

St. Alexander Catholic Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING,
“Whom shall I send?
Who will go for us?”
“Here I am,” I said;
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ISAIAH 6:8

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FEBRUARY 6
2022



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	Feb. 7—Weekday John Figel
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Feb. 8—St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin Jeanine Soloy
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Feb. 9—Weekday All Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 8:45am	Feb. 10—St. Scholastica, Virgin John Terkowitsch
Friday 8:45am	Feb. 11—Our Lady of Lourdes Clare Stralko
Saturday 5:00p.m.	Feb. 12—Weekday Brothers & Sisters of the DeRose Family/ Hubert & Therese Klause/Clare Stralko
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Feb. 13—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Regina & Lyan of the Goralski & Callaghan Families/Marie Sulita/Clare Stralko/John Terkowitsch/Colette Robertson
10:30a.m.	Int. Bernie & Roy Madsen
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—Maria NuThi Bui

FACILITIES SCHEDULE

Mon. 2/7:		
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Prayer Blankets	Gathering Space	6:30pm
Troop #199 Scout meeting	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
RCIA meeting	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm
Tues. 2/8:		
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Compassionate Friends	Sister's Room	6:30pm
Fishers of Men Prayer Group	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir practice	Church	7:00pm
Wed. 2/9:		
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Sister's Room	6:30pm
Music—Spanish Choir practice	Library	7:00pm
Music—Witness Choir	Church	7:00pm
Thurs. 2/10:		
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Rental-St. Pius Basketball Practice	Hall/Gym	5:00pm

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26



Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm
or by appointment

No Reconciliation on Feb. 8, 2022

St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm
or by appointment



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 6, 2022

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth.

Gospel Reflection

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SHARING GOD’S GIFTS

Isn't it comforting to know that others have struggles with low self-esteem? Today Isaiah calls himself a man with “unclean lips.” Paul is “not fit to be called an apostle.” Simon Peter tells Jesus (perhaps unnecessarily) “I am a sinful man.” All of these may be true, but God chose these three—unclean, unfit, sinful—as important, essential messengers in the work of salvation. We all can remember this whenever we are tempted to view ourselves as unqualified for (or excuse ourselves from) sharing the Good News. Having a low opinion of ourselves isn't humility. Truth be told, it's a kind of arrogance to think that God cannot work through us. It's a good thing to be aware of and honest about our failings or limitations, but we also give glory to God by acknowledging what we are able to do, by sharing the gifts that God has granted us.

RECEIVING THE CALL

All three readings today feature what are known as the “call” stories of famous figures of our faith: Isaiah, Paul, and Simon Peter. Each story shares features common to scriptural “call” stories: First, an encounter with God or a messenger of God. Second, there is some sort of resistance, usually framed as a claim of unworthiness. Third, the one who has been called receives an assurance that they are, indeed, fit for the mission. In this way God has continued to call prophets, apostles, saints, and everyday women and men throughout time. It is unlikely that any of us will receive a “call” as dramatic as fiery angels in the temple, a booming voice from heaven striking us down, or sitting side-by-side in a boat with Jesus of Nazareth. This doesn't mean we can't, or won't, or haven't received a call from God. It may even be a “spillover” from somebody else's, the way James and John are called through Jesus giving Simon Peter his mission.

SINFUL MAN, HOLY MAN

We can likely identify with Simon Peter who, in today's Gospel passage, is really having a bad day at work. When your job is to catch fish, and you're not catching fish, it's a bad day. To top it off, he knows he is in the presence of a holy man in the person of this Jesus of Nazareth, who had just commandeered his boat to do some spontaneous preaching. As good as the preaching may have been, it surely didn't put fish in the nets. So, as he will throughout the gospel, Jesus rectifies the situation. Simon Peter knows he's not merely in the presence of a holy man, but of holiness itself, and declares his sinfulness. Nevertheless, he is commissioned for the work of the Gospel. No matter how bad our day may be going, or how incompetent we think we are, we are receiving the call. Our role in the story? Listen.

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Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8
Psalm 138:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 7–8
1 Corinthians 15:1–11 [3–8, 11]
Luke 5:1–11

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

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



**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.



**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 starting February 1, 2022. Please return them to the Parish Office, attention Sue D'Alessandro.

Truth sets captives free! Have you or a loved one been deceived & wounded?

Nancy Kreuzer is a member of Silent No More, an organization that gives a voice to women who had an abortion and regret it. Nancy's story is unique, as are all the women's stories: unique and different in their own ways, but very much the same in the ways that abortion has caused all these women unutterable grief and misfortune in multiple aspects of their lives.

Come hear why it's so important for the Catholic Church to stand firm on preaching the truth about the evil of abortion and the healing & redemption that can only be found through Jesus Christ.

Nancy Kreuzer
Thurs. Feb. 10th @ 7 p.m.
Visitation Parish
779 York Rd
Elmhurst, IL



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

Video Series: Parables of Jesus

with Dr. Joan Gorski

Join Us Online for an Amazing New Series of Presentations

View a new video each week:

- February 7th Parables of Jesus
- 14th Parables in Mark/Parables Matthew shares with Mark
- 21st Parables of Matthew
- 28th Parables of Luke

Go to the Holy Ghost website:
hollyghostparish.org.

Click on the "Parables of Jesus" button.



Dr. Joan Gorski grew up in Naperville and has made it her life's work introducing others to the many aspects of Scripture, and sharing her knowledge with those interested in obtaining a deeper understanding of the Bible.

If you would prefer to watch these videos in person, registration will be available on the parish website Sign up Genius link beginning January 24th, or call Frannie at 630-766-4508. The in-person meetings will be:

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| February | 9 th | Parables of Jesus | March | 2 nd | Parables of Matthew |
| | 16 th | Parables in Mark/
Parables Matthew shares with Mark | | 9 th | Parables of Luke |

Please contact Holy Ghost 630-860-2975 with questions or email: stutaj@hollyghostparish.org



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

Our Presenters



Dr. Mary Amore, holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Liturgy and Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Catholic

Theological Union. Dr. Amore is the author of several books including, Primary Symbols of Worship and the Call to Participation, as well as the creator of three DVD's: Eucharist: Pathway to Transformation, Healing and Discipleship; Eucharistic Adoration: Love, Mercy and Friendship with Jesus, and From Mary's Heart to Yours, published by Pauline Books and Media. A Cardinal Bernardin Scholar and distinguished member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, Dr. Amore is a highly sought after presenter of parish missions, retreats, and adult faith formation programs. Dr. Amore serves as the full time Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries located in the Diocese of Joliet.

He studied for the priesthood at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC, receiving his MA in Theology in 2003 and his MDiv and STB from there in 2004. In 2006, he began doctoral studies at the University of Notre Dame, working in the area of patristics, especially St. Augustine's thought. On June 16, 2016 Abbot Austin successfully defended his dissertation. He was elected abbot on June 24, 2010.



Natalie Ryan is a young adult and an Indianapolis native who currently lives in Northern Kentucky. Natalie is actively engaged in parish ministry, and is a spiritual director and alum of Mayslake Ministries' Sacred Presence Program. A published author and artist, Natalie's most recent article on Blessed Carlos and the Eucharist was featured in St. Anthony Messenger. Natalie loves to see how God is working in the lives of others, which helps her find Him more clearly.



Abbot Austin G. Murphy, OSB, is the 10th abbot of St. Procopius Abbey. He was born in Huntington, NY, in 1974 and attended the University of Chicago, receiving a BA in Economics in 1995. Soon after graduating, he came into contact with St. Procopius Abbey and, feeling called to the monastic life there, applied and entered. His jobs before becoming abbot have included teaching math and religion as well as being campus minister at the abbey's high school, Benet Academy.



Brother Silas Henderson is a member of the Society of the Divine Savior and executive director of the Tucson-based Jordan Ministry Team, director of the Common Formation Process for the Diocese of Tucson, and a consultant for the Blessed Francis Jordan School for Formators. He holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree in liturgy from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and a Masters in Theological Studies from St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. A deacon, catechist and retreat leader, Bro. Silas is the author of four books and his reflections and articles on the liturgy, spirituality, Mary and the Saints, and discipleship have appeared in a variety of prominent Catholic publications.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS



February 2022 Prayer for Vocations

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

7. Dcns. Ronald Brown, Rocco Busato, Michael Butz, Bruce Carlson, Robert Cassey
8. Fr. Shaun C. Cieslik
9. Fr. Robert Coleman, Fr. William J. Conway
10. Dcns. Dominic Cerrato, Arturo Chacon, Lorenzo Chaidez, John Chan, Gerald Christensen, Arnulfo Cisneros
11. Dcns. William Ciston, Ryamond Clark, Gordon Clark, Anthony Clishem, Gregory Clodi, **Christopher Cochran**
12. Sr. Patricia Francis, Sr. Linette Howeward, Sr. Mary Carr OP
13. Linda Andrejek, Patricia Haney, Frances Radencic, CONSVIRN



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.

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 Jeremy 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.



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, William Cavico, Emil Ciardullo, Bob Connell, Garcey DiBella, Walter Dittmer, Barb Doyle, Matt Doyle, Prinda Fabis, Joe Frank, Joy and Gene Gassensmith, Frank Gill, Marge Green, Barbara Greene, Joan Gnad-Hayes, Nick Jones, Joe Killigan, Diane Knudtson, Chrissy Kulinski, Peter Maney, Ray Orsolini, Hailey Wilson Peyer, Dave & Maureen Polash, 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



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

Collette Robertson, Noreen Cascio, James Warmowski, Connie Jean Sydoryk, Cecilia (CeCe) Meier, Tom King and for those who died from COVID-19.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 1/30/2021.....	\$5,560
Online Giving (WeShare) 1/20—1/31/2022	\$4,279
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$249,992
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 1/30/2021.....	\$129
Major Maint. Online Giving 1/20—1/31/2022	\$55

January 2022 Weekly Envelope Giving:
\$32,613

January 2022 Online Contributions

Sunday Collections	\$12,855
Major Maintenance	\$200
Miscellaneous	\$787

*(Adoration, Church of Latin America,
 Faith Formation Tuition Assistance,
 Solemnity of Mary, St. Vincent de Paul)*

**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.

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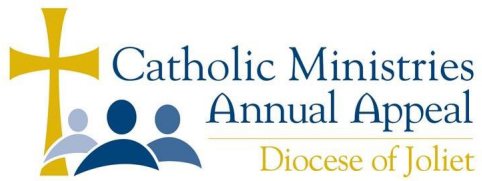
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[] New Parishioner [] New Address

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

This year’s CMAA theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates how the many ministries our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God’s work throughout our diocese. From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages in the faith, the ministries funded through your gifts are far more extensive than our parish could provide on its own.

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 and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year’s annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office to request one.



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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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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:
 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
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