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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021



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“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

MARK 6:30, 31

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	July 19—Weekday Helen Liss (1st Anniversary)
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	July 20—St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr Robert Perez, Sr.
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	July 21—St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church Int. David Huerta
Thursday 8:45a.m.	July 22—St. Mary Magdalene Steve Corbo
Friday 8:45a.m.	July 23—St. Bridget, Religious In Thanksgiving for our Deacons: Matt Tretina, Julio Jimenez, James Krueger and Chris Cochran
Saturday 5:00p.m.	July 24—St. Sharbel Makhlüf, Priest; BVM Brothers & Sisters of the DeRose Family/Tom & Anne Jones/ Patricia Coleman/Marie Johnson
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	July 25—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time John Frank/Poor Souls in Purgatory/Norman Maslankowski/ Maricia Jorecki
10:30a.m.	Marian & Peter Kurasz, Sr.
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—Edward Joseph Sangpeal

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 7/19/2021: Scout Troop #199	Hall	6:45pm
Tues. 7/20/2021: Spanish Ministry-Family/Marriage	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Thurs. 7/22/2021: Faith Formation Catechist Meeting	Sister's Room	7:30pm
Fri. 7/23/2021: Wedding Rehearsal	Church/GS	6:00pm
Sat. 7/24/2021: Wedding	Church/GS	2:00pm



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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COMPASSION

If we were to use one word to describe the scriptures for today, it would be “compassion.” In Jeremiah, God rails against those who have scattered the sheep, and vows to “gather the remnant” personally. We also hear the prophecy about the coming Messiah. In Ephesians, Christ is breaking down the walls of division between peoples and drawing them to be reconciled with God in peace. In Mark, Jesus calls the tired disciples away to rest and have some “me time,” but even then the crowds persisted. Jesus saw their spiritual hunger and neediness and was “moved with pity.” All three situations involve looking beyond one’s own agenda to see the needs of others and respond. God models how to empathize with others. May we continue to learn to be kinder, gentler, and more caring for each other.

TIME FOR A TEAM MEETING

In last week’s Gospel, Jesus sent the apostles out two by two. Today we see him bringing them back together, reporting “all they had done and taught.” A lot has happened between then and now and in this time the disciples experienced many things. They would have grown in their ministry and their ability to heal and preach, but they probably also ran into frustrating times and encountered their limitations as human beings. If human nature prevailed, their partners were driving them nuts! So now after all this sharing, Jesus called for some balance in their lives. It was time to come away and rest. Between family and friends and social media, many of us have lost this ability to “be by ourselves” as we have become accustomed to filling every day and every moment with distractions. Perhaps one of the gifts and challenges of “sheltering in place” these last months is that we celebrated moments of joy and hope and peace but were also forced to listen to and name those voices of anger, loneliness, and fear.

WELL-LAID PLANS

It is important to have balance in our lives, and Jesus was indeed was trying to teach this to the Apostles, but when they got to their intended place of repose, they encountered so many people Jesus was filled with compassion. No doubt he went about feeding them spiritually and physically; it would have been important for him to be hospitable. But at some point in time, I’m guessing that he still pulled the apostles aside and told them “Okay, people are settled now, so let’s leave all the excitement, delegate the job to somebody else, and find some peace and quiet.” None of us is any good at our prayer, our ministries, our lives, unless we take the time to find the quiet and go back to replenish our own wells. There is no way we can give to others unless we do. That is why we return to church each week, to rest and be nourished and renewed. And none of us is so important that we can’t take time away to take care of ourselves. So be gentle with yourself and with others this week.

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Jeremiah 23:1–6
 Psalm 23:1–3, 3–4, 5, 6
 Ephesians 2:13–18
 Mark 6:30–34

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

St. John the Apostle CCW Hosting a Prayer Service and Rosary of Thanksgiving on July 20th.

Thankfully things in our country are reopening and returning to normal. It appears that the pandemic is coming to an end. After a long and difficult year, relief is in site thanks to God. St. John's CCW is hosting a prayer service and Rosary in thanksgiving for the end of the pandemic.

All parishioners are invited to join us on Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00pm. Bring your lawn chairs. If the weather cooperates, we will be outside by the grotto. If the weather is bad (rainy or extremely hot/humid) we will be in the church.

Please join us as we raise our voices in thanksgiving for God's strength, graces and mercy that helped us all survive this most horrible year.



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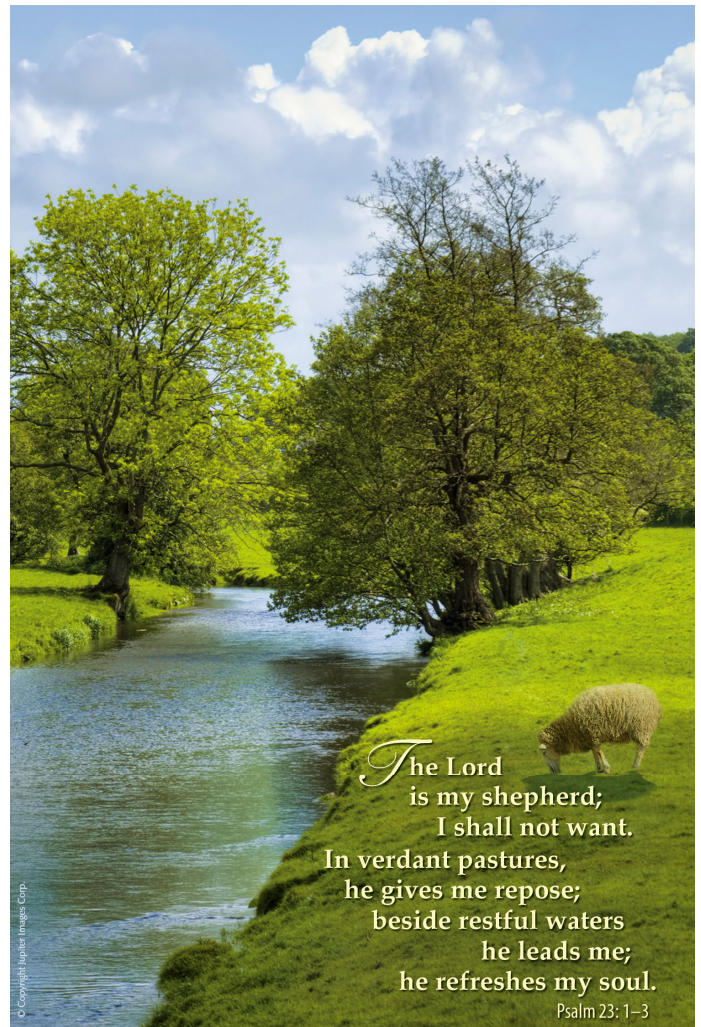
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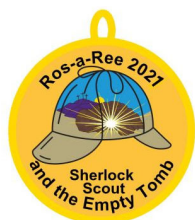
Psalm 23: 1-3

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

CASSEROLE MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Frozen Casserole Picked Up</u>	<u>Casserole Tin Dropped Off</u>
Aug 7/8	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

Contact Betty St. Louis (bettyst.louis@comcast.net) if you would like to make a casserole for the shelters.



ATTENTION CATHOLIC SCOUTS!

You are invited to the 2021 Joliet Catholic Committee on Scouting (JDCCS) Ros-a-Ree! Because of complications from the pandemic, this year's retreat will be a one-day event.

2021 Ros-a-Ree
Sherlock Scout and the Empty Tomb

August 14
9am – 7:15pm

Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Carol Stream

Any current scout in the American Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Camp Fire Youth, Girl Scouts of the USA and Venturers who will be entering the sixth grade or above in the Fall are invited to attend. The retreat satisfies requirements for religious recognitions for some, and all will have a great time! In addition to solving mysteries, planned activities include inspirational presentations, an escape room, adoration, a living rosary, fun and games, and lunch and dinner. Gather your fellow scouts and register today! The early bird price (before July 15) is only \$35. To register or learn more about the event, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting.



It is in Baptism that one is welcomed into a community of faith. As a parish community, "WE WELCOME YOU."

Christian Thomas, son of Bryan and Kathryn Leganski, nee Jelinek

Henry Cruz, son of Steven and Ana Haselhorst, nee Vahena

Cash Michael, son of Larry and Nora Golden, nee Cleary

Part-time Liturgy & Music Administrative Assistant

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Naperville, IL

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Naperville, IL is seeking to hire a part-time (10-12 hours per week) Liturgy and Music Administrative Assistant. The Liturgy and Music Administrative Assistant is an integral member of the Parish's Liturgy and Music Staff with professional preparation in, and sensitivity to, the celebration of Catholic liturgy and human ritual. In collaboration with the Director of Liturgy and Music and the Associate Director of Liturgy and Music, this ministry provides assistance in the planning, execution, and celebration of all parish liturgies, and coordinates with the music librarians for the Voices of Faith Choir. In the faith life of the local community, the role of liturgy is to celebrate and challenge one's relationship with God, one another, and the world. Therefore, liturgy necessitates a qualified person to assist with this important aspect of parish life. To view a full job description, visit;

[The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org). To apply, please send cover letter and resume to Jim Clauer at jclauer@stapostle.org.

Faith Formation News

Dear St. Alexander Family,

Ephesians 1:17-18 “May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to his call.”

He is calling us to put our faith into action by responding to the nudges from the Holy Spirit and to not be afraid to act on those nudges. The Holy Spirit encourages us to take that chance. As the Holy Spirit encourages us, we are called to encourage each other in that same spirit and to start small with a warm smile and a friendly hello.



Love, Kathy



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Faith Formation Registration

Applications now
being accepted for 2021/2022

We now offer **ONLINE REGISTRATION** as well as **ONLINE PAYMENT!** For program information or to register, go to our website: www.stalexanderparish.org/faith-formation

For questions, contact Kathy Halloran, Director of Faith Formation: khalloran@x-town.com.

PRAYER INTENTIONS



July 2021 Prayer for Vocations

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

19. Fr. Donald Buggert O.Carm., Fr. Carl Markelz O.Carm., Fr. Kevin McBrien O.Carm.
20. Dcns. Philip Marrow, Santos Martinez, Artemio Martinez, David Marlowe
21. Dcns. Ricardo Marquez, Anthony Martini, Christopher Mazzacano
22. Fr. Timothy Andres O.Carm., Fr. Joseph Atcher O.Carm.
23. Sr. Alic Reckamp OSF, Sr. Audrey Marie Rothweil OSF
24. Fr. Marcin Michalak, Fr. Joshua Miller
25. Todd Bly, Carols Briceno, Stephen Contreras, Michael Doerries, Emmanuel Eklou (Deacon aspirants)

Rosebud Program

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Danielle & Matt on the birth of their baby boy.
Joe & Joselyn on the birth of their daughter Ophelia Faith.
Angelo and Megan on the birth of their son Peter Joseph

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| Theresa & Nick due in 8/21. | Collette & Ben due in 10/21. |
| Anthony & Beth due in 9/21. | Tricia & Cameron due in 10/21 |
| Susan due in 9/21. | Lindsay & Dan due in 12/21. |
| Alexia & Jorge due in 10/21 | |

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.

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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, Tom Criscione, Andy, Terry Baugh, Lorane Myers, Maggie Gannon, Maria Cruz, Jim Erlenbaugh, Kimmy Dikker, Corinne Principe, Keith Lapointe, Matt & Julie Guth, Lisa Krandal, Peter Parish, Sue Connelly, Matt Doyle, Bob Chandler, P.J. O’Connor, Karen Soukup, Eda Jett, Patricia Hendrickson, John Jarecki, Sue Duchek, Maureen Donovan, David Tracy, Frank Gill, Mark Boutin, Clare Stralko, Noreen Aukst, Judith Hummert, Bernard (Gene) Niewoehner, John Zydek, Walter Dittmer, Mary Ellen Erlenbaugh, Fr. Arthur Maher, Owen Kingsbury, Matt Guth, Ryan Randal, Anthony Castrogivanni, Judy (McArdle) Heikes, Steve Ferguson, Ruben (Dwyer) Stortzum, Eleanor Burton, James Rohrich, Bob Connell, Emily Bertucci, Fr. Luis Gutierrez, Saul Ayala, Celia Suared, Ryan Randall 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



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.

Our Faithfully Departed

- Marcia Jarecki, Carson Smith, Marie Johnson, John Murphy, Felipe DeJesus Marano Gonzalez, Don Kapellen, and Those who died from COVID-19,**



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PLEDGE REPORT: July 11, 2021

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Parish Goal:	\$42,100
Amount Pledged:	\$42,060
Amount Paid:	\$39,290
Remaining Balance:	\$2,770
Donor Count	214

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PARISH REGISTRATION

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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
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