 11/26/2023.....	\$5,748
Online Giving (WeShare) 11/15—11/28/2023	\$4,960
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$199,577
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$450,000
Major Maintenance 11/19/2023.....	\$12
Major Maintenance 11/26/2023.....	\$290
Major Maint. Online Giving 11/15—11/28/2023	\$55

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander parish.*

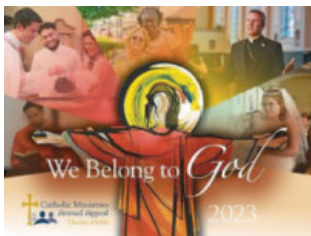
# Parishioner Registration

## 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.



## The 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

### PLEDGE REPORT: Nov. 26, 2023

Thank you to all those who have made pledges. Please continue to make your **2023 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>\$46,700</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$46,982</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$45,946</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,036</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>222</b>

## 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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# Deanery/Diocesan News

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## Mount Assisi Convent Display of Christmas Nativity Sets and Open House Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00 PM-4:30 PM Mount Assisi Convent

Please join the Sisters in celebration of the 800th anniversary of the first Nativity Display in 1223 by St. Francis of Assisi.

Come to see and appreciate the Nativity sets that were collected by the Sisters through the years, as well as some sets loaned for this display by friends and family.

Mount Assisi Convent  
13900 Main St.  
Lemont, IL 60439



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## Deanery/Diocesan News

All women of St. Alexander are invited to our

*Women's Morning of Reflection:  
"Celebrating the Holidays with God"  
(Sponsored by St. John's CCW)*

Join us as we discover ways to make the holiday season more spiritually uplifting and meaningful.

Saturday, December 9th  
St. John the Apostle Library  
(330 N. Westmore Ave, Villa Park)

8:00 Mass (optional)  
8:30 continental breakfast  
9:00 program

Cost: \$5

Please contact Terry to register:  
Text or call 630-235-2966  
Email: [tlb1004@att.net](mailto:tlb1004@att.net)



### DIOCESAN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### St. Pius X Parish in Lombard is seeking a Part-Time Maintenance / Custodial Person

St. Pius X Parish in Lombard is searching for a part-time maintenance / custodial person. This is a non-benefited position of approximately 30 hours per week (must be flexible for the hours). Able to lift at least 40 lbs. This position requires a team-player attitude, attention to detail, and confidentiality.

Call the Parish Office at 630-627-4526 for further information.

#### Religious Education Administrative Assistant - St. Michael Parish, Wheaton, IL

St. Michael Parish is seeking a part-time Religious Education Administrative Assistant. The RE Administrative Assistant will be detailed oriented, self-motivated, organized, and will commit to the utmost confidentiality. Responsibilities include but are not limited to greeting people, answering phones, and performing general office work. Qualifications include proficiency with Microsoft Office, Google platform including: Docs, Sheets, Forms and Calendar. Have an aptitude for learning new software and systems (ie. PDS, VBS Pro, FACTS, Flocknote). This position requires a practicing Catholic who supports the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet. To view a complete job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](https://www.rcdioceseofjoliet.org/). To apply for this outstanding opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to Colleen Brodhead, Director of Faith Formation at [cbrodhead@stmichaelcommunity.org](mailto:cbrodhead@stmichaelcommunity.org) or call (630) 462-5043 for additional details.

**Parish Center:** 630.833.7730  
**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. (Eng/Span)  
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 4:45 p.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 @ 3:00 p.m.

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

**Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**  
**Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00pm—10:00pm**  
**Wednesday from 3:00pm—9:00pm**  
**Pastor:** Reverend Mark Rosenbaum  
**Mass Assistants:**  
 Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/Rev. David Medow/  
 Rev. Johnus Cherunilath  
**Permanent Deacons:**  
 Christopher Cochran/Julio Jimenez/James Krueger/  
 Mark Ranieri, Jr./Matthew Tretina  
**Office Administrator:** Sue D’Alessandro  
**Music Coordinator:** Gina Gabriel  
**Parish Registrar:** Rita Matthews  
**Faith Formation:** 630.833.7730  
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