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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021



*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over
the place where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	Jan. 4—St. Elizabeth Seton, Religious Maureen Schmidt
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Jan. 5—St. John Neumann, Bishop Dick Radtke
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Jan. 6—St. André Bessette, Religious Annie Hopkins
Thursday 8:45a.m.	Jan. 7—St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest Theodore (Teddy) Doyle
Friday 8:45am	Jan. 8—Christmas Weekday Danny Kudrna
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Jan. 9—Christmas Weekday Ralph, Sr. & Carmela DeRose/Sadie Troller/Int. Susanne & Jeannine Strickland/Int. Robert & Joanne Haag/ Int. Fr.. Rosenbaum
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Jan. 10—Baptism of the Lord People of St. Alexander Parish Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo Spanish Mass—People of the St. Alexander Parish.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 1/4/2021:		
RCIA	Fr.. Tuan Room	5:00pm
CCW Rosary	via ZOOM	6:30pm
Boy Scouts 199	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
Tues. 1/5/2021:		
Fishers of Men Prayer Group	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm
Thurs. 1/7/2021:		
Knights of Columbus	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
CCW Board Meeting	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



Reconciliation

St. Alexander's:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm

St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm

Please wear a Mask.



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

Gospel Reflection



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IN A NUTSHELL

When I tell a story, I have a friend who prefers the “nutshell version” first. After that she’ll listen to me ramble, but she wants to know the main point right off the bat. When reading and hearing Sunday scriptures one may often find the nutshell by looking at the responsorial psalm or the Gospel acclamation. From Psalm 72 we hear “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” The verse for the Gospel acclamation is Matthew 2:2 “We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” As a weary world, we need to see the light, to follow with our actions and our words. This is the same hope that is echoed in Isaiah 60:2 “See, darkness covers the earth, / and thick clouds cover the peoples; / but upon you the LORD shines, / and over you appears his glory.” Don’t give up, friends. You must shine!

SEARCHING

In Matthew’s Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives, two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization of our nation in today’s time. What one group sees as good for the nation, those with opposing views think will wreck the country. The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and were trying to find a way to follow it and discover the new king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country and wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ child. Similarly, on a more personal level, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes that may come, depending on our perspective.

GIVING HOMAGE

In our minds, it is easy to mix up bits and pieces from Luke’s account of the shepherds coming to see Jesus in the stable and the story of the magi. Clearly, it has taken the magi time to get here, and the reading speaks of them coming to the house where the star led them. Nevertheless, they “prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures . . .”

How do we do this? Do we continue looking for Jesus, even if it takes a while and he is not where we expect to see him? Are we paying attention to the signs showing us the way? What gifts do we have with which to pay him homage? After seeing him, the Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the way they came. But if we have seen the Christ child, how can we go back to where we were? We must continue to respond to God’s call to move forward and grow in our lives. We must seek the right and just path and turn away from the “Herods” and inherent evils in our life.

Nutshell: Seek God. Pay homage. Amen.

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Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13
Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6
Matthew 2:1–12

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Faith Formation Office

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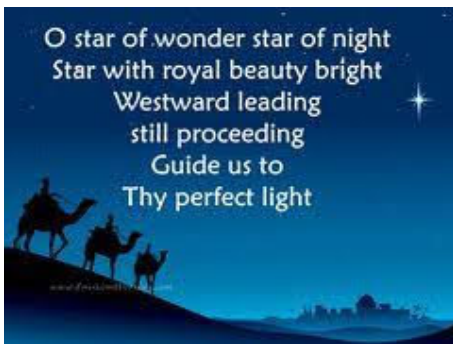
It is a land the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.

Deuteronomy 11:12 Bible gateway (NIV)

**God of beginnings, be with us as we ring in the New Year!
Be with my family and friends, my church, my community, my nation, and this whole wide world of people who are waking up to a fresh start.
And please be with me too!
Thank you, Lord,
for all you have in store for me this year.
Let me be a willing partner in Your plans.
-unknown**

K-6 Family event January 3
9:00 Am via zoom.
Link will be sent out prior to meeting.

Save the Date: Confirmation
Retreat January 23, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm
via zoom.



After Jesus was born, some wise men heard that a King had been born. They wanted to find the King so that they could worship and honor him. They went to Jerusalem and asked some priests there if they knew where to find the King. The priests knew where Jesus was to be born, because they had been told by the prophet Micah, so they told the wise men that they would find the new King in Bethlehem. As you know, the wise men did not have a map to guide them to Bethlehem, but they had something even better. God gave them a star to guide them. So the wise men followed the directions that the priests had given them and followed

the star that God gave them and it led them right to Jesus. When they found him, they gave him gifts and bowed down and worshiped him. *Sermons4Kids-epiphany*

As the wise men from the East sought the Christ child, wise men today still seek the Savior.

Where are you looking for Him?

Help one another with the generosity of the Lord, and despise no one.
When you have the opportunity to do good, do not let it go by. - St. Polycarp
Let us be Christ to one another. Make it a GREAT day!

PARISH NEWS

CASSEROLE SCHEDULE 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Frozen Casserole Picked Up</u>	<u>Casserole Tin Dropped Off</u>
Tues, 1/12/21	Shepherd's Pie	Rockburn Chili
Tues, 2/9/21	Rockburn Chili	Chicken and Stuffing
Tues, 3/9/21	Chicken and Stuffing	Florentine Ravioli
Tues, 4/13/21	Florentine Ravioli	Shepherd's Pie
Tues, 5/11/21	Shepherd's Pie	Texas Hash
Tues, 6/8/21	Texas Hash	Beans and Burgers
Tues, 7/13/21	Beans and Burgers	Chicken and Broccoli
Tues, 8/10/21	Chicken and Broccoli	Florentine Ravioli
Tues, 9/14/21	Florentine Ravioli	Beans and Burgers
Tues, 10/5/21	Burgers and Beans	Rockburn Chili
Tues, 11/9/21	Rockburn Chili	Easy Lasagna
Tues, 12/7/21	Easy Lasagna	Shepherd's Pie

Women of the Way
A Celebration of Christian Sisterhood
 ~Presents~



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Valerie Maty & Alyssa Magnuson-Mother and daughter
 ~Invite us to share in the lives of~
 St. Zélie Martin and her daughter, St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

Sunday, January 31, 2020
 7:00PM CST

Register for this online event at: womenofthewaydoj.org

DEANERY/DIOCESEAN NEWS**ANNULMENT
SUPPORT DAY****A day of support and Reflection.****ONLINE EVENT****DATE: Saturday, January 23, 2021****TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM*****ZOOM LINK TO FOLLOW UPON REGISTRATION***

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 a free Day of Support for Annulment Petitioners on Saturday, January 23, 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm- ONLINE via Zoom.

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. To register, please call The Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or online at <https://bit.ly/2Bv0drA>

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Prayer for Vocations

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

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis

Rosebud Program

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



Jenna and Zach due in Jan. 2021.
 Erica and Nick due in March 2021.
 Angelo and Meaghan due in March 2021

Special Intentions for:

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

Please call Michele if you have any questions or would like to add a name or update: 630.564.8423.

 PLEASE PRAY *for* 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.

Ed Driskell, Frank Rajase, Frank Gill, Tom Criscione, Andy, Terry Baugh, Nick DeMarco, Lorane Myers, Maggie Gannon, Maria Cruz, Jim Erlenbaugh, Kimmy Dikker, Corinne Principe, Keith Lapointe, Matt & Julie Guth, Lisa Krandal, Jacob St. Louis, Peter Parish, Peg Loftus, Sue Connelly, Kathy Gilroy, Matt Doyle, Bob Chandler, P.J. O’Connor, Karen Soukup, Fr. Steve Bondi, Bernie Niewoehner, Eda Jett, Laura Guirini, Patricia Hendrickson, Keith Wolfe, Frank Gill, John Jarecki, Ron Strum, Sue Duchek, and all those sick from COVID-19

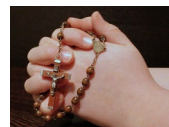
We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : www.stalexanderparish.org



ADORATION In the Church Wednesdays and Fridays 5:00—7:00pm

Enter through the West doors, please wear a mask and sign in.

Thank you!



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.



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

As a parish community,

"WE WELCOME YOU."

Melissa Ann, daughter of Andrew and Jamie Ferguson, nee Krueger

Tommy David, son of Bradley and Sharon Lietzke, nee Molinaro



Our Faithfully Departed Dr. Scott Helton and Ted Doyle Those who died from COVID-19

STEWARDSHIP



Record of 2020 Contributions

Your 2020 tax statement will be sent to you the last week of January 2021. Any 2020 contributions must be received no later than January 6, 2021 with the check dated December 31, 2020. Please mark your contribution envelope clearly "2020" so these donations can then be included correctly in our records.

If you need the statement earlier than this or have any questions, please call Rita Matthews in the Parish Office @ 630-833-7730 Thank you for your help!

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.

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: _____

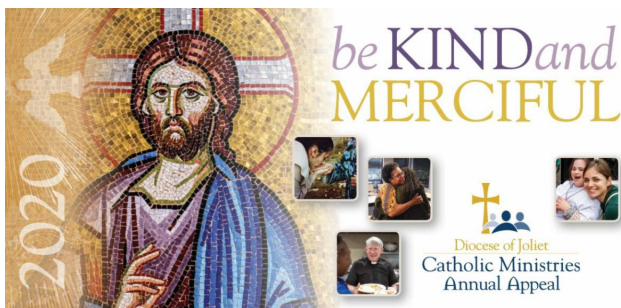
City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

New Parishioner

New Address

New Phone Number



PLEDGE REPORT: Dec. 20, 2020

Please continue to make your 2020 pledge payments. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal:	\$47,600
Amount Pledged:	\$47,939
Amount Paid:	\$44,599
Remaining Balance:	\$3,340
Donor Count	242

Thank you for your continued support.

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. — 7:30 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.
 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.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
 (Closed due to COVID until further notice)
Adoration in the church on Wednesdays and Fridays from 5—7pm. Use West entrance. Wear a mask.

Pastor: Reverend Mark Rosenbaum

Mass Assistants:
 Rev. David Dillon/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/
 Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/Fr. Danny Soriano

Permanent Deacons:
 John Boyle, Emeritus/Christopher Cochran/Julio Jimenez
 James Krueger/Matthew Tretina

Music Coordinator: Alexia Garcia
Office Administrator: Sue D’Alessandro

Parish Registrar: Rita Matthews

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