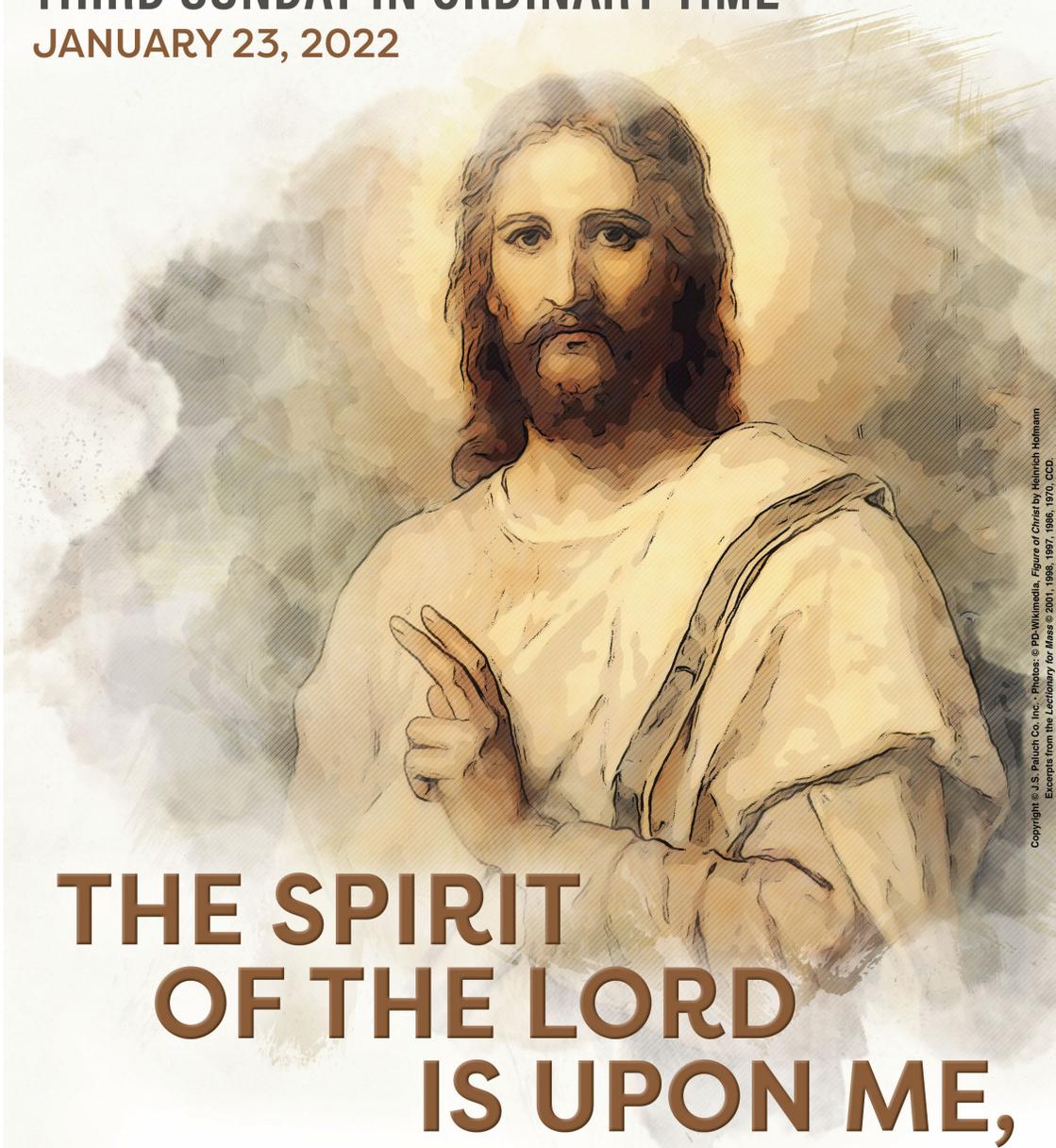


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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 23, 2022



**THE SPIRIT
OF THE LORD
IS UPON ME,**

because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

LUKE 4:18

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	Jan. 24—St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Martha Nansida
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Jan. 25—Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle June Pfeiffer
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Jan. 26—Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops The people of St. Alexander Parish
Thursday 8:45am	Jan. 27—Sts. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder John Terkowitsch
Friday 8:45am	Jan. 28—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious & Doctor of the Church The people of St. Alexander Parish
Saturday 5:00p.m.	Jan. 29—Weekday Thomas & Anne Jones/Marian & Peter Kurasz, Sr./Yolanda Gentila/Marilyn Hannon/Noreen Aukst/Int. Francis Frank
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Jan. 30—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Rocco Claps/MaryEllen Mika/Jack Daly/Clare Stralko
10:30a.m.	Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—The People of St. Alexander Parish

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 1/24:

Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Troop #199 Scout meeting	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
RCIA meeting	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm

Tues. 1/25:

Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm
Spanish Ministry-Marriage and Family	Fr. Tuan Room	
Fishers of Men Prayer Group	Gathering Space	6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir practice	Church	7:00pm

Wed. 1/26:

Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Music—Spanish Choir practice	Church	7:00pm

Thurs. 1/27:

Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Cub Scout #122 Pack Meeting	Hall/Gym	5:30pm

Fri. 1/28:

Quinceanera	GS/Church	3:00pm
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Sun. 1/30:

Faith Formation—Grades K-5	Hall/Gym	8:30am
Faith Formation—Grades 6-8	Hall/Gym	4:00pm

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30



Reconciliation

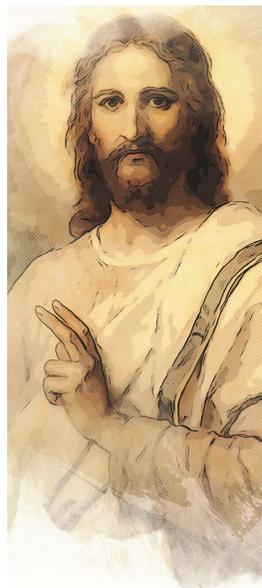
St. Alexander:

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

St. John the Apostle:

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

Gospel Reflection



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LUKE 4:18

COMMUNITY

Community is important. Community is essential. Community is crucial. This message is the foundation of today's readings from Nehemiah, Corinthians, and Luke. Ezra's reading of the scroll is done in front of the community, including—a radical act at the time—women, and children old enough to understand, groups usually not counted among those hearing God's promise proclaimed. Community is important. The mystical Body of Christ, like the human body, functions best and most fully when all members are playing the role for which they were meant. Community is essential. God's word is fulfilled when the community has heard it, and witnessed it. In Luke, the baptism and desert trials of Jesus lead to the synagogue scene, which will then lead Jesus to his public ministry of proclaiming the reign of God. He eventually will journey to Jerusalem and his crucifixion. Community is crucial.

ONE BODY, ONE JESUS

Our liturgical calendar separates different Gospel scenes, which can sometimes do them a bit of a disservice. The liturgical year, of course, has its own rhythm and purpose, into which the stories of the life of Jesus are placed. However, when Luke was organizing his Gospel (for "Theophilus" the lover of God whom we encounter in today's Gospel introduction), today's scene was part of a three-fold structure: the baptism of Jesus; the temptation in the desert; the announcement of the public mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. Linking these is the Holy Spirit, who descended on the body of Jesus at his baptism, who filled his body as he endured his forty-day trial, and who is upon his body to announce and to bring about God's reign, a mission he fulfills with his body on the cross. The incarnation (the "in-flesh-ing") of Jesus, which we think of in connection with his birth, remains central to his story.

ONE CHRIST, ONE BODY

Last week's reading from Corinthians concerned the one Spirit who gives many gifts, yet is the source of our unity. Paul continues this theme today using the image of the body, whose different members each have an important and distinct role to play. The Spirit of baptism forms that one mystical Body of Christ. The Spirit of baptism fills the many members, but unites them always as one. The Spirit of baptism is on each member, as it was for Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. That Spirit of our baptism anoints each of us as a member of Christ's Body to be glad tidings, proclaim liberty, bring clearer vision, lift the oppressed, to announce God's reign to all. As different members of Christ's Body, we are each called upon to do this in our own way. We may face opposition or rejection, as Jesus did, but we can always turn again in faith to the Spirit of our baptism who is still with us.

TODAY'S READINGS

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Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
1 Corinthians 12:12–30 [12–14, 27]
Luke 1:1–4; 4:14–21

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PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



Day of Recollection Retreat
February 26, 2022
 Our Lady of Peace Catholic School
 701 Plainfield Rd., Darien, IL 60561
 Scouts K-12 with age appropriate sessions
 RSVP Required. See Event Tab for Details
Save the Date!

All Catholic Scouts are invited to attend the 2022 Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting retreat on Saturday Feb. 26 at Our Lady of Peace in Darien from 9 a.m. to noon. This year's theme is "Trusting in God" and how to bring him more fully into our lives.

The retreat is designed for Scouts in American Heritage Girls, Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts of the USA, Campfire and others, ages K-12. Children K-5 must be accompanied by an adult. Age-appropriate activities will be offered. A group Mass will end the day.

The retreat fulfills a requirement for Scouts who are working toward a religious medal. Scouts who have completed all other requirements may schedule a Board of Review to receive final approval for their religious recognition. Participating Scouts will receive a patch, a totem and/or participation beads.

The retreat is planned as an in-person event but may be moved to a virtual platform if needed.

Registration and permission slips are now available at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting. Deadline for registration is Mon., Feb. 21. Cost is \$5 per child/youth. Parents may attend free of charge but must also register. No "walk-ins" will be allowed and registration is by mail only. Call Chris Caragher at 630-842-4219 for any questions.

Ambit Energy Fundraiser

January Check from Ambit	\$181.00
2022 Total:	\$181.00
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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.

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

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*)

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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 630/247-0327,
e-mail, pataivan@sbcglobal.net

Fran Gilles, 708/548-9674 or email,
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**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

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January 2022

Dear Friends,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. This national collection supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean.

An example of a beneficiary of this collection is Brazil's Associacao do Sementes do Verbo (Seeds of the Word Community), which is a young and growing congregation with a unique vision of forming missionary communities of disciples in all states of life – consecrated men and women, clergy, lay missionaries, and married couples and families, all living together in community. Founded in 2004, Sementes do Verbo has 20 communities throughout Brazil, as well as in Portugal, Belgium, Canada, Comoros, and Mozambique.

A central aspect of the group's spirituality is a nine-month formation period called a "sabbatical year," during which participants live in a mission house with the community and study Scripture; take courses in the theology of the body and human sexuality, with an emphasis on prevention of abuse; and participate in spiritual exercises and parish mission weeks.

An important fact that you must know is that 25% of this diocesan collection goes to support our own diocesan mission work. Since 1994 our diocese has sent missionaries to Sucre, Bolivia to not only offer our support with concrete actions, but to build relationships with the people who are so grateful for our presence and work there. We are blessed to have our Bolivian friends.

Let us all become missionaries by strengthening the Church in Latin America with a donation to the second collection on the weekend of January 22-23.

Paz y bien,
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet



**Feast of St. Blaise
Blessing of the Throats
Weekend of Jan. 29/30
and at daily Mass on
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PRAYER INTENTIONS



Jan. 2022 Prayer for Vocations

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

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25. Fr. Thomas Borkowski, Fr. Thomas Botheroyd
26. Fr. Larry Brunette, Fr. Dong V. Bui
27. Sr. Mary DePaul Stava, Sr. Sharon Marie Stola, Sr. Susanne Thome, Sr. Regina Ann Weissman OSB
28. Sr. M. Kathleen McLinden, Sr. Mary Raphael Schmitz, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Sheffer O.Carm
29. Monsignor James E. Burnett, Fr. Thomas Cargo
30. Abbot Hugh Anderson O.S.B.
31. Sr. M. Anthony de Lourdes Veilleux, Sr. Libby Dahlstrom, Sr. Mary Martin O.Carm

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, Nu Bui, 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, Judy Travnicek, 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

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.

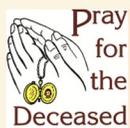
If you would like to sign up for a 1 hour a week time slot, go to our website:
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Vocations Cross (3rd Sunday of the Month @ 10:30 Mass)

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

Chuck Knudston, Kathleen Sampey, and for those who died from COVID-19.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 1/16/2021.....	\$5,756
Online Giving (WeShare) 1/11—1/18/2022	\$2,257
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$211,800
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 1/16/2021.....	\$330
Major Maint. Online Giving 1/11—1/18/2022	\$20

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Why register with St. Alexander Parish?

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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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Contact Alex Quezada with any questions
 Email: aquezada@dioceseofjoliet.org
 Phone: 815-221-6255



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Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.
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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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