

St. Alexander Catholic Church

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If you were raised
with Christ,
seek what is above,
where Christ
is seated at
the right hand
of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:1

EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME

JULY 31, 2022



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	Aug. 1—St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Int. Kevin Kelly
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Aug. 2—St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest Thomas Lanney
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Aug. 3—Weekday Sheila Walsh
Thursday 8:45a.m.	Aug. 4—St. John Vianney, Priest Joyce Maxse
Friday 8:45a.m.	Aug. 5—The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Michael Marino
Saturday 5:00p.m.	Aug. 6—The Transfiguration of the Lord Thomas & Anne Jones/Ralph & Carmella DeRose/Marvin G. Jett/Ann Trecia/Betty Weir
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Aug. 7—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time People of St. Alexander Parish Jean Metcalfe Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

FACILITIES SCHEDULE

Mon. 8/1:			
Rental-YMCA	Hall/Gym		6:30am
CCW-Prayer Blankets	Gathering Space		6:30pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym		6:45pm
Tues. 8/2:			
Rental-YMCA	Hall/Gym		6:30am
Faith Formation Catechist Mtg.	Sister's Room		6:00pm
Music-Chancel Choir	Church		7:00pm
Wed. 8/3:			
Rental-YMCA	Hall/Gym		6:30am
Cub Scout Pack #122 Parent Mtg.	Fr. Tuan Room		6:30pm
Music Ministry-Witness Choir	Church		7:00pm
Thurs. 8/4:			
Rental-YMCA	Hall/GYM		6:30am
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sister's Room		9:30am
Knights of Columbus	Fr. Tuan Room		6:30pm
Fri. 8/5:			
Rental-YMCA	Hall/Gym		6:30am
Sat. 8/6:			
Hospitality	Church/GS		6:00pm

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]



Reconciliation

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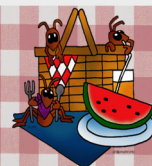
Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm
or by appointment 630-833-7730.

St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm
or by appointment 630-279-7404



SAVE THE DATE! PARISH PICNIC



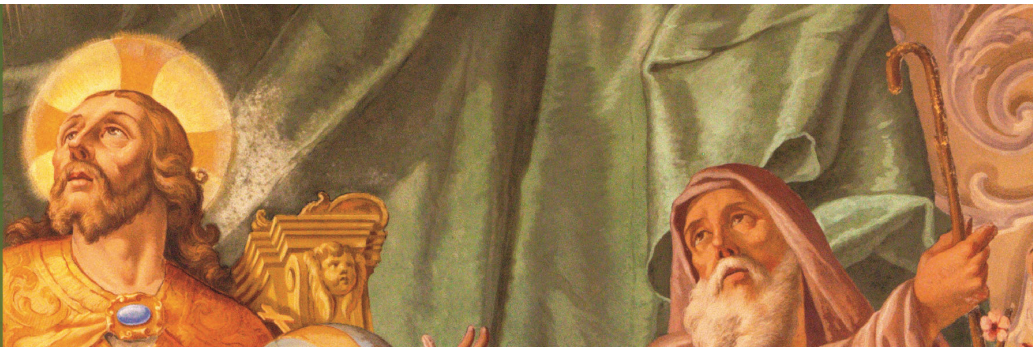
Sunday
Sept. 11, 2022

Held @
St. John the Apostle

Gospel Reflection

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:1



NOTHING EARTHLY LASTS FOREVER

“Teach us to number our days aright.” Is there a more wise and prudent prayer for people of all ages than this verse from today’s responsorial psalm? As we savor the lovely but limited days of summer we are reminded that nothing lasts forever. In today’s first reading, the master teacher (Qoheleth) asserts “All things are vanity!” while the Gospel of Luke describes the ease with which our possessions can possess us. The second reading makes the point as well: “Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” We see the problem of wealth from both sides today—from the viewpoint of the wealthy person who inevitably has to leave his riches to someone else and from the perspective of the potential inheritor who is at odds with his brother over how to divide their inheritance. The problem is clear; the wisdom is also.

YOU CAN’T TAKE IT WITH YOU

Stephen Covey, in his book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, lists as his second habit: Begin with the end in mind. Is that not the point of our scripture reflections today? We know we will die. We know we “can’t take it with us.” If you’ve ever been tasked with cleaning out the home of a deceased person, you know how easily once-treasured items simply become another burden to deal with. Or you may have experienced how quickly the joy of owning the latest smart phone becomes as outdated as the model itself. So how do we think about all the stuff that we buy, accumulate, fret over where to store, and pay taxes on? Heaven forbid if we ever have to move!

RICH IN WHAT MATTERS TO GOD

Luke sets us on the right path when he affirms that we must be “rich in what matters to God.” Needless to say, he is not saying that possessions themselves are evil. Today’s psalm asks God—twice—to “prosper the work of our hands for us!” The danger is that, as one wag put it, “we never have enough of what we don’t really need.” What does matter to God? What is the opposite of vanity? Kindness to one another, mercy, forgiveness, generosity to the poor and needy—all of these remain beyond death. These are what we can take with us when we die. The great mystery in all this is that God is never outdone in generosity; the more we give away, the more we have.

July 31 is also the feast day of Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He epitomizes richness in what really matters. His military and court aspirations evaporated after he was seriously wounded in battle. His subsequent change of heart led him to found one of the most influential religious orders in the history of the Church. If the opposite of vanity is wealth that remains after death, Ignatius is most appropriately honored today.

TODAY’S READINGS

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21–23
 Psalm 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14 and 17
 Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11
 Luke 12:13–21

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 IN ORDINARY TIME
 JULY 31, 2022

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PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



The results from the St. Alexander Parish Synod Survey are now available for viewing. These results contain two parts: charts and graphs showing the frequency of responses for each question on the survey and the actual report sent to our diocese. These results are available on our website: www.stalexanderparish.org.

Paper copies are also available in the church office if you do not have access to a computer. If you have any questions, please call or email Linda Krause, President of Parish Council @ 630-430-1898 or lindakra@gmail.com

Come Learn about the Life of St. Catherine of Siena (Part I)

Thursday, August 25, 2022

6:00 - 9:00 pm

(6:00 - 7:00 pm Potluck Dinner)

St. Joan of Arc Church

Parish Center, Room 22
820 Division St., Lisle, IL



Director of Adult Faith Formation, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. Catherine of Siena. The saint was born in Italy in 1347. Catherine witnessed a vision of Christ at the age of six, which was the catalyst for Catherine to live a life of prayer and contemplation in her family's home. Catherine's family pressured her to marry, but she resisted, and became a lay member of the Dominicans.

Part I of our presentation on St. Catherine of Siena will focus on Catherine's life from her birth through the beginnings of her call into the world. We will explore her profound intimacy with Christ and the struggles she endured to remain faithful to her call.



For more information and to RSVP, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.



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

As a parish community,

"WE WELCOME YOU."

Rosemary and Evelynnn, daughters of Cameron and Patricia Littleson, nee Maher



St. Alexander's Surviving Spouses

For those who have lost their husband or wife, please join us.

Sunday, August 14 @ 1:00pm

Meet in the Sister's Room of St. Alexander Parish Office

RSVP:

Carol Nash @ 630.834.8152



Please remember St. Alexander Parish in your will or trust.

As Catholics, we are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Joliet is sharing a free, online will-writing tool. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations. Get started at FreeWill.com/DiocesefJoliet.

Faith Formation/Parish/Diocesan News

Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com



Seminarian Sendoff Fest
Celebrating the Future of Priesthood
 Sunday, August 7, 2022
 1:00pm to 4:30pm
 Football Field on the Campus of Benet Academy

Schedule of Events

1:00pm—Welcome, socialize, eat, games for kids and music
 2:00pm—Ball game between seminarians and priests
 3:30pm—Closing program

Adults—\$30, Children 5-12—\$15, Under 5—No charge

Menu: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken Breast, Pasta Salad, Cold Drinks and Water.

Register on their website: www.serradupage.org

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God Bless *Kian Atyeo* who will receive his First Holy Communion on Sunday, July 31 at the 10:30am Mass.

Saint Alexander
Faith Formation Registration
 2022-2023

September 11, 2022 - May 7, 2023

Class Times

Preschool - 1st Grade: Sundays - 8:30am-9:30am *(includes mass)*

2nd Grade: Sundays - 8:30am-10:15am *(includes mass)*

3rd - 5th Grades: Sundays - 9:30am-10:15am

6th - 12th Grade: Sundays - 4:30pm-5:45pm

*****PARENT MEETING*****

September 8, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Church's Gathering Space

How to Register

Use the QR Code to register on your phone or tablet <https://www.stalexanderparish.org/faith-fo> for more information.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR CONCERNS? EMAIL: STASFAITHFORM.DRE@GMAIL.COM

San Alejandro
Formación de la Fe Registro
 2022-2023

11 de septiembre de 2022 - 7 de mayo de 2023

Horarios de clases:

Preescolar a 1er grado: domingos - 8:30am-9:30am *(incluye misa)*

2do grado: domingos - 8:30am-10:15am *(incluye misa)*

3er a 5to grados: domingos - 9:30am-10:15am

6to a 12do grado: domingos - 4:30pm-5:45pm

**** REUNIÓN DE PADRES ****

8 de septiembre de 2022 a las 7:00 p.m. en el Espacio de Reunión de la Iglesia

Cómo registrarse

Use el código QR para registrarse en su teléfono o tableta <https://www.stalexanderparish.org/faith-fo> para obtener más información.

¿PREGUNTAS, COMENTARIOS O PREOCUPACIONES? EMAIL: STASFAITHFORM.DRE@GMAIL.COM

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



Marriage Preparation

We are in search of couples to be part of the marriage preparation retreat team. Jenny and Tom McQuillan are taking over the retreat program from Deacon Julio and Elaine Jimenez after many faithful years of service. They are hoping to put together an in-person retreat day in September or October 2022. The hope is to create a team of couples that can help present the material to couple preparing for marriage in the Catholic Church. Please contact Jenny McQuillan at 312-320-6018 or jenmcquillan11@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more details. Thank you!

RCIA Are you missing Sacraments? Do you have a friend interested in the Catholic faith? Our “no commitment” inquiry sessions begin in September here at St. Alexander. This is an opportunity to learn more about becoming Catholic, and an opportunity for those who have not received Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Please contact the parish office and ask about RCIA. 630-833-7730



Explore Catholic Chicago August 13 and 14, 2022

Are you a single Catholic age 18-80?
Come join us!

We will visit the following shrines:

Saturday, August 13

11:00 am The Shrine of Christ’s Passion in St John, IN
3:00 pm National Shrine of the Poor Souls and
4:00 Mass at **St Odilo Catholic Church** in Berwyn, IL

Sunday, August 14

8:45 am The Crypt of the Saints in Elmhurst, IL
10:00 am Shrine of Christ the King Sovereign Priest &
10:30 High Mass with Gregorian Chant (Latin) Chicago, IL
2:30 pm Interpretive tour of the history and purpose of
the National Shrine of St Jude at Our Lady of Guadalupe
Catholic Church in Chicago, IL

Optional Latin Mass

12:30 pm High Mass: 1962 Missal at St John
Cantius Catholic Church in Chicago, IL

Plus, fun and fellowship through meals and karaoke.

We ask you to keep a sense of sacredness and maintain an atmosphere conducive to prayer while you visit these churches.

This is a volunteer-led weekend for the
National Catholic Singles Conference (NCSC/GS 24):
<https://www.nationalcatholicsingles.com/>

Please spread the word and contact Jeanean
(Parishioner of St Alexander Catholic Church in
Villa Park, IL and member of GS 24)

To RSVP or more details: sjeanean1@gmail.com .

Deadline to RSVP - July 31, 2022

I need to make reservations with the various
establishments.

Pray for good weather and safe travels!

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PRAYER INTENTIONS



August 2022 Prayer for Vocations

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

1. Br. Damien DeBraekeleer OSF, Br. Joseph Ruscha OSF
2. **Luciano Coson, Paul Dirienzo, Anthony George (Deacon Candidates)**
3. Sr. Candida Massabo OSF, Sr. M. Anthony Baechle OSF
4. **Seminarians Matthew Bernhard and Jack Meinhart**
5. Fr. James Murphy, Fr. Patrick R. Murphy
6. Fr. Robert Carroll O.Carm, Fr. John Comerford O.Carm
7. Dcns. Sean McGreal, Michael McGuire, James Means, John Mele, Genaro Mempin, Dale Metcalfe



Adorers Needed!

And behold **I am with you** always to the end of the age.
Matthew 28:20

The Adoration Chapel is open:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00pm—8:00pm.

We would like to extend the hours to 10:00pm.

While you can sign up for an hour any time between

3:00pm—8:00pm, **we need more people to sign up from 8:00pm—10:00pm on Tues., Wed. & Thurs.**

Sign up is available in the Gathering Space.

Rosebud Program

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Matthew & Ellis on the birth of their son John Creighton
Jamie & Andy on the birth of their twins Patrick & Connor

Patrick & Anna due 9/2022
Kristin & Tim due 10/2022
Laura & Josh due 10/2022

Paul & Alexa due 11/2022
George & Patricia due 12/2022

Special Intentions for:

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

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



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.

Michael Castino, Maureen Donovan, Barb & Matt Doyle, Blair Fetenhal, Dennis Finegan, Frank Gill, Gary Groenwold, Julie Guth, Joan Hayes, Sarah Hoff, Sue Jansen, Joe Killigan, Judith Koller, Colleen Lane, Charlie MacKinnon, Ted McAvaney, Hannah Medow, Karen Mocarski, Gene Niewoehner, Don Phelan, Roy Robinson, Zanon Saldana, Tom Sobaski, Edward Sopala, Susan Strickland, and Nicole Zabel,

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



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 Vocations Cross.



Our Faithfully Departed

Betty Weir, Marcella Vazquez, & Kevin Corry .

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 7/24/2022.....	\$4,332
Online Giving (WeShare) 7/20—7/26/2022	\$1,897
Weekly Goal.....	\$9,000
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$28,444
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$459,000
Major Maintenance 7/24/2022.....	\$387.28
Major Maint. Online Giving 7/20—7/26/2022	\$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 24, 2022

Thank you to all those who have made pledges. Please continue to make your **2022 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.

Parish Goal:	\$46,300
Amount Pledged:	\$40,984
Amount Paid:	\$37,123
Remaining Balance:	\$3,861
Donor Count	210

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

Ambit Energy Fundraiser

July Check from Ambit:	\$128.50
2022 Total:	\$1,283.00
Total Raised Since 2009	\$24,516.75
Families Participating:	49
Accounts (Gas and Electricity):	84

Thank you Debra David for participating since September 13, 2010! Ambit will continue guaranteed savings on gas and electricity for current fundraiser participants, but is not accepting new participants.
Kathy Gilroy 630-202-3836.

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. — 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. (Eng/Span)
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 4:45p.m.

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 @ 12:15 p.m.
Spanish Baptisms:
 3rd Sunday of the month @ 12:30 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. Johnus Cherunilath
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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