

# St. Alexander Catholic Church

*LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU*

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**“YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TO THE TEST.”**

LUKE 4:12

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 6, 2022**

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Please keep in your prayers all those involved  
in the Ukrainian conflict that God will restore peace and  
justice. We have parishioners who have family in Ukraine.

Thank you, Fr. Rosenbaum

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Mar. 7—Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</b> John Terkowitsch
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Mar. 8—St. John of God, Religious</b> Edwin Karges (34th Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Mar. 9—St. Frances of Rome, Religious</b> Phelan & Frank Families
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45am	<b>Mar. 10—Lenten Weekday</b> <i>Alfred Schmidt</i>
<b>Friday</b> 8:45am	<b>Mar. 11—Lenten Weekday</b> Clare Stralko
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>Mar. 12—Lenten Weekday</b> Brothers & Sisters of the DeRose Family/Jerry & Yolanda Lullo/Josephine Wirtel
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Mar. 13—Second Sunday of Lent</b> Int. John Frank/Curt Brandt/Tom Marrs/John Terkowitsch Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

## FACILITIES SCHEDULE

<b>Mon. 3/7:</b>		
CCW Prayer Blankets	Gathering Space	6:30pm
Scout Troop 199 Meeting	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm
<b>Tues. 3/8:</b>		
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Compassionate Friends	Sister's Room	6:30pm
Fishers of Men Prayer Group	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir practice	Church	7:00pm
<b>Wed. 3/9:</b>		
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
St. Vincent de Paul	Sister's Room	6:30pm
Spanish Ministry Choir Practice	Library	7:00pm
Music—Witness Choir	Church	7:00pm
<b>Thurs. 3/10:</b>		
Rental-St. Pius Basketball Practice	Hall/Gym	5:00pm
<b>Fri. 3/11</b>		
Knights set-up	Hall/Gym	11:00am
<b>Sat. 3/12:</b>		
Knights of Columbus—St. Pat's	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
<b>Sun. 3/13:</b>		
Chosen Series	Gathering Space	3:00pm

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

**Psalm** — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

**Second Reading** — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36



## Reconciliation

### St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm  
or by appointment  
630-833-7730

**No confessions available on 3/8/2022.**

### St. John the Apostle:

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

# Gospel Reflection

“YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TO THE TEST.”

LUKE 4:12

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## RELYING ON GOD

Face it, the last couple of years have worn us all down. Sometimes we don't know how to pray, or we don't seem to find the words we want. It is easy to falter and waver. Lent is a time to get back to the basics. There is much hope and strength in our readings as we begin our Lenten journey. The letter to the Romans tells us today that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and this is an idea we hear throughout the scriptures. Psalm 91 shows us exactly how to cry for help, “Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.” In Deuteronomy, Moses teaches the people to bring their firstfruit offerings to God, and put their faith and trust in God, and Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we find our life in the word of God.

## GOOD ZEAL AND TEMPTATIONS

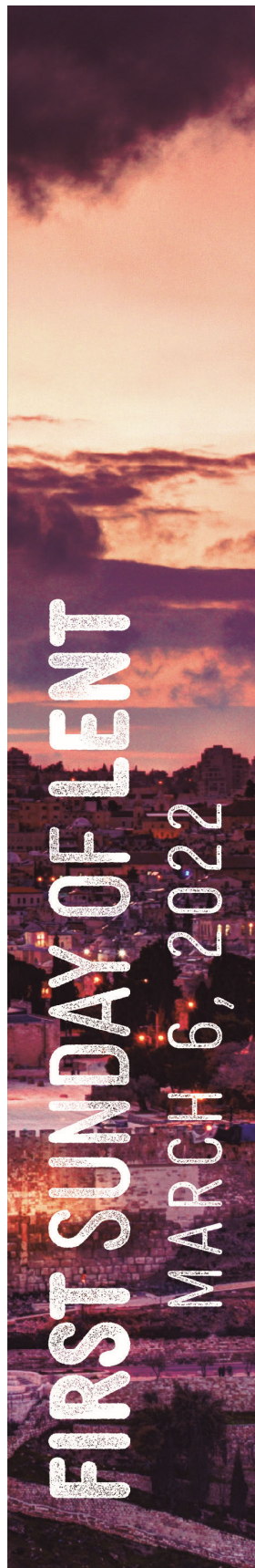
In the chapter of Luke preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan and began his adult ministry. Immediately afterward he was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tested. While this might seem almost surreal as we imagine the devil taking Jesus from place to place, it is really much more simple and common than that. For many of us, as we strive to live our lives, we deal with many temptations. Sometimes it is a matter of having the zeal and desire, but not the practical experience or knowledge to carry out a goal. Other times, we are afraid to ask for the assistance that we need to carry a project through to completion. Or we might think that we deserve more, or that our results should be happening more quickly. Our egos can be destructive.

## KNOWING YOUR TOUCHSTONES

When Jesus found himself tested by the devil, he was given several different scenarios. The devil brought up situations that he knew could specifically test Jesus, but similar situations would test any of us. Physical hunger is a real need, and many of us might yearn for success, or better paying jobs, or power, or the like. The difference is that when Jesus was tempted, he had some strong “touchstones” to hold onto, secure answers to lead him. He went to simple, basic scriptures that he could call upon in his time of need. For many, one of those basics would be Jeremiah, “I know the plans I have in mind for you—plans for peace and not disaster.” For another it might be the Beatitudes or the twenty-third Psalm. Whatever it may be, have ready those touchstones, those “go to” prayers or phrases that you can hold onto during the times when you are sorely tested in your life. Let those stones be your firm foundation.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:4–10  
 Psalm 91:1–2, 10–11, 12–13, 14–15  
 Romans 10:8–13  
 Luke 4:1–13



# PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

**Eastern DuPage Deanery  
Liturgical Enrichment Day**  
*Come to Me All Who are Hungry*  
*The Bread of Life as Spiritual  
Food for the Disciples Journey*

**Saturday, March 26, 2022  
8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon**

Ascension Parish, 1S314 Summit Ave.  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

To register online go to:  
[www.easterndupagedeanery.org](http://www.easterndupagedeanery.org)  
OR

Fill out the form below and place the bottom  
half of this form in the box in the Gathering Space.  
(There is no cost to you to attend.)

Do not register directly to Ascension Parish.

Our day opens with 8:00 a.m. Mass with Father  
Richard Fragomeni  
Check-in and Continental Breakfast to follow

**Keynote Presentation: Fr. Richard Fragomeni**  
*Encountering Christ in the Liturgy*  
*Coming Together to Celebrate the Eucharist*

I plan to attend the Liturgical Enrichment Day  
event on March 26th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please register online or place this form in the  
designated box in the Gathering Space  
by March 20, 2020.*



## MARCH 6

**1:00-3:00pm**

What are the resources for us to  
draw on that allow us to move  
forward with HOPE, joy, and  
renewed vision?

**St. Alexander Church**  
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*Hope is most sustainable when we  
have evidence or experience to  
support our beliefs and feelings.*

**Join us Sundays  
March 13-May12  
3:00-4:30pm**

8 session of THE CHOSEN  
Video and discussion  
"Come and see "  
John 1:39

**Coming  
through the Pandemic  
with Hope**  
**PARISH MISSION**  
with Fr. David Medow

**April 12  
6:30pm**

Holy Week  
Our reason for hope.



**Stations of the Cross  
will be every Friday during  
Lent @ 7:00pm.**



In addition to **Reconciliation on Tuesdays from  
5:00—6:00pm**, Reconciliation will also be  
available **with extended times and extra days:**

**Tues. 4/5, 5:00—7:00pm**  
**Fri. 4/8, 5:00—6:30pm**  
**Tues. 4/12, 5:00—7:00pm**

# Faith Formation/Parish/Diocesan News

Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—[khalloran@x-town.com](mailto:khalloran@x-town.com)



## Be a Part of the Synodal Church – “Be heard. We are better together!”

**You are invited!** — an invitation from Pope Francis, the Vatican and Bishop Hicks to build up the body of Christ as the Church moves into its third millennium. The aim of the Synod is to discern how we are “living the faith” and how, we as a Church, are achieving this together. As we journey together in this “Synod Process”, please take this survey honestly and openly.

**How will this work? We look forward to your participation in one of two ways:**

1. Fill out the **ONLINE SURVEY** by **March 27**. Go to [www.stalexanderparish.org](http://www.stalexanderparish.org)
2. Fill out a **paper survey** available in the Church Gathering Space and return it to the drop box provided **weekly until March 27 (final turn in date)**.

Both paper and online survey forms are available in English and Spanish. If you need assistance, volunteers will be available after Masses on March 5-6 and March 12-13. **Survey forms will be due no later than March 27.**

### Voluntary Participation

This survey is voluntary and anonymous, asking you to respond to questions regarding topics about your parish, the Catholic Church, faith/religious beliefs, and other circumstances.

You must be at least 14 years of age to participate.

Please ask other family members to complete one. We need as much input as possible.

**You must answer the demographic questions (D1 and D2)**, however, you are not required to answer any of the other questions that you do not wish to answer for any reason.

**Please use question 51 if you wish to write additional comments related to specific questions in the survey.**

### Benefits

By participating in this survey, you will be contributing to a growing base of knowledge which can provide clarity and alignment of the church’s mission on a host of topics that affect the parishes, schools, social services, individuals, family, and community. The results of our parish survey will be compiled into a document that our parish must submit to our Diocese by May 1, 2022. For more information on the synod process, please refer to our diocesan website at

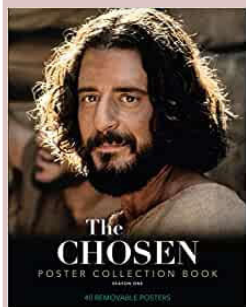
[www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org).



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

- Isabella Ann**, daughter of Miguel & Gail Ruiz, nee Walkington
- Olivia Frances**, daughter of Miguel & Gail Ruiz, nee Walkington
- Meadow Skye Sienna Rose**, daughter of Mark & Jessica Paulsen, nee Sinibaldi

## PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



Sundays beginning March 13 in the Gathering Space from 3:00 - 4:30pm.

**THE CHOSEN** season 1 TV show followed by discussion.

"**THE CHOSEN**" portrays Jesus through the eyes of those who met him. Those who walked on earth with Him - the disciples, Mary His mother, the Pharisees, the children, and those he healed.

The Chosen stays faithful to the Gospels and at the same time tells us a story that is in between the lines of Scripture. It brings to life those people that are mentioned in the Bible, using historical context of life at the time of Jesus. The story does not contradict scripture but instead puts life around it so that we can imagine. "What was life like with JESUS.?"

**March 13- Session 1 - "I Have Called You by Name."**

This session does have some disturbing material concerning demons.

The **Council of Catholic Women** will host its General Meeting on **Thursday, March 10 @7:00 pm in the Fr. Tuan Room.**

The Council's 2022/2023 Officers Slate will be presented and voted on at this time. Following there will be a demonstration of **Ribbon Braiding.**



### **Ribbon Braiding.**

As we all know, there is a long tradition of creating objects from the blessed palms received on Palm Sunday. Instead of using palms, we will be using ribbon to weave various items, such as crosses, to take home. Ribbon and supplies will be provided.

All women are invited.

### REVISED COVID-19 MITIGATIONS

February 2022

Dear Parishioners,

Based on recommendations from the Diocese regarding COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols, the following revised mitigations will be effective **Monday, February 28:**

- Masks are recommended but not required indoors on Parish grounds.
  - ⇒ Everyone should be respectful of others who may or may not choose to wear masks.
  - ⇒ Some situations will require wearing a mask, such as Distribution of Holy Communion and preparation and distribution of food.
  - ⇒ We will continue to reserve the side pews for those who want social distance.
- Communion shall still be provided **only** via the host.
  - ⇒ Distribution on the tongue will be in its altered form as it has been during restrictions.
  - ⇒ Those distributing Communion will continue to sanitize before and after distribution of Communion.
  - ⇒ There is no Communion in the cup.
- Food will be allowed at Parish functions. However, masks will be required for those preparing food and distributing food.
- Congregation may make whatever Sign of Peace they are comfortable with. Please respect those who do not desire to offer a physical expression of the sign of peace.
- Restrictions are removed from musicians, but masks are still recommended.
- Previously issued isolation and quarantine procedures for close contact or illness remain in effect.
- For now, dispensation from attendance at Mass on Sunday remains in place.
- We kindly ask that if you are not feeling well, please do not attend Mass or other functions.

Thank you to all those who have worked hard to keep everyone safe at St. Alexander. To this date, no one has contracted COVID-19 from St. Alexander Church, and I thank God for this grace.

Fr. Rosenbaum

# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## Feb/Mar 2022 Prayer for Vocations

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

- 7. Fr. John Doyle, Fr.. Stanley Drewniak
- 8. Fr. Robert Duda, Fr. Thomas Dunn
- 9. Dcns. Joseph Cuzzone, Donald Cyr, Joseph Dalpiaz
- 10. Dcns. Daniel Danahey, Daniel Defino, Steven DeSitter
- 11. Fr. Gerald Watt C.R., Fr. Marion Wroblewski C.R.
- 12. Fr. James Dvorscak
- 13. Sr. Cindy Langlois, Sr. Frances McCarron, Sr. Barbara Nelson IBVM

## Rosebud Program

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



Matthew & Ellis due 5/22.

### Special Intentions for:

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

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

## 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.



## 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.

**Jane Banks, Mary Campagana, Patricia Castrogiovanni, Bob Connell, Garcey DiBella, Walter Dittmer, Prinda Fabis, Blair Fetenhal, Joe Frank, Joy and Gene Gassensmith, Frank Gill, Marge Green, Barbara Greene, Matt & Julie Guth, Joan Gnad-Hayes, Jamie Jones, Nick Jones, Mary Kania, Joe Killigan, Diane Knudtson, Chrissy Kulinski, Charlie Macinnis, Peter Maney, Ron Murray, Gene Niewoehner, Ray Orsolini, Hailey Wilson Peyer, Jon Riley, Roy Robinson, James Rohrich, Zenon Saldana, Andres Villeras Santana, Arthur Simms, Gary Spearman, Gerry Spearman, Karen Soukup, Allan Sterwalt, Renee WYROBEK and all those sick from COVID**

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 Parish Lenten Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
We ask that you enlighten our minds,  
in flame our hearts,  
and make us aware of your  
great love for us.  
Increase in us the faith that you are truly here  
in the Eucharist and in every member of  
St. Alexander Church.  
You have defeated death itself  
and called us to you by our Baptism.  
Thank you for the ways you have  
blessed St. Alexander Church.  
Help us to communicate to others  
the joy we have received.  
We ask this in your Holy Name.  
Amen.



## Our Faithfully Departed

Warren Warren, Lawrence Massino, Michael Lynch, Scott Aubin, John Minitti, Marianna Gruber and for those who died from COVID-19.

# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 2/27/2022.....	\$5,440
Online Giving (WeShare) 2/23—2/28/2022	\$1,802
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$286,075
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 2/27/2022.....	\$161
Major Maint. Online Giving 2/23—2/28/2022	\$35

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

## Ambit Energy Fundraiser

February Check from Ambit	\$196.00
2022 Total:	\$377.00
Total Raised Since 2009:	\$23,610.75
Families Participating:	51
Accounts (Gas and Electricity):	87

Thank you, Jim and Laurie Mielke,  
for participating since September 4,  
2010! Support St. Alexander Church by  
paying 1% less for gas to Nicor and 3%  
less for electricity to ComEd!  
Call Kathy Gilroy 630-202-3836 to enroll.

# PARISH REGISTRATION

## *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



**Support the works of the Lord through  
the 2022 Catholic Ministries  
Annual Appeal.**

**Pledge your gift to the CMAA.**

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its goal of **\$46,300.**

This year’s CMAA theme is Devoted to the Works of the Lord. The many ministries we fund with our gifts serve people across the Diocese of Joliet. Thank you for making the most generous pledge possible to this year’s CMAA.

## Women’s Day of Reflection for Lent

The CCW of St. John the Apostle invites all women of St. Alexander parish to our

### **Women’s Day of Reflection “From Sorrow to Joy”**

Join us as we discover ways to make Lent and Easter more meaningful

Saturday, March 12  
8:00 Mass (optional)  
8:30 continental breakfast  
9:00 program  
\$5 per person

**Bring your Bible**

Please contact Terry to register  
630-235-2966  
tlb1004@att.net



**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.  
 (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 @ 12:15 p.m.  
**Spanish Baptisms:**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 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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