

# St. Alexander Catholic Church

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but what good are these for so many?”

JOHN 6:8-9



**Seventeenth Sunday**  
*in Ordinary Time*

JULY 25, 2021

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>July 26—Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Frank Tellateric
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>July 27—Weekday</b> Marcia Jarecki
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>July 28—Weekday</b> Ronald Kostro
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>July 29—St. Martha</b> Elizabeth Mangini
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>July 30—St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Catherine Monckton
<b>Saturday</b> <b>2:00p.m.</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>July 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</b> <b>Martinez/Rojas Wedding</b> Helen Taylor/In Thanksgiving for our Deacons: Chris Chochran, James Krueger, Matt Tretina, Julio Jimenez Marcia Jarecki
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.  10:30a.m.  6:00 p.m.	<b>Aug. 1—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Joyce Maxse/Kay Lawrence  Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo  Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Mon. 7/26/2021:</b> Scout Troop #199	Hall	6:45pm
<b>Fri. 7/30/2021:</b> Wedding Rehearsal	Church/GS	6:00pm
<b>Sat. 7/31/2021:</b> Wedding	Church/GS	2:00pm

*"The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."  
(Isaiah 40:8)*



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).

**Psalm** — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).

**Gospel** — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



## 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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## GOD FEEDS AND CARES FOR US

Today’s message could be summed up in psalm 145, “The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.” Each reading shows how carefully God feeds and cares for us, in an up-close and personal fashion. Elisha fed the crowd from twenty barley loaves. Jesus blessed a few loaves and thousands were fed. Perhaps this seems far-fetched, but we read stories in the news about chefs taking the leftovers from fancy restaurants and feeding many people in a soup kitchen. As a schoolgirl, one of my favorite stories was “Stone Soup,” the tale of a couple of war-weary soldiers convincing the people of a frightened and starving little country village to bring out their meager supplies and share them to make a marvelous soup to feed the town. The second reading asks us to “Consider well our call.” How do we respond to those in need around us?

## MIRACLE OR MAGIC?

It can be easy to just say, “Oh yes, this is the story of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, when everybody decided to share the bits of food they had.” But how much of it is really about feeding the crowds? “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?’ He said this to test him, because he knew what he was going to do.” It must have been very hard to trust Jesus, especially when the disciples often didn’t understand him. This year has been challenging for us, too, to trust that God will provide, and also challenging for us to ask for help.

In the Rule of Saint Benedict, there is a chapter called “The assignment of impossible tasks.” It says, in essence, that when your superior tells you to do something impossible, it is fine to go talk to them about it, but in the end you may still be asked to do this task. In what situations are we called to trust? When are we asked to act in faith or to do the impossible task?

## HOW WILL WE KNOW WE ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING?

Miracles are seldom as obvious as the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Many years ago, I overheard a family conversation in a restaurant at the end of a long holiday weekend. At the register was one of those collection jars saying, “For just fifty cents a day you can feed a child.” The little girl asked her folks about it and they explained it. She said, “I have money left from my weekend, could I put it in the jar?” The parents said yes and let her go on the adventure for herself. She came back and sat down, and they chatted some more. She said, “If fifty cents feeds a child for a day, then I was able to feed one for three days, because I had \$1.50 left from the weekend.” When we follow this child’s example and go beyond the minimum, when we give all we can, we know we are doing the right thing, and we have understood the test that Jesus posed to Philip so long ago.

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2 Kings 4:42-44  
 Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18  
 Ephesians 4:1-6  
 John 6:1-15

## PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

### Mission Appeal for Warangal Diocese -India, weekend of August 7 & 8, 2021

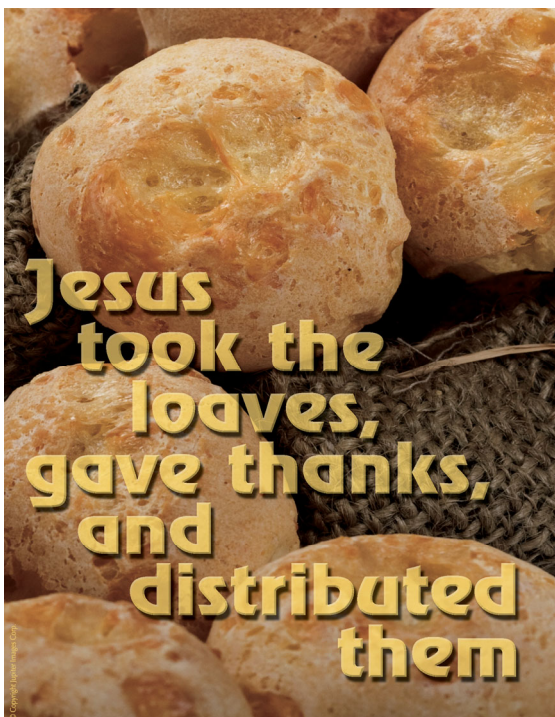
**Brief History:** The Diocese of Warangal was erected on December 22, 1952 in the newly formed backward state of Telangana in India. It has an area of 1,14,840 sq.km with a population of 9 million people while Catholics are 68000(1% only). We have 65 parishes and 200 mission centers with 125 Priests, of whom 98 are Diocesan priests, with 650 Nuns and 18 religious Brothers working with their respective Charism in different fields of apostolate. This area is backward in development with repeated less rain-fall. About 80% of the people live in countryside depending on agriculture by rains only. About 45% of the people live under poverty line.

We run several mission stations aimed at catering to the needs of the poor and the underprivileged helping them with the basic necessities of life. We run orphanages for the poor boys and girls, run educational institutions, dispensaries, and other charitable works.

We undertake many social work programs directly aimed at helping the poor and needy and empowering women. In traditional Catholic areas we concentrate on re-evangelization and the training of the laity to become active apostles.

I am **Fr. Joji Reddy Thirumalareddy** bone fide priest of Warangal Diocese working in the Diocese of Madison, as Pastor at St. Faustina Parish, 318 S Main Street, Pardeeville, WI 53954. I was ordained a priest on April 18, 1996.

We look forward to coming to your parish and share about our missions on the weekend of **August 7/8**.



## CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

*Men Meeting Jesus*

An Invitation From:  
**FR. PAT MULCAHY**  
 to ALL Men of Diocese of Joliet  
 Monday, August 9, 2021 @ 5:30pm

@ St. Mary Immaculate  
 15629 S. Rt. 59, Plainfield, IL 60544

**“Called to Possess the Glory!”**

**Evening Includes:**  
 Adoration of Jesus Christ, Confession,  
 Man-Feast, Fellowship, and Discussion

## Faith Formation News

Dear St. Alexander Family,

I watched a segment on CBS This Morning last Sunday. Al, from St. Petersburg, Florida, would come in the evening and sit on a bench to relax, unwind and watch the sunset against the backdrop of Tampa Bay, palm trees and a bike/walking path (kind of like the Prairie Path). Al would say “hello” to people on the path. Soon the walkers and bikers were stopping and sitting next to him on the bench to chat. They would talk and he would listen. Those interviewed for the TV segment said Al was very wise.



**Sirach 11:8 “Do not answer before you listen, and do not interrupt when another is speaking”.**

**“Of all human activities, man’s listening to God is the supreme act of his reasoning and will” – Pope Paul VI**

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](http://www.stalexanderparish.org/faith-formation)**

**For questions, contact Kathy Halloran, Director of Faith Formation: [khalloran@x-town.com](mailto:khalloran@x-town.com).**

# PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

# WHY DOES GOING TO MASS REALLY MATTER?

## COME JOIN US AS WE LEARN!

### WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

- Weekly teaching videos on the Mass from Father Burke Masters delivered via email
- Daily videos of Father Burke Masters' commentary on the readings from Daily Mass delivered via email (supplemental material)
- Local small groups gather to discuss weekly video on the Mass
- Optional monthly large group nights of reflection
- Companion workbook to guide and facilitate discussion
- Prayer partner support
- Commitment card with options for personal growth in four areas of life



### DETAILS:



- Start date: September 10th
  - End date: December 8th
  - Various small group day/time meeting options available as registration is completed
  - Registration open July 21st through August 17th
  - Scan the code above or click this link for more information and registration.  
[www.dioceseofjoliet.org/beformed](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/beformed)
- Questions? Contact Katie Choudhary  
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# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## July 2021 Prayer for Vocations

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

- 26. Fr. Thomas Milota, Fr. David Mowry
- 27. Sr. Monica R. Sesko, Sr. Josephine Sincak SFCC
- 28. Sr. Krystyna Kosakowska MSF, Sr. Teresa Lawicka MSF
- 29. Fr. Bernhard Bauerle O.Carm., Fr. Robert Boley O.Carm.
- 30. Fr. Patrick Mulcahy, Fr. Edward Mumper
- 31. Dcns. Christopher McCaffrey, Wilfredo Marrero

## 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

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:

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, 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, Saul Ayala, Celia Suared, Ryan Randall, Linda Toaddy, Gene & Joy Gassensmith, for the people of Cuba, those affected by the Germany mudslides 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)

## 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

**Don Kapellen, Rosemary Paulin, Catherine Monckton, Tracey Ward, Kay Lawrence, Gloria Medow, Henry Link, Marcia Jarecki, Kate Rebecky and Those who died from COVID-19.**

# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 07/18/2021.....	\$3,748
Online Giving (WeShare) 07/12/21—07/18/21	\$2,002
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$18,377
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—51 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 07/18/2020.....	\$30
Online Giving (WeShare) 07/12/21—07/18/21	\$20

*Thank you for your support of St. Alexander Parish!*

# 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.



**PLEDGE REPORT: July 18, 2021**

Please continue to make your **2021 CMAA** 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.

<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$42,100</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$42,210</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$39,625</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$2,585</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>215</b>

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## 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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**Office Hours:**  
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 1:00 p.m. — 4:30 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.  
 (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.*  
 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**  
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 3:00pm-8:00pm  
**Pastor:** Reverend Mark Rosenbaum  
**Mass Assistants:**  
 Rev. David Dillon/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/  
 Rev. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/  
 Rev. Danny Soriano/Rev. 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:** 630.833-7730  
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