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Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is in the LORD.
He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream.

Jeremiah 17:7–8

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Sixth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022

Te burao (The Hibiscus Tree)
1892
Paul Gauguin
French, 1848–1903
Art Institute of Chicago

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	Feb. 14—<i>Sts. Cyril, Monk, Methodius, Bishop</i> Tom Clark, Jr. & Mary Gibbons
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Feb. 15—<i>Weekday</i> John Terkowitsch
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Feb. 16—<i>Weekday</i> John Terkowitsch
Thursday 8:45am	Feb. 17—<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i> Barbara Gill (21 st Anniversary)
Friday 8:45am	Feb. 18—<i>Weekday</i> Martha Nausieda
Saturday 5:00p.m.	Feb. 19—<i>Weekday</i> Braun & Liss Families/Francis Campbell/Marian & Peter Kurasz, Srt./Patricia Arend/Kathleen Sampey
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Feb. 20—<i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jerry & Yolanda Lullo/John Finnegan & Int. of Dolores Finnegan/Clare Stralko/Chuck Knudtson/Dr. Rosemary McHugh/Beatrice Hogan
10:30a.m.	Bob Chandler
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

FACILITIES SCHEDULE

Mon. 2/14:		
Rental-ICPrep basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Troop #199 Scout meeting	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
Tues. 2/15:		
Rental-ICPrep basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Fishers of Men Prayer Group	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Parish Council Meeting	Sister's Room	7:00pm
Music-Chancel Choir practice	Church	7:00pm
Wed. 2/16:		
Rental-ICPrep basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Music—Spanish Choir practice	Library	7:00pm
Music—Witness Choir	Church	7:00pm
Thurs. 2/17:		
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sister's Room	9:30am
Rental-ICPrep basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Rental-St. Pius Basketball Practice	Hall/Gym	5:00pm
CCW Deanery Meeting	Sister's Room	7:00pm
Sun: 2/20:		
Faith Formation K-5 grades	Hall/Gym	8:30am
Faith Formation 6-8 grades	Hall/Gym	4:00pm

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38



Reconciliation

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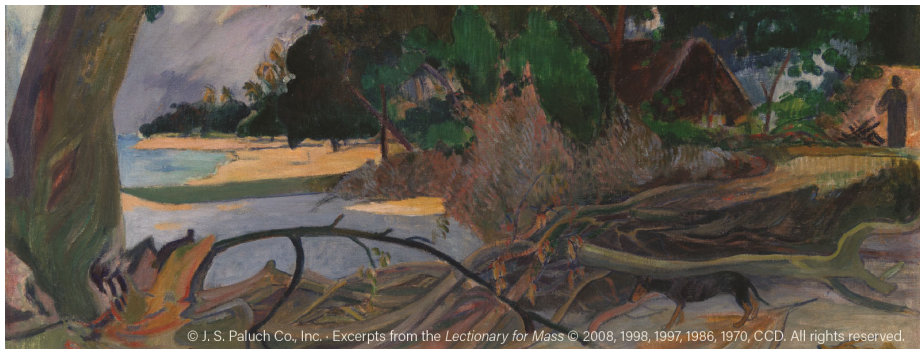
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St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm
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♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

Gospel Reflection



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 17:7–8

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BLESSINGS AND WOES

Today we hear once again of the deep connection between Jesus and Israel's prophets. In the reading from Jeremiah, God's curses at the opening are counterbalanced by God's blessings in the second part. In Luke's version of the Beatitudes, Jesus begins with blessings, then counterbalances with a "woe" section. The point is clear: the way we live our lives has a direct connection to whether we will experience curses and woes, or blessings instead. Of course, being among God's blessed ones (in Latin, *beati*, from which "beatitudes" comes) doesn't necessarily mean a life free of woe. Jesus, in his fully human nature, knew this. He also knew that when we seek happiness through our own devices, and trust only in ourselves, the woes are guaranteed to come. Let us follow the wisdom of Jeremiah and Jesus, along with the opening of the book of Psalms (echoed by Jeremiah today): "blessed are the ones who trust in the Lord."

I DON'T KNOW

There are times when the smartest, but most difficult, thing we can say is, "I don't know." While we often think of this as a sign of weakness, the amount of humility it takes to say this means that the word of God is alive and well in us. To say "I don't know" means that we look outside of ourselves to learn, and to find those who do know, and—ultimately—accept that we have to look to others and to God to help us, to guide us through life. To place our trust and hope only in this world, Paul tells the Corinthians (and us!), makes us people to be pitied. Jesus echoes this in the "woes" section of Luke's Beatitudes, when he points out that trusting in earthly wealth, full bellies, entertainments, and reputation will, eventually, not be enough when we are called beyond this life.

LOOK 'EM IN THE EYE

Prior to delivering the blessings and woes of his "Sermon on the Plain" in Luke, Jesus had been on top of a mountain in prayer, after which he selected the Twelve to go on his mission with him. Coming down from the mountain, the first thing Jesus does is show them what is at the heart of his—and their—mission: preaching to the multitude, healing all who were in need of it, no matter where they had come from. Luke then carefully notes that Jesus raises his eyes, not to look toward heaven again in prayer, but he raises his eyes to look directly at his disciples, to share the message of blessings and woes. This scene echoes Moses coming down from the mountain to give Israel its command as to how they should live in God's covenant. As followers of Jesus today, we are called to live out his mission to the world, while we also look beyond this world to trust in God, our only hope.

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Jeremiah 17:5–8
 Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6
 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20
 Luke 6:17, 20–26

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



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

As a parish community,
"WE WELCOME YOU."

Noah Nicholas Guiffre, son of Nicholas Guiffre and Theresa Gilles.



**Thursday
February 17
Fr. Tuan Room
7:00pm**

Ladies, break up the monotony of winter by joining the Council of Catholic Women for an evening of fun and laughter playing Bunco. Never played before, Bunco is an easy-to-learn dice game that is loads of fun. There is no strategy, no talent is needed and it moves fast. Sounds like your type of game? Meet in the Fr. Tuan Room at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 17 for an entertaining escape from the winter blues. Masks are required.

FOOD DONATION REMINDER - Outreach House (Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry)

We are still collecting food donation for the Outreach House formally known as the Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry. The need is great throughout the year. Please put the food in the box by the west entrance coming into the church. Thank you in advance for your donation.

The items most in need

- ✦ Cereal
- ✦ Peanut butter
- ✦ Jelly
- ✦ Canned tuna
- ✦ Canned chicken
- ✦ Canned fruits
- ✦ Canned vegetables
- ✦ Harty soups
- ✦ Canned meals (chili, beef stew, etc.)
- ✦ Pasta and pasta sauce



Frances and John Schweih's Catholic Education Scholarship 2022-2023 School Year

The Frances and John Schweih's Catholic Education Scholarship annual scholarship is intended to be a source of aid to families in need who desire to have the same strong Catholic Education that Fran and John sacrificed to have for their own children. Our parish is happy that John and Fran's family are helping to make this possible.

This scholarship will be awarded to a parish family annually in the amount of **\$1,000**. In addition to the application, families must apply for aid through the FACTS Management program of the Diocese of Joliet (<https://factsmgt.com/>).

Applications will be available on our website or in the Parish Office. Please return them to the Parish Office, attention Sue D'Alessandro.

Faith Formation/Parish/Diocesan News

Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—khalloran@x-town.com



**Blessing for
Married Couples
At ALL Masses
February 12/13**



Council of Catholic Women 2022 Calendar of Events St. Alexander Parish

FEBRUARY

Thursday—February 17, Fr. Tuan Room

Break up the monotony of winter. Join us for fun and laughter with a lively evening of Bunco. Never played before? It's easy to learn.

MARCH

Thursday—March 10, Fr. Tuan Room

Presentation & Election of Officers

Saturday—March 19, Parish Hall/Gym

Swing into Spring Craft Fair

APRIL

Saturday—April 9

Annual Spring Luncheon

Salt Creek Country Club

Honoring Women of the Year

MAY

Sunday—May 8

Mother's Day May Crowning
Honoring our Mothers Display in Church
(*Sale of Roses*)

JUNE

Sunday—June 19

Honoring our Fathers Display in Church
(*Sale of Carnations*)

sponsored by:
the Council of Catholic Women



Crafters are needed for CCW's

1st Annual Swing into Spring Craft Fair.

The event will be held on **Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** in St. Alexander's Parish Hall/Gym. The base fee for a space is \$30.00. Applications are available on :

St. Alexander's website:

www.stalexanderparish.org

or by contacting Pat Ivanauski, at 630/941-8592,
e-mail: LEONPAT1963@gmail.com

Fran Gilles, 708/548-9674 or email,
francesagilles@yahoo.com.

**St. Alexander Parish & Council of Catholic Women
will abide by ALL COVID regulations issued by the
CDC and the Diocese of Joliet.**

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.



PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE 2022

Invitation to strengthen your Marriage relationship!

7 WEEKS OF DATE EXPERIENCES
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QUESTIONS? REACH THE TEAM AT:
EASTERN D U P A G E M E M @ G M A I L . C O M



Ushers are Needed for Weekend Masses

Please consider helping our parish by volunteering to serve as a weekend usher. This one hour of service you can give to our parish family each week will be rewarding not only to yourself, but to all of our parishioners, pastor and deacons.

Please contact Joyce Splan phone or text at 630-279-6470 or email at joyce117@comcast.net

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A six-week online Lenten series
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Retrouvaille Chicago has a weekend scheduled for Nov. 22-24.



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- St. Francis of Assisi

PRAYER INTENTIONS



February 2022 Prayer for Vocations

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

- 14. Sr. Dorothy Glaister, Sr. Loretta Glanz, Sr. Marilyn Llanes OP
- 15. Fr. Santiago Corona
- 16. Fr. Mark Cote
- 17. Sr. Maryann Dosen, Sr. Mary Terese Giblin, Sr. M. Paula Nasenbeny SSFCR
- 18. Sr. Mary Francis Werner, Sr. Marjorie Westendorf SSFCR
- 19. Fr. Andrew Lewandowski C.R.
- 20. Sr. Dolores Blahaus, Sr. Victoria DiBrizzi, Sr. Mary Funge SH



Please pray for our Catechumens:

Eternity Hart and Brendan Buck who were recently admitted to the Order of Catechumens. They will be baptized and receive all their sacraments this year at the Easter Vigil.

Also please pray for our Candidates:

Karl Enhelder and Taylor Drake who will be Confirmed and receiving their First Communion at St Raymond's Cathedral May 1st 2022.



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, Patricia Castrogiovanni, William Cavico, Emil Ciardullo, Bob Connell, Garcey DiBella, Walter Dittmer, Barb Doyle, Matt Doyle, Prinda Fabis, Blair Fetenthal, Joe Frank, Joy and Gene Gassensmith, Frank Gill, Marge Green, Barbara Greene, Matt & Julie Guth, Joan Gnad-Hayes, Jamie Jones, Nick Jones, Joe Killigan, Diane Knudtson, Chrissy Kulinski, Peter Maney, Ron Murray, Gene Niewoehner, Ray Orsolini, Hailey Wilson Peyer, Jerry Riley, Jon Riley, Roy Robinson, James Rohrich, Baby Rowan, Andres Villeras Santana, Arthur Simms, Gary Spearman, Gerry Spearman, Karen Soukup, Allan Sterwalt, Renee Wyrobek 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

Rosebud Program

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Lindsay & Dan on the birth of their daughter Blake Addison.
Lily & Tim on the birth of their daughter, Noelle Lillian.
Kelly and Jeremey on the birth of their son Lucas Scott.

Matthew & Ellis due 5/22.

Special Intentions for:

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

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



Our Faithfully Departed

Greg Wyrobek, Frank Sprovieri, Cecilia (CeCe) Meier, Tom King, Chuck Knudtson, Noreen Cascio, Colette Robertson, James Warmowski, Connie Sydoryk, Dorothy Record, and for those who died from COVID-19.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 2/6/2022.....	\$9,464
Online Giving (WeShare) 2/1—2/7/2022	\$4,367
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$249,992
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 2/6/2022.....	\$105
Major Maint. Online Giving 2/1—2/7/2022	\$105

Thank you for your support of St. Alexander Parish!

PARISH REGISTRATION

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

New Parishioner

New Address

New Phone Number



Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

Our parish’s goal for the 2022 CMAA is \$46,300, and 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials mailed to you and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year’s annual appeal.

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 1:00 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
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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.
 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month @ 1:00 p.m.
Spanish Baptisms:
 3rd 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:
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 Rev. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/
 Rev. Danny Soriano/Rev. Johnus
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