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Many who heard Jesus were astonished. They said,
“Where did this man get all this?
Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?”

MARK 6:2,3



Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

JULY 4, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday July 5—*St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest, St. Elizabeth of Portugal*
9:00a.m. *Mass @ St. John's*

Tuesday July 6—*St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr*
 8:45a.m. In Thanksgiving for & to our Deacons: Jim Krueger/
 Chris Cochran/Matt Tretina/Julio Jimenez

Wednesday July 7—*Weekday*
 8:45a.m. Joyce Maxse

Thursday July 8—*Weekday*
 8:45a.m. Maureen Schmidt (*1st Anniversary*)

Friday July 9—*St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs*
 8:45a.m. People of St. Alexander Parish

Saturday July 10—*Weekday*
 5:00p.m. Marvin G. Jett

Sunday July 11—*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for & To our Deacons: Jim Krueger/
 Chris Cochran/Matt Tretina/Julio Jimenez

10:30a.m. Deborah Verdigo

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 7/5/2021: FACILITIES CLOSED FOR 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

Sat. 7/10/2021:
 Faith Formation Open House Hall/Parking Lot 6:00pm

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



Blessed is
 the nation
 whose God
 is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel — "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6a).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13



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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PAYING THE PRICE

In the Sunday Lectionary, the first reading is usually chosen from anywhere in the Hebrew Bible to tie together with the Gospel. Currently, the second reading is from Saint Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians. Often the second reading is not so closely related to the day’s Gospel selection, because those books are read in a more continuous fashion from week to week. But today, all three of the scripture readings go together very well. Ezekiel struggles with the job he is given by the Lord, speaking to a rebellious people. Paul is dealing with a “thorn in his side,” that is, the difficulties of his own personal weakness and foibles, and learning to rely on God’s grace. Mark’s Gospel introduces us to a Jesus who is struggling to be believed and accepted in his native country. In all three passages, the major figures are following the will of God and paying the price of rejection by the community for their efforts.

I DON’T GET NO RESPECT

Years ago there was a popular comedian named Rodney Dangerfield, and he would riff about his family life or his work and his catchphrase was “I don’t get no respect!” You knew this refrain was coming, and was part of the punch line, so you waited to hear it and usually laughed or groaned with it. The idea of Jesus being disrespected is a much more foreign feeling. It is easy to forget that Jesus was both human and divine. We can easily romanticize his life and ministry and forget his struggles and the difficulty he had being heard, understood, and respected, especially in his own country. Placed in the larger context of Mark’s story, this was very early in Jesus’ ministry, and the message he was proclaiming was not what the people wanted to hear. Jesus was not speaking about the Messiah that the Jews were hoping for. Add that together with the fact that people are often hardest on their own. Somehow “local boy makes good” just didn’t sit well with them, and they didn’t want to have anything to do with Jesus or his message. Jesus was caught off guard by this.

A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME

There are times when being Catholic, or even being Christian is very countercultural. It used to be you belonged to a parish, and that was your home, based on your geographic boundaries or ethnicity. But now people change parishes depending on pastors, styles of music, or the Mass schedule. In these days of Covid-19, many who stayed away because of social distancing have not yet found their way back. Many never recovered from their disillusionment over the abuse scandals. Others left Catholicism for non-denominational churches, or explored other paths such as Buddhism. Still others consider themselves “spiritual but not religious” or are labeled “nones.” Frequently, families who once sat together every week in church are now scattered all over the spiritual spectrum. In the face of all this, let us pray for the strength of Ezekiel to continue to preach our faith by the lives we live, despite everything in our culture that rebels against religion. May we have the wisdom of Paul to persevere despite our weaknesses and the thorns in our side. And like Jesus, may we always find the faith we need to endure, even when those around us do not.

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Ezekiel 2:2–5
Psalm 123:1–2, 2, 3–4
2 Corinthians 12:7–10
Mark 6:1–6

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

A message from Fr. Rosenbaum.....

Dear Parishioners of St. Alexander,

This message is an appeal to those whose hearts feel so moved. Our Parish council is looking to fill some spots on the Parish Council, if possible. Whether it is this year or in the next few years. We have decided to open this opportunity to all of our Parishioners. We will compile a list of those interested and inquire by approaching that person.

So, if you are interested in serving on our Parish council, please let the office know (630-833-7730). You need to be a registered parishioner and have lived in the parish for at least 2 years. The Parish council is an advisory group of parish representatives of roughly 8-12 people. They advise the pastor to make suggestions, provide input, reporting comments from the rest of the parish community. And they promise to pray for their parish. We meet roughly 9 months of the year, meeting once a month on Tuesday evenings. The term for a Parish council member is 3 years, renewable with another 3 years. We are also always looking for someone to represent our Spanish community here.

I want to thank our present Parish council for being a great group to work with, for the invaluable insight and recommendations to me, especially in this past year. They are a group of parishioners that truly care about the mission of the Church, the mission of our parish. So, again, if you feel so called by the goodness of God to offer yourself as a Parish council member, please let the office know of your interest.

Thank you and God bless,
Fr. Rosenbaum

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- St. Francis of Assisi

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ALL ARE WELCOME!
DATE: July 25, 2021
TIME: 2:00 PM

Pre-registration is required by July 15, 2021. Please call The Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334, Email: familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org or register online at <https://bit.ly/3pEvX28>.

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



St. Alexander & St. John the Apostle will have a combined 9:00am Mass in honor of the 4th of July holiday hosted @ St. John's on Monday, July 5.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in honor of the 4th of July Holiday.



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 & Kathryn Leganski, nee Jelinek



Please remember to deliver your casseroles to the Gathering Space at Church on the weekend of July 10/11. Tins for August will be available at all Masses.

CASSEROLE MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Frozen Casserole Picked Up</u>	<u>Casserole Tin Dropped Off</u>
July 10/11	Beans and Burgers	Chicken and Broccoli
Aug 7/8	Chicken and Broccoli	Florentine Ravioli

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

We hold our military personnel and their families in our prayers. To add a name to the Military Prayer List, please email: bulletin@stalexanderparish.org or call the Parish Office @ 630-833-7730. Names will be published once a month.

- Tony Amore** (son of Joe and Betty)
- Brianne Aronin** (niece of Don Oliva)
- Dan Burgess** (grandson of Marilyn Hannon)
- Terry Connelly** (son of Sue Connelly)
- John Cooper** (nephew of Joyce Splan and Patrick Belling)
- Tom Crilly** (son of Joseph & Kim Crilly)
- Dustin Hayes**, (grandson of Kevin & Mary O'Connor)
- Eric Iftner** (brother of Megan Iftner)
- Matthew and Steven Kuhl** (nephews of Phyllis Oliva)
- Joshua Lapso** (grandson of Clara Fiedler)
- Cameron Littleson** (son of Ann & Scott Littleson and son-in-law of Greg and Terry Maher)
- Adam Montana** (Son of Christine & Dennis Montana and big brother of Jeremy Montana)
- John Mikita** (nephew of Frank Gill)
- Adam Monroe** (grandson of Judy Emerson)
- Michael O'Hara** (son-in-law of Sue Connelly)
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- Luc Stanicek** (nephew of Mary Flynn)
- Lauren E. Wallace** (daughter of Laurie & Kevin Wallace)
- Jeremy Williams** (nephew of Maureen Schmidt)
- Greg Wyrobek, Sgt. 1st Class** (son of Renee Wyrobek)
- Kimmy Zimmerman** (niece of Clara Fiedler)

Faith Formation News

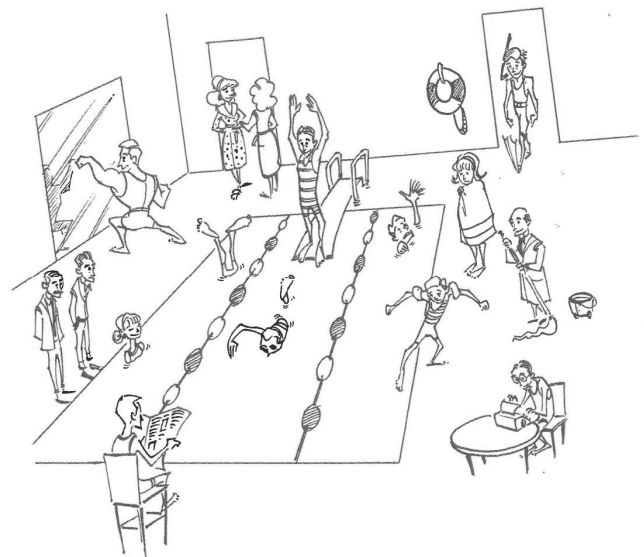


Mark your calendars for Saturday, **July 10 after 5:00 pm Mass** in the parking lot and gym for some good old fashioned family fun. Whiffle ball, running bases, hopscotch, games, food, music. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. I will bring a fresh fruit salad to share. Maybe someone else will bring five barley loaves and two fish.

Hope to see you there!
Kathy Halloran
Faith Formation Director



Last year for our middle school family nights, we explored the Alpha Youth Series for small group discussion. The topic for the picture below is Faith. The question “If this pool represents a relationship with God, which character do you identify with the most”?



I immediately see myself at 22 admiring myself in the mirror and taking all the credit for all good things that were happening for me at that time. The great part about our journey is that God is always with us, always loving us. Ironically, our last class in 2020, before Covid in March, was a family night. So this is a great place to pick up again, no matter where we are on our spiritual journey.

Kathy Halloran
 Faith Formation Director
 khalloran@x-town.com

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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 .

5. Fr. Douglas Martis
6. Dcns. Patrick Lombardo, Jose L. Lopez, Marco Lovero, Ronald Madsen, David Mahoney, Frederick Maier
7. Sr. Mary Josefa Golembieska, Sr. Colette Murawski PCC
8. **Seminarian Daniel Obendorf**
9. **Seminarian Josh White**
10. Sr. Maria Murphy PCC
11. Fr. Scott McCawley, Fr. John McGeean

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.

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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 Castrogiovanni, Judy (McArdle) Heikes, Steve Ferguson, Ruben (Dwyer) Stortzum, Eleanor Burton, James Rohrich, Bob Connell, Emily Bertuci, Fr. Luis Guttierrez, Saul Ayala 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 Patricia Meder, John Murphy, and Those who died from COVID-19,

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PLEDGE REPORT: June 20, 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.

Parish Goal:	\$42,100
Amount Pledged:	\$41,432
Amount Paid:	\$38,033
Remaining Balance:	\$3,402
Donor Count	212

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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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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.

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 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 3:00pm-8:00pm
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 Rev. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/
 Rev. Danny Soriano/Rev. Johnus
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