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January 16, 2022

## Second SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



[Jesus' mother said to the servers,]  
"Do whatever he tells you."

JOHN 2:5

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Jan. 17—St. Anthony, Abbot</b> Richard Bade
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Jan. 18—Weekday</b> Tom Clark, Jr.
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Jan. 19—Weekday</b> Jack Luka
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45am	<b>Jan. 20—St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr</b> June Pfeiffer
<b>Friday</b> 8:45am	<b>Jan. 21—St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</b> Kevin Looman
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>Jan. 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b> Braun & Liss Families/Hubert & Therese Klaus/Mary Wallace
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>Jan. 23—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Emil Fischer/Int. Richard Huerta/Paul Pestka/Jim Topp/ Int. Charles Knudtson
10:30a.m.	Mae Karges (1st Anniversary)
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—The People of St. Alexander Parish

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

**Psalm** — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

**Second Reading** — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

**Gospel** — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Mon. 1/17:</b>	<b>CLOSED FOR MLK DAY</b>		
<b>Tues. 1/18:</b>			
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym		5:30pm
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room		6:30pm
Fishers of Men Prayer Group	Fr. Tuan Room		6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir practice	Church		7:00pm
<b>Wed. 1/19:</b>			
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym		3:15pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym		5:30pm
Music—Spanish Choir practice	Church		7:00pm
<b>Thurs. 1/20:</b>			
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sister's Room		9:30am
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym		3:15pm
Rental-St. Pius basketball practice	Hall/Gym		5:00pm
<b>Fri. 1/21:</b>			
Quinceanera	GS/Church		3:00pm
<b>Sat. 1/22:</b>			
Communion Retreat—FF 2nd Graders	Hall/Gym		9:00am
First Reconciliation—FF 2nd Graders	Church		12:00PM
Setup for Knights Pancake Breakfast	Hall/Gym		6:00pm
<b>Sun. 1/23:</b>			
Knights of Columbus Drive-Thru Breakfast	Hall/Gym		7:30am



## 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



# Second SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

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[Jesus' mother said to the servers,]  
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JOHN 2:5

### BROKEN SILENCE

"For Pete's sake will you kids be quiet?" This question, no doubt, has passed the lips of numerous parents through the years. It's tempting to speculate as to who, exactly, was instructing Isaiah to be quiet. Neighbors? Fellow prophets? Family? No matter. Isaiah says firmly that for the sake of Jerusalem and Zion he will not be silent. Conversely, in the familiar passage in today's Gospel reading, Mary chides her son to break his silence, to save the wedding soon to run out of wine. Jesus responds with a prophetic action, one that signals the miraculous, bountiful joy flowing at the heavenly wedding feast. Prophetic words, prophetic deeds—both flow from a broken silence.

### PROBLEM CHILDREN

The Corinthians seem to have been Paul's problem children. His two letters to them are much longer than any of his other letters—two, three, or four times as long as some. It seems that if the early Christians at Corinth could misunderstand or do something wrong, they would. Fortunately for us, the two letters to the Corinthians, though they contain much didactic or instructional material, also provide some of Paul's most well-crafted and grace-filled writing. This is certainly true today, with Paul's litany of gifts that the Spirit bestows on the faithful, even to this day. Paul seeks to calm the squabbling that seems to have been going on, as the Corinthians tried to claim one gift or another as more important. All gifts come from the same Spirit, Paul reminds them; and the various gifts are given for the benefit of the community. When jealousy arises in our midst today, we can still turn to Paul's insights so we might stop being prideful, problem children.

### WONDROUS CHILD

In the Gospel scene at Cana, we see Mary turning to her own child, Jesus. Perhaps she recalled the power of the Spirit that had flowed in her womb at his Incarnation, leading her to discern that surely he must have Spirit-given gifts that could help with the impending crisis at the wedding. As at her Annunciation, she may not have been completely certain, at first, exactly how this would come about, but in faith at Cana she turned to Jesus. In faith, her words, "do whatever he tells you," echoed her reply to Gabriel: "Let it be done to me as you say." In faith, she knows whatever words the Word will speak are bound to bring another inbreaking of the Spirit, another manifestation of God's reign. And she is right. Her wondrous child, John the Evangelist tells us, performed his first wonder there, and signaled the presence of the divine in the everyday.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 62:1–5  
Psalm 96:1–2, 2–3, 7–8, 9–10  
1 Corinthians 12:4–11  
John 2:1–11

## PARISH NEWS



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

*As a parish community,  
"WE WELCOME YOU."*

**Navy James**, daughter of Reno and Alexandria Bach,  
nee Zabel



**Mass will be celebrated  
on Martin Luther King Day  
@ St. Alexander Church  
January 17, 2022—9:00am**

Also, the St. Alexander Parish Office  
will be closed on January 17, 2022.



## BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022  
7:30AM—11:30AM  
St. Alexander Hall**

- **\$8 gets you a to-go container full of pancakes, sausage and eggs.** We are keeping it a huge value and simple for efficiency.
- As always our money raised will go directly back to our communities needs. We will also be collecting money for the intellectually disabled.
- Thank you all for your continued support.



**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://factsmgmt.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.



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Faith Formation/Parish/Diocesan News
Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—khalloran@x-town.com



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

JANUARY

Thursday—January 20, Gathering Space
“Jump Start” the New Year as Fr. David Medow tells us ‘His Story’

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)

A New Year means a New Chapter.
We hope 2022 is an incredible part of your story.

CCW Presents
the January Event:

HIS STORY

Fr. David Medow

St. Alexander’s Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the parish to join them on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 7:00 p. m. in the Gathering Space.

Our speaker for the evening will be Fr. David Medow who will share “His Story”. We enjoy his homilies at Mass, his journey of faith tale should prove to be quite interesting, as well.

An inspiring way to begin
2022.

PLEASE JOIN US!

RSVP REQUIRED by form or email no later than January 17th.

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

Please Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) for me!

Please drop off your form in the CCW Blue Box or send us an email to ccwstalexander@gmail.com

## PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



**Thank you to the following parishioners who donated towards our Christmas Flowers. We greatly appreciate your generosity.**

Ava Lindahl	Matthew Kerr
Catherine Airhart	Mr. & Mrs. Dirk Krueger
Donald Hosek	Pauline Bonze
George Sifuentes	Rosemary Sprovieri
Joseph and Linda Palek	Thomas Greeley
Joyce Nordensten	Tom Kucik
Kathryn Torgerson	Victoria Maxson
Mark Ranieri, Jr.	



### RECONNECT, REFRESH AND REJUVENATE Your Relationship in 2022!

**The Eastern DuPage Marriage Ministry is sponsoring a:**

Four (4) Session Workshop enjoyed via zoom in the privacy of your own home, that will give you the practical tools you can use to **Reconnect, Refresh and Rejuvenate** your relationship.

Beginning Wednesday January 19 at 7pm and continuing weekly through February 9 these 90 minute sessions will afford you the opportunity to have Karin and Denny McNicholas guide you through exercises that will allow you to connect on a deeper level as you build your relationship and strengthen your marriage. The sharing between spouses is accomplished in complete privacy.

**There is no cost to take part in this workshop.**

**Registration is required to receive materials and zoom link:**

**<https://forms.gle/BKPhcujceFpEQLLo6>**

**Deadline is NOON on 1/17/22.**

**NOTE!** A minimum of 10 couples is required to run the program with a max of 20 couples.

To view Karin and Denny's credentials, please visit:  
[Facebook.com/EasternDupageMarriageMinistry](https://www.facebook.com/EasternDupageMarriageMinistry)

**Questions:** email [EasternDupageMEM@gmail.com](mailto:EasternDupageMEM@gmail.com)

## ANNULMENT SUPPORT DAY

A DAY OF SUPPORT AND REFLECTION.



**DATE: Saturday, January 22, 2022**

**TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Blanchette Catholic Center  
Crest Hill, IL.**

Working on annulment papers alone without support can be emotionally overwhelming and frustrating. Papers may be placed in a desk drawer and/or not completed. In an effort to help petitioners complete their part of the process, the Office for Family Ministry, in collaboration with the Joliet Diocesan Tribunal, is once again offering an **OPTIONAL** Day of Support for Annulment Petitioners on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm In-person at the Blanchette Center for a \$15 fee.

This workshop is designed for divorced persons who have already started the annulment process by petitioning the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, have submitted their Matrimonial Fact Sheet and have a current case in process but have not yet completed the Marriage Summary Long/Questionnaire. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to attend, whether remarried or not.

The day will include time for prayer and reflection, a witness talk, and time for questions related to the long questionnaire. Pre-registration is required by January 17. Please register online at <https://bit.ly/2Bv0drA>.

The Office of Family Ministry  
(815) 838-5334  
[familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org)



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce that **IN-PERSON** experiences will be held locally in Chicagoland on the following 2022 weekends: February 11-13, April 9-10, August 12-14! Early registration is suggested due to limited space. For more information or to apply, go to <https://wwme-chicagoland.org>, or call 630-577-

# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## Jan. 2022 Prayer for Vocations

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

17. Sr. Helen Jilek, Sr. M. Josephine Kallus, Sr. Christine Kouba OSB
18. Fr. John Balluff, Fr. Brad Baker
19. **Seminarian Kevin O'Leary**
20. Sr. Alberta Kywela, Sr. Rosalie Marie Major, Sr. Norbertha Mlowe OSB
21. Dcns. Patrick Blaney, John Blumenstein, William Boucek, **John Boyle**, James Breen, David Brockman
22. **Seminarian Juan Carlos Pirir**
23. Fr. Mark J. Bernhard, Fr. Max Behna, Fr. Peter Infanger



## 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, Barbara Greene, Joan Gnadit-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, Judy Travnicsek, Charles Knudtson, 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](http://www.stalexanderparish.org)



## Our Faithfully Departed

**John Terkowitz, Clare Stralko, June Pfeiffer, Mother Dorothy Urschaltz, PCC, Maria NuThi Bui, Rolland Hudson, Peter Rohrich, and for those who died from COVID-19.**

## 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.

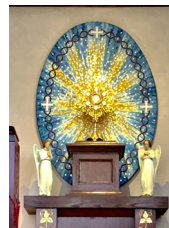
Matthew & Ellis due 5/22.

### 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.**

## 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).



## 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

# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 1/9/2021.....	\$8,401
Online Giving (WeShare) 1/5—1/10/2022	\$3,597
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$211,800
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 1/9/2021.....	\$343
Major Maint. Online Giving 1/5—1/10/2022	\$80

*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.



**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.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Parishioner

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*- St. Francis of Assisi*



**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  
**Office Administrator:** Sue D’Alessandro  
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