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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 4, 2022

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preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:1

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Mass Intentions

Monday 8:45a.m.	Dec. 5—Advent Weekday Catherine Norris
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Dec. 6—Advent Weekday Orest (Doc) Dacio
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Dec. 7—St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Joyce Maxse (4th Anniversary)
Thursday 8:45a.m. 6:00p.m.	Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception Lillian Socki People of St. Alexander Parish
Friday 8:45a.m.	Dec. 9—Advent Weekday People of St. Alexander Parish
Saturday 5:00p.m.	Dec. 10—Advent Weekday Julio J. Jimenez/Brothers & Sisters of the DeRose Family/ George Kudrna/Danny Kudrna
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Dec. 11—Third Sunday of Advent Genevieve Sangpeal/Natalie Baker (15th Anniversary)/ Urban Baker (61st Anniversary) Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Facilities Schedule

Mon. 12/5:			
Rental—ICPREP Basketball	Hall/Gym		3:30pm
CCW—Prayer Blankets	Gathering Space		7:00pm
Tues. 12/6:			
Rental—ICPREP Basketball	Hall/Gym		3:30pm
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
Compassionate Friends	Sister's Room		7:00pm
Parish Council Meeting	Library		7:00pm
Wed. 12/7:			
Rental—ICPREP Basketball	Hall/Gym		3:30pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym		6:00pm
Faith Form. Sacrament Catchup	Library		6:00pm
Music-Joystirs	Maguire		6:45pm
Music-Witness Choir	Church		7:00pm
Bible Study-What We Believe	Fr. Tuan Rm		7:00pm
Music-Spanish Choir	Library		7:00pm
Thurs. 12/8: CLOSED FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY			
Sat. 12/10: Giving Tree			
Breakfast with Jesus PREP	Fr. Tuan Room		8:30am
Hospitality	Gathering Space		10:00am
			After 5pm Mass
Sun. 12/11:			
Breakfast with Jesus	Multiple Rooms		8:00am
Knights set up for Xmas party	Hall/Gym		Noon
Knights Xmas party	Hall/Gym		2:00pm



Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

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

December 6 will be 5:00—7:00pm

St. John the Apostle:

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

Gospel Reflection

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NEW LIFE

In our scripture translations, word choices matter. When today’s first reading tells us that a “stump” will bring forth a new shoot, it’s Isaiah’s way of telling us that God’s miraculous power is at work. Seeds bring forth shoots. Even buried roots can bring forth shoots. But a stump? When we look at a stump, essentially we are seeing the corpse of what used to be a tree. Mortal eyes look and see death, but divine eyes look and see new life. And what a life the Spirit of God will bring forth from this stump! A life filled with wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—the life that we name “Jesus.” How fitting it is that we will also look upon the wood Calvary’s cross—a tree of death—and behold that the Spirit of God has turned that tree into a Tree of Life!

NAME CALLING

We often change our tone of voice and vocabulary when we really want to get somebody’s attention. Parents will add a middle name to indicate a child is in trouble (a middle and last name when the child is really in trouble). Change of tone and words invites attention, demanding a response. Today John the Baptist does a bit of name-calling: “You brood of vipers!” Even for someone like John, who regularly used potent vocabulary, this way of addressing the holy men—the Pharisees and Sadducees—this level of name-calling stands out. Snakes were commonly understood as a representation of evil, and a poisonous snake in the ancient world held the power of life and death, as the holy men thought they did. Instead of thinking about their own power, John tells them to produce good fruit. We still get ourselves in trouble today when we think that we truly hold any type of power over others, when it’s a power that belongs only to God.

EMBRACING CHANGE

Words like John’s might cause fear in us, or may hold us back, hesitant. Words like these can also invite us to change our lives. When we do so, we open ourselves to a core virtue of the Advent season: hope. Changing our lives can also open us up to a more vigorous presence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—named in Isaiah today. Recall that it was in that very Spirit we were named for Christ at Baptism. Open your ears and heart to the voice of God, who knows the name given to you on that day. Respond not out of fear, but in love, to the ways that God is calling to you today; calling you to change what needs to be changed, and to welcome Christ today, as you will once again on Christmas day.

TODAY’S READINGS

- Isaiah 11:1–10
- Psalms 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17
- Romans 15:4–9
- Matthew 3:1–12

Parish/Diocesan News



As we all know, Advent is coming. Due to the change in season, this also means there are a few changes in music. You will notice that starting on the first week of Advent (Nov. 27) we will not sing Gloria and start to sing the *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* and *"Lamb of God"* in Latin. This means we will sing *"Sanctus"* and *"Agnus Dei."* Both are found in the ritual song book #377 and #384.

Also note that we will sing *"Save us Savior of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free"* during the memorial acclamation. As we prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of our Lord, we will plan music to help us prepare our hearts to be a manger for baby Jesus.

7 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 16 parishes of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Healing of Sin.

**Saturday, December 17,
from 9am until 4pm**

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

All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace.

Please come to Visitation Church
779 S York St, Elmhurst, IL/630 834-6700



St. Alexander Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays: 5:00—6:00pm

Saturdays: 4:00—4:45pm

Additional/Extended Confession time:

Tuesday, 12/6: 5:00—7:00pm

Friday, 12/9: 5:30—6:30pm

Tuesday, 12/13: 6:00—8:00pm

Friday, 12/16: 5:30—6:30pm

Tuesday, 12/20: 5:00—7:00pm

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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



"Save the Date"

**December 11 Breakfast with Jesus/
Virgen de Guadalupe.
Parish Event in the Hall**

Doors Open: 8:30 am

Opening Prayer: 8:40 am

Breakfast and Crafts: 8:45 am - 9:45 am

Nativity Play: 9:45 am - 10:15 am

Closing Prayer: 10:15 am

Mass: 10:30am

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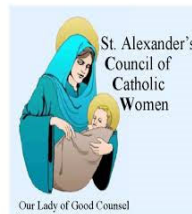
Help is needed with preparations for *"Breakfast with Jesus"* on Saturday, December 10th from 10:00am to Noon in the Fr. Tuan Room. This is open to all grade levels.

Save the Date  **Thursday
December 15,
2022**

Did you know that St. Alexander's Council of Catholic Women has been in existence for 100 years? In honor of this occasion, our December Meeting program will feature

"Celebrating the Women of Christmas along with Christmas Tea"

Watch future bulletins for more information.



The Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. CCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church & society in the modern world.



Food Pantry Donations

St. Alexander Parish recently received a very nice and complimentary thank you note from the Outreach House, formerly the Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry, thanking us for the food contributions that the parish is making. Outreach House tracks the number of bags of groceries that we donate.

Outreach House is now located at 805 S. Main Street, Lombard, IL. It serves 180-200 families every week. We have 9 dedicated volunteers who take the parish food donations to Outreach House every week.

Food donations should be placed in the bin by the west entrance to the church. Please feel welcome to call **Bob Baker at 630-408-0728** if you have any questions. Thank you and God Bless you for your continued support of the ministry.

Parish/Diocesan News

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date:	Article Due:
December 18	December 7
December 25	December 13
January 2, 2023	December 22

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

Thank you!



Feast of the Immaculate Conception
(This is a holy day of obligation.)
Thurs., December 8, 2022

Join us for Masses on
December 8 at
8:45am and 6:00pm(Bil)



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". Please contact Betty Martin 630.346.0177 or Barbara Colby @ 630.725.8426 with any questions or if special arrangements need to be made to pick up or drop off gift cards.

Also, we are asking for a small amount of your time and energy next Saturday, December 10th to deliver gift bags from the Giving Tree to the families. Please meet at the Hall at 9:00am to deliver a bag or two.



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

Tucker John Matthew, son of Patrick and Sydney Tretina, nee Anderson

Gianna Arleth Mejia, daughter of Freddy Gonzalez and Maria Narvaez

Zali N. Balbuena, daughter of Jose Balbuena and Sarabia Zetzin

Nathan Joseph, son of Joseph and Sarah Petrancosta, nee Kania

Fall Blood Drive Exceeds Spring Drive



American Red Cross



The Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph the Worker men's group, St. John the Apostle and St. Alexander parishes would like to thank all the people that came out to donate. Father Rosenbaum was among the first to donate at this drive! Thirty-seven donors donated a total of 36 units, 5 more than the spring drive. This included 13 first time donors and 14 Type O donors (universal donors). Your donations helped save over 100 lives. We plan to continue these drives in 2023.



Prayer Intentions



Dec. 2022
Prayer for Vocations
Remember these religious men and women from the Diocese of Joliet in your daily prayers .

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**, Daniel Troy Robert True
10. Fr. Steven Borello
11. Sr. Margaret Rose Sczesniak OSF, Sr. Mary Frances Seeley OSF, Sr. Louise Marie Skoch OSF

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.



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, Deacon Lou Cason,
 Sister Julia Davies, Matt & Barb Doyle,
 Dennis Finegan, Gary Forenewold, Joe Frank,
 Gene & Joy Gassensmith, Sue Jansen,
 Lynn Jones, Peter Maney, Kay Marnell,
 Sue Mecklenburg, Hannah Medow,
 Karen Mocarski, Barb Soundheim,
 Ruben Stortzman, Susan Strickland, Jude Suffin, Gina Szyska, 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



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 Faithfully Departed

**Josephine (nee Saporito) Santisi, Jim Tellone, Sr.,
 Juliana Commare, Georgene Oplawski,
 Bob Brunton**

Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 11/20/2022.....	\$5,224
Sunday Collection: 11/27/2022.....	\$4,042
Online Giving (WeShare) 11/16—11/29/2022	\$3,324
Weekly Goal.....	\$9,000
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$194,650
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$459,000
Major Maintenance 11/20/2022.....	\$1,059
Major Maintenance 11/27/2022.....	\$153
Major Maint. Online Giving 11/16—11/29/2022	\$55

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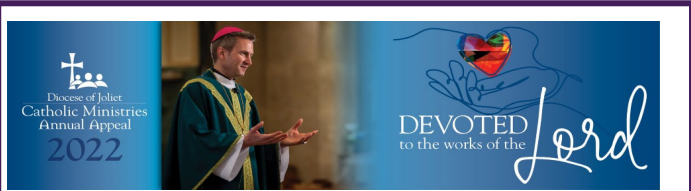
Parish Registration

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: Nov. 27, 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.

Parish Goal:	\$46,300
Amount Pledged:	\$46,734
Amount Paid:	\$43,665
Remaining Balance:	\$3,069
Donor Count	217

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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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.
 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month @ 12:15 p.m.
Spanish Baptisms:
 3rd 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:
 John Boyle, Emeritus/Christopher Cochran/
 Julio Jimenez/James Krueger/Mark Ranieri, Jr./
 Matthew Tretina
Music Coordinator: Alexia Garcia
Office Administrator: Sue D’Alessandro
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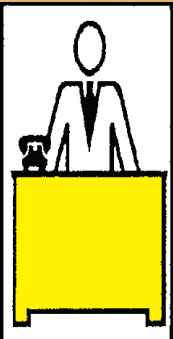


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