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**SECOND**

**Sunday**  
OF

*Advent*

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 6—St. Nicholas/Bishop</b> Rocco Claps
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 7—St. Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Joyce Maxse (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> People of St. Alexander Parish
<b>8:00p.m.</b>	<b>Carole Marshall</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 9—St. Juan Diego, Cuauthlatoatzin</b> Joe Cross
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 10—Advent Weekday</b> People of St. Alexander Parish
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>Dec. 11—St. Damasus I, Pope</b> Hubert & Therese Klaus/Natalie Baker (14 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)/ Nima Haar
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>Dec. 12—Third Sunday of Advent</b> Danny Kudrna/George Kudrna/Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Torres/ Dorothy Wiatrowski
10:30a.m.	Janet Maher (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—The People of St. Alexander Parish

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**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:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Mon. 12/6:

Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
CCW—Prayer Blankets	Gathering Space	6:30pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm

### Tues. 12/7:

Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Compassionate Friends	Sister's Room	6:30pm
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

### Wed. 12/8:

**CLOSED FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY**

### Thurs. 12/9:

Rental-St. Pius basketball practice	Hall/Gym	5:00pm
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### Fri. 12/10:

Wedding Rehearsal	Church/GS	5:00pm
Giving Tree	Hall/Gym	8:30am

### Sat. 12/11:

Wedding	Church/GS	2:00pm
CCW selling tickets for Nativity Raffle	Gathering Space	After Mass
Sun. 12/12		
Mananitas for Our Lady of Guadalupe	Church/GS	5:00am
Parish Council Hospitality	Gathering Space	after Masses
CCW selling tickets for Nativity Raffle	Gathering Space	After Masses
Faith Formation Grades K-5	Hall/Gym	8:30am
Faith Formation Grades 6-8	Hall/Gym	4:00pm
Faith Formation	Fr. Tuan Room	4:00pm
Parish Council Hospitality	Gathering Space	5:30pm



## 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



John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

### THREE ADVENTS

Almost nine hundred years ago, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux suggested in one of his Advent homilies that we should think of three Advents of Christ: the First, when Christ came in humility as Mary's Child, clothed in our human nature; the Second, when Christ will come in glory as Judge and Redeemer of the world. Then Saint Bernard speaks of a Middle Coming, an "in the meantime" Advent, when Christ comes to us in his Word, in the Eucharist, and in those who need our love and care, family and friends, neighbors and strangers. That's this year's Advent, the one we're celebrating now; and this Advent's question is: how attentive am I to Christ's coming into my life-story, right here, right now?

### AN UNNOTICED ADVENT

Today Luke solemnly announces the names of the secular and sacred powers who thought they held the world's destiny in their hands. But they completely missed the decisive event that forever changed the world's religious and political history. When no one else was listening, God's Word came to a nobody, John the Baptist, and not in the temple sanctuary or palace throne room, but "out in the sticks," the Word that would one day cleanse the temple and topple thrones. The powerful names that Luke announces were not popular with ordinary people: times were tough, the economy was bad, people were having to make do with less; and those names reminded common folks that so much of life was beyond their control. Sound familiar? Yet just then, when many were far from hopeful, God acted decisively to save the people, and John the Baptist invited his listeners then, and us today, to join in the Good News of new life.

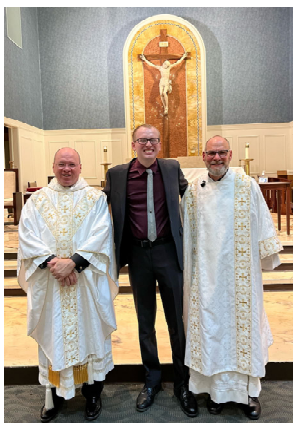
### GOD'S RECONSTRUCTION PLAN

We heard Baruch, in the first reading, picturing our broken world reborn: the dispersed being carried home, tears wiped away, righteousness and justice, peace and worship. How we wish it could all be true! It will be true, Paul declares, optimistic that God, who has already begun such good work in us, will continue to complete it for the day of Christ's glorious return, increasing our love and sharpening our discernment of the values that endure. So we should begin this second week of Advent reinvigorated with hope in God's plan for the world's salvation. But John the Baptist reminds us that God's "reconstruction plan" for the world's transformation begins much closer to home: what twists and turns of my own life must be untangled, what lofty mountains of my own pride and self-centeredness brought low, which gorge-deep valleys of my own indifference and neglect filled in? Come, Lord Jesus, and make the whole creation new—but start right here, right now, with me!

### TODAY'S READINGS

Baruch 5:1–9  
Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6  
Philippians 1:4–6, 8–11  
Luke 3:1–6

# PARISH NEWS



## CONGRATULATIONS *Dillon Darrow*

Who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on November 20, 2021 at the 5pm Mass.



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception\* Wednesday, December 8, 2021

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

\*This is a holy day of obligation.

## 6 Hours of Confession

**Saturday, December 18,  
from 9 am until 3 pm**

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 Mary Queen of Heaven  
426 West Avenue, Elmhurst  
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## St. Alexander Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Tuesdays: 5:00—6:00pm**

### Extended Confession time:

Tuesday, Dec. 14 & 21 from 5:00—7:00pm

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

Friday, December 10 & 17, 5:30—6:30pm

# *Nativity*



## CCW CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2 Tickets for \$5.00

*This beautiful handmade Nativity is cross stitched on hand-dyed linen with 70 different colored and metallic floss.*

Tickets can be purchased after all masses on the weekends of December 4/5 and 11/12. This drawing is open to everyone. The winner will be drawn on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Ornament Therapy Event. Winner need not be present.  
Actual Frame Size: 13" X 16" Design Size: 9" X 12"  
Approximately 20,000 stitches.



# Faith Formation News and Parish/Diocesan News

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



## Sweets on Sunday December 11/12 After Masses

We will be having **Sweets on Sunday** the weekend of December 11/12 after Masses. Plan to grab a cup of coffee and a sweet snack, purchased from Kuppie’s in Villa Park, on your way out of Mass.

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

<b>Bulletin Date:</b>	<b>Article Due:</b>
December 19	December 8
December 26	December 14
January 2, 2022	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!*

*For Men and Women*

# BE FORMED

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**January 18-April 17, 2022**  
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-Kathy H.

"I have such a greater appreciation and reverence for the Church and for Mass. Participating at Mass has so much more meaning now."  
- Jim J.

For more information visit: [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/beformed](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/beformed)

**Register by December 12th!**

**Groups are now forming!**  
Sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet  
Office of Adult Formation


## 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.

# PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



**John Angotti**  
**Go Tell It on the Mountain Tour**  
 From Advent to Christmas

We all have our faith stories and we are all called to go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is alive and dwells among us.

**COMING TO VISITATION PARISH, ELMHURST**  
**A FAMILY EVENT**  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2021**  
**2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**3:30 pm in the Church**

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For more information about John Angotti, visit  
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The Giving Tree Ministry is incredibly grateful to all our parishioners at St. Alexander. Thank you so much for your generous contributions. There will be a drop box, like the one used for the Sunday collection,

in the Gathering Space on **December 4/5** for your gifts. Please place the 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" to make your contribution.

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, Dec. 11 to deliver gift bags to the families. Meet at the Hall at 9:00am to deliver a bag or two. Masts must be word and COVID guidelines must be followed when delivering bags. Thank you.

CCW of St. Alexander Invites all women of our Parish to join us for:

## *Ornament Therapy*



Thursday, December 16, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00 per person

Registration and prepayment are required.

Bring your holiday cheer and your reading glasses as we will be making not 1, not 2, but 3 different ornaments!



Count me in for the Ornament Therapy Event! \$6 per person.

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

Cash and checks will be accepted. If paying by check, make it payable to CCW St. Alexander. We will be collecting after masses on the weekends of December 4/5 and 11/12 in the Gathering Space or drop off during the week in the Blue Drop box marked CCW located on counter in Gathering Space.



# PRAYER INTENTIONS



**Dec. 2021  
Prayer for Vocations**  
*Remember these religious men and women from the Diocese of Joliet in your daily prayers .*

6. Michael Raiz, Juan Reyes, Sean Tierney, Robert Visher (2025 Deacon Aspirants)
7. Frs. Krzysztof Janicki S.Ch., Bogdan Molenda S.Ch.
8. Sr. Rita Schmitz OSF, Sr. Elaine R. Schneider OSF, Sr. Clarita Schumacher OSF
9. Dcns. Williams 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
12. Fr. Zygmunt Ostrowski S.Ch

**Rosebud Program**  
*“Please pray for the following who have requested prayers of CCW’s Rosebud Program.”*



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Kelly and Jeremy on the birth of their son Lucas Scott.  
Tricia and Cameron on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Grace.  
Ben and Collette on the birth of their daughter Eleanor Jane.

Lindsay & Dan due in 12/21. Lily & Tim 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, Marie Seiwert, Nima Haag and for those who died from COVID-19.

# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 11/21/2021.....	\$6,133
Sunday Collection: 11/28/2019.....	\$4,103
Online Giving (WeShare) 11/16—11/29/2019	\$4,704
Weekly Goal.....	\$10,000
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$170,217
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$497,000
Major Maintenance 11/21/2021.....	\$98
Major Maintenance 11/28/2021.....	\$419
Major Maint. Online Giving 11/16—11/29/2021	\$65

*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.

Parish Goal:	\$42,100
Amount Pledged:	\$47,110
Amount Paid:	\$46,723
Remaining Balance:	\$387
Donor Count	226
Rebate	\$3,236

*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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**Parish Center:** 630.833.7730  
**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  
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