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FEBRUARY 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*Jesus was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white.*

Mark 9:2-3

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 9:00am	Mar. 1—Lenten Weekday Frades Sanchez
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Mar. 2—Lenten Weekday Raymond & Teresa Valentine
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Mar. 3—St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin Pacita Plomantes Montibon
Thursday 8:45a.m.	Mar. 4—St. Casimir Fred Preuss
Friday 8:45am	Mar. 5—Lenten Weekday Ida Oswald
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Mar. 6—Lenten Weekday John Haag/Pearl Lane/Brothers & Sisters of the DeRose Family
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Mar. 7—Third Sunday of Lent Barbara Esposito/Francis Campbell/George Chaus/Brothers & Sisters of the DeRose Family/Dee Dustin/Helen Godzicki/Sam & Ann Pacenti
10:30 a.m.	Eunice Ernst-Huerta
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 3/1/2021:		
Rental-St. Pius Volleyball	Hall/Gym	4:00pm
RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	5:00pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
Tues. 3/2/2021:		
Fishers of Men & Women Prayer Group	Hall/Gym	5:00pm
Fishers of Men	Fr. Tuan Room	6:00pm
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm
Wed. 3/3/2021:		
Rental-St. Pius Volleyball	Hall/Gym	4:00pm
Thurs. 3/4/2021:		
Knights Business Meeting	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
CCW Board Meeting	VIA ZOOM	6:30pm
Spanish Stations of the Cross	Church	7:00pm
Friday. 3/5/2021:		
Stations of the Cross	Church	7:00pm



Please remember to sign up for both Daily and Weekend Masses by 5:00pm on Thursday on our website: www.stalexanderparish.org. If you don't have access to the internet, please call the Parish Office to assist @ 630-833-7730. Thank you!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;

Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

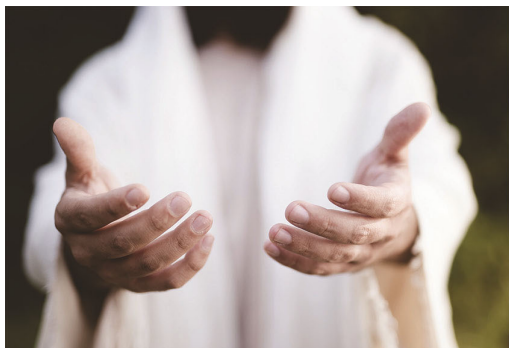
Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm

No Reconciliation on Tues. 3/2.

St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm

Gospel Reflection



FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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Mark 9:2-3

THE BELOVED SON

Today's first reading, known as "the Binding of Isaac," refers to the way Isaac is bound and laid upon the wood of the altar of sacrifice. God directs Abraham to offer his son in sacrifice, killing the beloved son that had been a special gift to him and Sarah in their old age. How could God ask Abraham to do such a thing? Abraham offers no resistance, but in preparing for the sacrifice, Abraham may have agreed with the psalmist that he was "greatly afflicted." Saint Paul's letter to the Romans refers to Jesus as God's beloved Son, which is also how God identifies Jesus to Peter, James, and John at the Transfiguration. Afterward, Jesus tells those disciples not to mention the event to anyone until after his resurrection from the dead. The event, together with Jesus' comments, leaves the disciples thoroughly confused.

HOW COULD GOD ASK ABRAHAM TO DO THAT?

Through the centuries, Christians and Jews alike have found the Binding of Isaac one of the most difficult passages in the Bible. Even though God intervenes to save Isaac, the whole episode strikes some readers as cruel. However, Abraham, the ultimate man of faith, raises no objection, offers no resistance as he simply goes about preparing for the trip and the sacrifice.

Today's other readings might help us see that text differently. In Mark's description of the Transfiguration, Jesus' clothes become white and shining, and Moses and Elijah appear with him. Moses was the great liberator and lawgiver who led the Jews out of bondage in Egypt and into the wilderness, forming them into the people of Israel by giving them the Law he received from God. Elijah was among Israel's greatest prophets, so close to God that, at the end of his life, he was taken up into heaven by a fiery chariot. Together, Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, the ultimate authority for the Jews in the conduct of their daily lives.

LOVE AND GENEROSITY

The Law, the Prophets—and Jesus. For Paul, Jesus is someone quite different from the other two. The reading from his letter to the Romans is short, but rich in meaning. When Paul declares that God "did not spare his own Son," and when God praises Abraham "who did not withhold from me your own beloved son," it is the same Greek word for "spare" and "withhold." God's voice at the Transfiguration identifies Jesus as his "beloved Son"—the same way God refers to Isaac as Abraham's beloved son. Ultimately, God spares Isaac but not his own Son, whom he "handed over for us." Even if we are disturbed that God tested Abraham like this, Paul says we should be overwhelmingly grateful that God did for us what, in the end, he did not require of Abraham. Jesus, God's Son "handed over to us" in love and generosity, is already a sacrificial gift, signifying that God wants to give us "everything else along with him."

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
Psalm 116:10, 15, 16–17, 18–19
Romans 8:31b–34
Mark 9:2–10

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Faith Formation Office

Please contact Ann Krueger at: akrueger@stalexanderparish.org

Second Sunday in Lent

Mark 9:2-10

All of us seek affirmation in our lives, words and experiences that help us to know that we are on the right track. In Jesus' Transfiguration we see God's affirmation of Jesus and an affirmation of our faith that Jesus is God's own Son.

When we hear words of praise or encouragement, we sometimes say that we have been affirmed. To affirm something is to say yes to it. In today's Gospel we learn about an importation affirmation experience in the life of Jesus and his disciples. It is called the Transfiguration.

*During Lent we seek to change our lives for the better, looking for ways in which we can be more faithful to Jesus. But we might also identify those aspects of our lives that we want to affirm and to continue. We want to recommit ourselves to the good things in our lives, for example, prayer and service to others. In our prayer today, let's each **try to identify one thing in our life that we should be affirming during Lent and one thing that God might affirm in our lives.***

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More Symbols of Lent

Cross:

It symbolizes victory over death and salvation from sin.



Incense: It is a symbol of prayer, and as it is written in Ps (141:2) that '*Let my prayer come like incense before you.*'



Money bag:

It symbolizes the Lenten penitential practice of alms-giving. In the book of Tobit (12:8-9), it says, '*prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is alms-giving accompanied by righteousness.*'



Thorns: It reminds us of physical suffering, loneliness and injustices in the world.

PARISH NEWS



Join Bill Conroy and many other men and women in saying the Rosary for peace and health in our nation, every **Tuesday** evening, @ 5:00pm in the Hall/Gym.

Please wear a mask, socially distance and sign in.



**Stations of the Cross
will be every Friday during
Lent @ 7:00pm.**

Please use the West Doors,
wear a mask and sign in.

We also have Spanish Stations
of the Cross on Thursdays during
Lent @ 7:00pm

CASSEROLE SCHEDULE 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Frozen Casserole Picked Up</u>	<u>Casserole Tin Dropped Off</u>
3/9/21	Chicken and Stuffing	Florentine Ravioli
4/13/21	Florentine Ravioli	Shepherd's Pie
5/11/21	Shepherd's Pie	Texas Hash
6/8/21	Texas Hash	Beans and Burgers
7/13/21	Beans and Burgers	Chicken and Broccoli
8/10/21	Chicken and Broccoli	Florentine Ravioli
9/14/21	Florentine Ravioli	Beans and Burgers
10/5/21	Burgers and Beans	Rockburn Chili
11/9/21	Rockburn Chili	Easy Lasagna
12/7/21	Easy Lasagna	Shepherd's Pie



**Frances and John
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2021-2022 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 member of a St. Alexander Parish family annually in the amount of \$1,000. Families interested need to fill out an application, as well as apply for aid at the Diocese of Joliet through FACTS Management (<https://factsmgt.com/>). Applications for the Fran and John Schweih's Catholic Education Scholarship are available through the Parish Office or on our website www.stalexanderparish.org. **DEADLINE: Please return completed applications to the Parish Office or emailed to office@stalexanderparish.org no later than April 5, 2021.**



**NEW DAYS & HOURS
ADORATION
In the Church
Feb. 1 thru Mar. 31**

**Mon. & Wed.
5:00—7:00pm**

Tues., 3:00—4:30pm

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March 7, 8, & 9 @ 7:00pm

The Hound of Heaven

The search for meaning and happiness is as old as the human race itself. The great surprise during that search is discovering that while we were seeking, we were already being sought! Join Fr. David Mowry for three nights of discovering the joy of being sought, found, and brought home.

Sunday: The Great Chase

Monday: The Knock at the Door

Tuesday: The Way Home



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Tony Amore (*son of Joe and Betty*)

Brianne Aronin (*niece of Don Oliva*)

Dan Burgess (*grandson of Marilyn Hannon*)

Terry Connelly (*son of Sue Connelly*)

John Cooper (*nephew of Joyce Splan and Patrick Belling*)

Tom Crilly (*son of Joseph & Kim Crilly*)

Dustin Hayes, (*grandson of Kevin & Mary O'Connor*)

Eric Iftner (*brother of Megan Iftner*)

Matthew and Steven Kuhl (*nephews of Phyllis Oliva*)

Joshua Lapsa (*grandson of Clara Fiedler*)

Cameron Littleson (*son of Ann & Scott Littleson and son-in-law of Greg and Terry Maher*)

Adam Montana (*Son of Christine & Dennis Montana and big brother of Jeremy Montana*)

John Mikita (*nephew of Frank Gill*)

Adam Monroe (*grandson of Judy Emerson*)

Michael O'Hara (*son-in-law of Sue Connelly*)

Alexander Reiland (*Great-Nephew of Ann Campbell*)

Luke Russell (*son of Annmarie Baughman*)

Trina Savageau (*niece of Don Oliva*)

Ryan Savageau (*nephew of Don Oliva*)

Luc Stanicek (*nephew of Mary Flynn*)

Lauren E. Wallace (*daughter of Laurie & Kevin Wallace*)

Jeremy Williams (*nephew of Maureen Schmidt*)

Greg Wyrobek, Sgt. 1st Class
(*son of Renee Wyrobek*)

Kimmy Zimmerman (*niece of Clara Fiedler*)

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Prayer for Vocations

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

1. Brs. Charles Gregor, Peter Hannon, Thomas Harding, Thomas Hetland FSC
2. Dcns. Michael Fitzpatrick, Anthony Holmes, Andrew Jalove
3. Sr. Theresa Fix IHM, Sr. Monica Allamandola, Sr. Arlene Ashack IBVM
4. Fr. William Donnelly, Fr. James Dougherty
5. Sr. Marietta Brummel, Sr. Lorna Hays IBVM
6. Sr. Ann Hyzy, Sr. Judy Illig, Sr. Margaret M. M Ivers IBVM
7. Fr. John Doyle, Fr. Stanley Drewniak

Rosebud Program

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Jenna & Zach on the birth of their son Brooks David

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| Erica and Nick due 3/21. | Matt and Danielle due 6/21. |
| Angelo & Meaghan due 3/21. | Anthony & Beth due in 9/21. |
| Joe & Joselyn due 4/21. | Susan due in 9/21. |

Special Intentions for:

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| Tracey & Bob | Lisa & Jim | Carl & Terrie |
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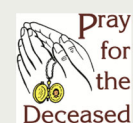
Please call Michele if you have any questions or would like to add a name or update: 630.564.8423.

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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.

Ed Driskell, Frank Rajase, Tom Criscione, Andy, Terry Baugh, Lorane Myers, Maggie Gannon, Maria Cruz, Jim Erlenbaugh, Kimmy Dikker, Corinne Principe, Keith Lapointe, Matt & Julie Guth, Lisa Krandal, Jacob St. Louis, Peter Parish, Sue Connelly, Matt Doyle, Bob Chandler, P.J. O’Connor, Karen Soukup, Eda Jett, Patricia Hendrickson, John Jarecki, Sue Duchek, Maureen Donovan and Jenny McQuillan, David Tracy, Mader & Picha Families, Frank Gill, Mark Boutin, Clare Stralko, Bob Baker, Clara Fiedler, Bud Derland, Kristie Gregory, Joey Rose, Kathleen Kehoe, Kathryn Rothfahn, Noreen Aukst, Judith Hummert, Kristie Gregory, and all those sick from COVID-19

We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : www.stalexanderparish.org



Our Faithfully Departed

Peggy Loftus, Nick DeMarco, Luigi Schiassi and Those who died from COVID-19.



Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph” from Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021

Prayer to Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

O GLORIOUS St. Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the reputed father of Jesus, the most pure Spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, and Head of the Holy Family. You have been chosen by Christ's Vicar as the heavenly Patron and Protector of the Church founded by Christ. Therefore, with the greatest confidence I implore your powerful assistance for the whole Church Militant. Protect, in a special manner, with true fatherly love, the Sovereign Pontiff and all the bishops and priests in communion with the See of Peter. Be the protector of all who labor for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life; and grant that all the nations of the earth may submit with docility to that Church out of which there is no salvation. Dearest St. Joseph, accept the offering I now make of myself to you. I dedicated myself to your service, that you may ever be my Father, my Protector and my Guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love for the interior life. Grant that, after your example, all my action may be directed to the greater glory of God, in union with the divine Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and your own paternal heart. Finally, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

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If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

“For it is in GIVING that we RECEIVE.”
- St. Francis of Assisi

PARISH REGISTRATION

Why register with St. Alexander Parish?

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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.

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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New Parishioner

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 Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
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Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 5:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. (*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.

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Mass Assistants:
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 Fr. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/
 Fr. Danny Soriano/Fr. Johnus

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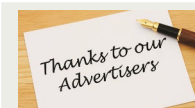
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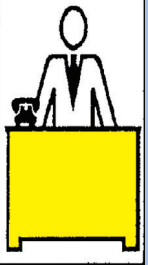
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