


St. Alexander Catholic Church

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Amen,
I say to you,
no prophet
is accepted
in **his own**
native place.

☩ **Luke 4:24**

Fourth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

January 30, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	Jan. 31—St. John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder Clare Stralko
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Feb. 1—Weekday Int. Ann Campbell
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Feb. 2—The Presentation of the Lord Margaret Schmidt
Thursday 8:45am	Feb. 3—St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop John Terkowitsch
Friday 8:45am	Feb. 4—Weekday John Terkowitsch
Saturday 5:00p.m.	Feb. 5—St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Ralph & Carmella DeRose/Marvin G. Jett/George Kudrna/ Danny Kudrna/Int. Alyson Miller
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Feb. 6—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Clare Stralko/Collette Dooley Robertson/Charles Knudtson Bob Chandler Spanish Mass—Maria NuThi Bui

FACILITIES SCHEDULE

Mon. 1/31:		
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Troop #199 Scout meeting	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
RCIA meeting	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm
Tues. 2/1:		
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Fishers of Men Prayer Group	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir practice	Church	7:00pm
Wed. 2/2:		
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Cub Scout Pack #122 Parent Mtg.	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Music—Spanish Choir practice	Library	7:00pm
Music—Witness Choir	Church	7:00pm
Thurs. 2/3:		
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
Knights of Columbus	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
CCW Board Meeting	Sister's Room	6:30pm
Sat. 2/5:		
FF—First Reconciliation Retreat	Hall/Gym	9:00am
FF—First Reconciliation	Church/GS	12:00pm
Sun. 2/6:		
Faith Formation—Grades K-5	Hall/Gym	8:30am
Faith Formation—Grades 6-8	Hall/Gym	4:00pm

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).
Psalm — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).
Second Reading — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).
Gospel — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).
 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: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11



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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FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING

The “fulfilled in your hearing” statement of Jesus today is also the conclusion of last week’s Gospel, with the words of Isaiah about the breadth of God’s mercy and justice at its heart. The response of the crowd in the synagogue is united: *all* are amazed, but *all* likewise ask if he’s not merely the son of Joseph the humble carpenter. Jesus calls them out for seeming to think that he ought to be doing his ministry only locally, and—selfishly—only for them. (After all, they know where he comes from!) When Jesus essentially replies “nope” through some proverbs and prophetic stories, *all* the crowd gets angry at his implication that the fulfillment in Jesus is for everyone, not just for them. When our “take care of your own” reflex kicks in, we would do well to recall that this isn’t the attitude of Jesus, nor is it the attitude of his mission that we continue to this day.

YOU’VE BEEN WARNED

The opening of the reading selected from Jeremiah is surely one of the most comforting in scripture. Imagine! God knew me before my bodily conception; God dedicated me before my birth or any human dedication rites; God appointed me a prophet! Then comes the uh-oh. Jeremiah is warned that his appointment as a prophet will bring opposition, against which God’s prophets must stand up. Somehow the appointment as God’s prophet seems like it should be a bit happier, with the glamor that we might think will come from having friends in high places. Yet, just as there are many forces in the world arrayed against the divine will and divine goodness, so too are they arrayed against God’s prophets. A second round of assurances comes to Jeremiah, a pledge that God will be with Jeremiah to strengthen him. God doesn’t promise a turmoil-free life, but does vow to be Jeremiah’s strength.

JESUS, SON OF JEREMIAH

In the synagogue at Nazareth, a similar turn of events takes place. When Jesus speaks of the Spirit’s anointing being upon him, the anointing described in Isaiah, the crowd is amazed, and seems like they even want to take credit, since he’s a local boy. Then Jesus speaks some words of tough love, and “local boy” pivots to “who does he think he is?” You couldn’t blame Jesus, in that moment, if he recalled the words of Jeremiah, his prophetic ancestor. Though the crowd drove Jesus out of town and up a hill to throw him to his death, his time had not yet come. The strength and protection that God promises to prophets came for Jesus that day, as he passed through the mob’s midst, unharmed. He passed through their midst to continue the work for which the Spirit had anointed him. For us who follow the prophetic heritage of Jesus this day, we’ve been warned. But we’ve also been assured of God’s care.

TODAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4–5, 17–19
Psalm 71:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 15–17
1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13
[13:4–13]
Luke 4:21–30

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



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.

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



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
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Catholic Education
Scholarship
2022-2023 School Year

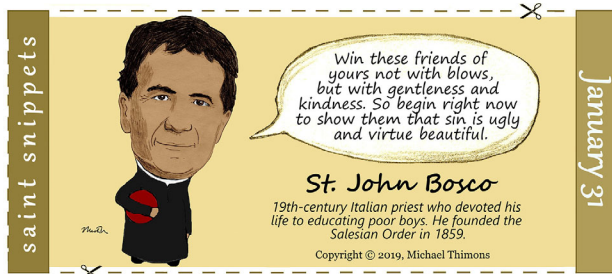
The Frances and John Schweih's Catholic Education Scholarship annual scholarship is intended to be a source of aid to families in need who desire to have the same strong Catholic Education that Fran and John sacrificed to have for their own children. Our parish is happy that John and Fran's family are 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.

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*)

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:
holychostparish.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 Signup 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@holychostparish.org



**Feast of St. Blaise
 Blessing of the Throats
 at 8:45am daily Mass
 on Feb. 3, 2022 and at
 Masses the Weekend
 of Feb. 5/6**



**Blessing for
 Married Couples
 At ALL Masses
 February 12/13**

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 .

1. Brs. Michael Fehrenbach, Christopher Ford, James Gaffney, Richard Geimer FSC
2. Deacons Nick Cifonie, Frank Ciscato
3. Sr. M. Catherine Rice, Sr. Rose Dominic Daily, Sr. Anna Cecilia Kuhn OP
4. Fr. Santos Castillo, Fr. Benjamin Chinnappan
5. Fr. Daniel Torson C.P.P.S, Fr. Edward Howe C.R.
6. Sr. Maria Catherine Rethwisch, Sr. Marie Isaac Staub OP



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



Our Faithfully Departed
Chuck Knudston, Kathleen Sampey, Patricia Arends
and for those who died from COVID-19.



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.



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: 1/23/2021.....	\$5,915
Online Giving (WeShare) 1/19—1/24/2022	\$2,427
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$211,800
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 1/23/2021.....	\$187
Major Maint. Online Giving 1/19—1/24/2022	\$20

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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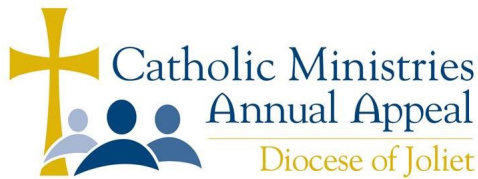
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New Parishioner New Address

New Phone Number



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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FOR 2022-2023 LOCAL GRANT

CCHD is now accepting applications for the Local Grant Program. Visit <https://bit.ly/3JSAAdF2> for more information and the next steps! All organizations applying must go through a multi-step review process.

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




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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:
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 James Krueger/Matthew Tretina
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