

# St. Alexander Catholic Church

*LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU*

300 S. Cornell Avenue, Villa Park, Illinois 60181/630.833.7730  
office@stalexanderparish.org/www.stalexanderparish.org



## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Mass Intentions 2

Gospel Reflection 3

Faith Formation 4

Parish News 5

Deanery News 5 & 6

Prayer Intentions 7

Rosebud Program 7

Stewardship 8

CMAA 8

New Parishioner Form 8

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;  
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his  
presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Psalm 95:1-2

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. • Photos © FineStock/Adobe Stock  
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1988, 1997, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 1—Weekday</b>
8:45a.m.	Int. Fr. David Dillon
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 2—The Presentation of the Lord</b>
8:45a.m.	Mabel and Anthony Maffia
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 3—St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop</b>
8:45a.m.	Eileen Gaughan
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 4—Weekday</b>
8:45a.m.	William Daly
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 5—St. Agatha, Virgin and Mary</b>
8:45am	Lorraine Kain (1st Anniversary)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 6—St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</b>
5:00 p.m.	George Kudrna/Hubert & Therese Klaus/John C. Engstrum/ Walter Wisniewski
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 7—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 a.m.	Dolores Slattery/Gene Magiera
10:30 a.m.	Reno Sansonetti
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Mon. 2/1/2021:</b>			
RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	5:00pm	
<b>Tues. 2/2/2021:</b>			
Fishers of Men & Women Prayer Group	Hall/Gym	5:00pm	
Fishers of Men	Fr. Tuan Room	6:00pm	
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm	
<b>Thurs. 2/4/2021:</b>			
Knights of Columbus	Hall/Gym	7:00pm	
CCW Board Meeting	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm	



Please remember to sign up for both Daily and Weekend Masses by 5:00pm on Thursday on our website: [www.stalexanderparish.org](http://www.stalexanderparish.org). If you don't have access to the internet, please call the Parish Office @ 630-833-7730. Thank you!

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

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:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2,  
13-14,17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4,  
9-11; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9;  
Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;  
Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,  
22-23; Mk 1:29-39



### Reconciliation

#### St. Alexander's:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm

#### St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm

## Gospel Reflection

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;  
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his  
presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Psalm 95:1-2



### GOD'S AUTHENTIC VOICE

Who speaks for God? How can we determine which are authentic, authoritative expressions of God's intentions, and which are false? Today's readings explore the question of authority in distinct ways. In Deuteronomy, Moses prepares the people of Israel for his coming death, indicating that God will raise up a new prophet to guide them. Mark describes Jesus as God's authentic voice, by the authority of his teaching and the authority he commands over an unclean spirit. In both, authority comes directly from God. Authority comes from an intimate relationship with God and with God's people. God's spokesperson is one who teaches, protects, and heals the people loved by God. As always, there is great need today for leaders in our communities who radically trust God to work through them. Let us pray that each person who performs in a role of leadership may speak for God with an authentic voice.

### RESCUE FROM BONDAGE

Uniquely in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus' public ministry begins with a direct confrontation with an unclean spirit. Today's Gospel passage reflects a recurring theme in Mark, that Jesus' coming is part of a cosmic battle between God and evil forces. It was commonly believed that many spirits were present in the world, and some sought to control human beings. Mark asserts that in Jesus, God has come to rescue humanity, to free us from every form of bondage.

In today's passage, the unclean spirit does not surrender power quietly. After complaints, convulsions, and screams, the spirit finally departs. As we may witness in own experience, that which binds us—fear, injustice, resentment—often departs only after a mighty struggle. Confronting anything "unclean" in our hearts, our institutions, or our society often involves a long journey toward freedom. May we sustain our efforts and our trust in God, during these long struggles.

### PROPHETS IN DAILY LIFE

Moses assures Israel of God's continued presence by promising a new prophet. Like Moses, the prophet will be raised up directly by God. But how to distinguish a true prophet from a false one? Many claim to speak for God. The task is complicated by the fact that often, true prophets make waves, cause trouble, and disturb how things are normally done. Many simply don't want to hear what God is saying, because it threatens their privilege, comfort, or sense of identity.

Like the Israelites in today's reading, it can be hard for us to bear the voice of God. For God calls us out of all the ways we avoid opening our hearts to God and to others. And so, God raises up surprise prophets in daily life. These are all the people and events who summon us to fuller maturity in love and in faith. We are called upon to always be ready for the prophetic word that may emerge from God's surprises.

**JANUARY 31, 2021**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 18:15–20  
Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7b, 7c–9  
1 Corinthians 7:32–35  
Mark 1:21–28



## Faith Formation Office

Please contact Ann Krueger at: [akrueger@stalexanderparish.org](mailto:akrueger@stalexanderparish.org)

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Who is in control?*

**Mark 1:21-28**

**Reflection:** Jesus showed people His amazing control of everything around Him. Today, Jesus meets a man who was possessed by an evil spirit while at the synagogue teaching on the Sabbath. The spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, you are the Holy One of God." "Be quiet!" Jesus said. Then He told the evil spirit; "Come out!". And it did. The Bible tells us that the people were amazed. "Even evil spirits obey His orders." There was power in the words that Jesus spoke. Jesus came in and took control of that man's life and his life would never be the same.



**Jesus wants to be in control of your life, too**

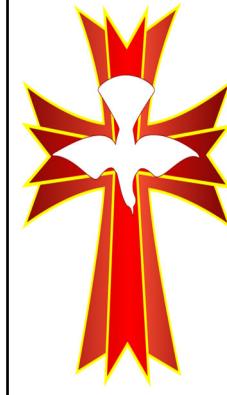
He wants to be in control of the plans you make, the words you say, the things you do, and the places you go.

He wants to be in control because He wants the best for you. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plant to give you hope and a future."* Jeremiah 29:11

We will never see that plan work, unless we allow Jesus to be in control. [Sermons4kids.com](http://Sermons4kids.com)

*Lenten Family Event  
Packet Pick up  
Monday, Feb. 1  
Outside of gym-  
pullup and pick up  
6:30pm-7:00pm.*

*Weds. 2/3 and  
Thurs. 2/4  
9:00am -  
4:00pm  
Parish office  
Front door hallway*



**Confirmation**  
Will take place  
**Tuesday**  
**April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**  
With Bishop Perry  
Presiding from the  
Archdiocese of Chicago.

Interested in investing in  
your relationship and build  
a strong marriage?

*7 Session virtual  
Marriage Course*

Friday evening 8:30pm beginning Feb. 19  
See info in bulletin for more information  
or contact Deacon Jim or Ann Krueger.



## PARISH NEWS



**Feast of St. Blaise  
Blessing of the Throats  
Wed., February 3  
after daily Mass  
and  
February 6/7 After ALL Masses**



**Blessing for  
Married Couples  
February 13/14  
After ALL Masses**



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
MINISTRY  
NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

St. Vincent DePaul is asking for your help this month. As you know, these are very difficult times for everyone, especially for the poor. In the last 3 months, we have assisted 12 families with rental assistance, 19 with help for utility bills, and 32 families with food gift cards. In addition, we were able to provide 68 Thanksgiving meals to the needy of Villa Park. The need continues, so we are asking for your financial help. You will find a St. Vincent de Paul envelope in your February packet of envelopes or you can donate online at:

<https://stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com.>

Scroll down until you see St. Vincent de Paul Fund.

Please consider helping us! Thank you!

## CASSEROLE SCHEDULE 2021

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



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.  
Please wear a mask, socially distance and sign in.



**NEW DAYS &  
HOURS  
ADORATION  
In the Church  
Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> thru Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Mon. & Wed.  
5:00—7:00pm**

**Tues., Thurs., & Friday  
3:00—5:00pm**

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

***Thank you!***

## DEANERY/DICOSEAN NEWS



**Find us on:  
facebook®**

### Saint Alexander Villa Park Illinois

Immaculate Conception Parish Lenten Mission  
 With Fr. David Mowry  
 March 7, 8, & 9 @ 7:00pm  
 Livestreamed at [www.icelmhurst.org](http://www.icelmhurst.org)

#### The Hound of Heaven

The search for meaning and happiness is as old as the human race itself. The great surprise during that search is discovering that while we were seeking, we were already being sought! Join Fr. David Mowry for three nights of discovering the joy of being sought, found, and brought home.

**Sunday: The Great Chase**  
**Monday: The Knock at the Door**  
**Tuesday: The Way Home**



## \$5 BREAKFAST Save The Date

**SUNDAY, FEB. 21, 2021  
7:30AM—11:00AM  
Pick up at St. Alexander Hall**



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus  
 Council #8365, Villa Park, IL



## Alpha: The Marriage Course!

7 weeks of date experiences to enrich and explore your marriage!



The 7 weeks of the Marriage Course are designed to help strengthen relationships, keep the spark alive, and keep couples connected. Over the 7 sessions the course covers:

- ◆ Strengthening the Connection
- ◆ Art of Communication
- ◆ Resolving Conflict
- ◆ The Power of Forgiveness
- ◆ Impact of Family
- ◆ Good Sex
- ◆ Love in Action.

The Marriage Ministry Team for the Eastern DuPage Deanery of the Diocese of Joliet is offering 4 online sessions, each 7 weeks long presented via ZOOM, to choose from. **Deacon Jim and Ann Krueger from St. Alexander will be the facilitators for the Friday sessions.**

#### Sessions:

Fridays @ 8:30pm starting February 19, 2021  
 Wednesdays @ 7:30pm starting February 24, 2021  
 Thursdays @ 7:30pm starting March 4, 2021  
 Saturdays @ 10:00am starting March 6, 2021

Use the link below to register online! There is no cost.

<https://forms.gle/2FGizFqCKnTveRg6>

Must register 24 hours before your first session to receive the ZOOM link.

**Questions?** Email the team: [easterndupageMEM@gmail.com](mailto:easterndupageMEM@gmail.com)

# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## 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
7. Dcns. David Brockman, Ronald Brown, Rocco Busato, Michael Butz, Bruc Carlson, Robert Cassey



## 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, 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, Sue Connelly, Matt Doyle, Bob Chandler, P.J. O'Connor, Karen Soukup, Eda Jett, Laura Guirini, Patricia Hendrickson, John Jarecki, Sue Duchek, Peg Loftus and family, Maureen Donovan and Jenny McQuillan, Mader & Picha Families, Frank Gill, Mark Boutin, and Clare Stralko

Bob Baker 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](http://www.stalexanderparish.org)



**Our Faithfully Departed**  
John C. Engstrom, Tracy Blum,  
Walter Wisniewski, and  
Those who died from COVID-19

## Rosebud Program

*"Please pray for the following who have requested prayers of CCW's Rosebud Program."*



Jenna and Zach due 1/21. Joe & Joselyn due 4/21.  
Erica and Nick due 3/21. Matt and Danielle due 6/21.  
Angelo & Meaghan due 3/21.

### Special Intentions for:

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.**



**Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph" from Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021**

## Prayer to Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

O GLORIOUS St. Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the reputed father of Jesus, the most pure Spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, and Head of the Holy Family. You have been chosen by Christ's Vicar as the heavenly Patron and Protector of the Church founded by Christ. Therefore, with the greatest confidence I implore your powerful assistance for the whole Church Militant. Protect, in a special manner, with true fatherly love, the Sovereign Pontiff and all the bishops and priests in communion with the See of Peter. Be the protector of all who labor for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life; and grant that all the nations of the earth may submit with docility to that Church out of which there is no salvation. Dearest St. Joseph, accept the offering I now make of myself to you. I dedicated myself to your service, that you may ever be my Father, my Protector and my Guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love for the interior life. Grant that, after your example, all my action may be directed to the greater glory of God, in union with the divine Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and your own paternal heart. Finally, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

## STEWARSHIP

*Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Online Giving or mailed in donations through the Envelopes. We are grateful for your continued support of St. Alexander Parish during this time of COVID-19!*

IT'S SAFE. IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S CONVENIENT.

Donate today using your debit, credit card, checking, or savings account.

- 1 [stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com](http://stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com)
- 2 Select your donation amount and frequency
- 3 Enter your account and payment information



### Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

It is time for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your gift is especially important this year, during the pandemic, as our diocese continues to explore new and innovative ways to serve those in need.

Our parish's goal for the 2021 CMAA is **\$42,000**, 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 you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

***"For it is in GIVING that we RECEIVE."***

- St. Francis of Assisi

## PARTH 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

<b>Parish Center:</b>	630.833.7730
<b>Fax Number:</b>	630.833.3127
<b>Office Hours:</b>	
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.
<b>Church Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stalexanderparish.org">www.stalexanderparish.org</a>
<b>Parish e-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:office@stalexanderparish.org">office@stalexanderparish.org</a>
<b>Bulletin e-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:bulletin@stalexanderparish.org">bulletin@stalexanderparish.org</a>
<b>Mass Schedule:</b>	
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. ( <i>Spanish Mass</i> )

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Tuesday:	5:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	5:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. ( <i>Spanish</i> )

**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**

(*Closed due to COVID until further notice*)

**Adoration in the church on Mon. & Wed. from**

**5—7pm., Tues, Thurs. & Fri 3:00-5:00pm.**

**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/Fr. Johnus

**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

**Faith Formation:** 630.834.3787

E-mail: [akrueger@stalexanderparish.org](mailto:akrueger@stalexanderparish.org)

Director: Ann Krueger

**Support Our Advertisers**

The St. Alexander bulletins are paid for by these advertisers; please thank them by supporting their businesses.

# WHY ADVERTISE IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH BULLETIN?

J.S. Paluch will create, produce and print your ad for less than you'd spend elsewhere. They help you reach consumers at extremely affordable rates and offer options to advertise effectively and keep pace with market change.

*Advertise With Us!*

If you own a business or know of a local business that might like to support your local Catholic parish by advertising in its parish bulletin, please contact J.S. Paluch. Grow your business by advertising in the church bulletin and create strong connections with your target audience. Benefits include:

**GREAT COVERAGE** • **97%** of all households attending church take at least one church bulletin home every Sunday.

**GREAT VALUE** • **70%** of all households are aware of and look at the advertising in the church bulletin and 68% of households surveyed when making a choice between businesses are inclined to choose the one who advertised in the church bulletin.

**GREAT LOYALTY** • **41%** of households do business with a company specifically because they are advertising in the church bulletin.

**GREAT PRODUCT** • **62%** of households keep the church bulletin the entire week as reference.

**Learn More About Advertising In Your Parish Bulletin**

**Call us at 1-800-621-5197**

**Email: [sales@jspaluch.com](mailto:sales@jspaluch.com)**



