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Jesus said, "Destroy this temple
and in three days I will raise it up."

JOHN 2:19

THIRD
SUNDAY OF
LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 9:00am	Mar. 8—St. John of God, Religious Edwin Karges (33rd Anniversary)
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Mar. 9—St. Frances of Rome, Religious Frades Sanchez
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Mar. 10—Lenten Weekday Luigi Schiassi
Thursday 8:45a.m.	Mar. 11—Lenten Weekday Rich Kemp
Friday 8:45am	Mar. 12—Lenten Weekday Carmella Anderson
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Mar. 13—Lenten Weekday Ralph & Carmela DeRose/Luigi Schiassi/Donald Felz
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mar. 14—Fourth Sunday of Lent People of St. Alexander Parish Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 3/8/2021:		
Rental-St. Pius Volleyball	Hall/Gym	4:00pm
RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	5:00pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
Tues. 3/9/2021:		
Fishers of Men & Women Prayer Group	Hall/Gym	5:00pm
Fishers of Men	Fr. Tuan Room	6:00pm
Compassionate Friends	Hall/Gym	6:30pm
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm
Wed. 3/10/2021:		
Rental-St. Pius Volleyball	Hall/Gym	4:00pm
St. Vincent de Paul	Gathering Space	6:30pm
Thurs. 3/11/2021:		
Rental-St. Pius Volleyball	Hall/Gym	4:00pm
Spanish Stations of the Cross	Church	7:00pm
Friday. 3/12/2021:		
Stations of the Cross	Church	7:00pm
Sunday, 3/14/2021:		
Faith Formation	Hall/Gym	4:30pm



Please remember to sign up for both Daily and Weekend Masses by 5:00pm on Thursday on our website: www.stalexanderparish.org. If you don't have access to the internet, please call the Parish Office to assist @ 630-833-7730. Thank you!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm

St. John the Apostle:

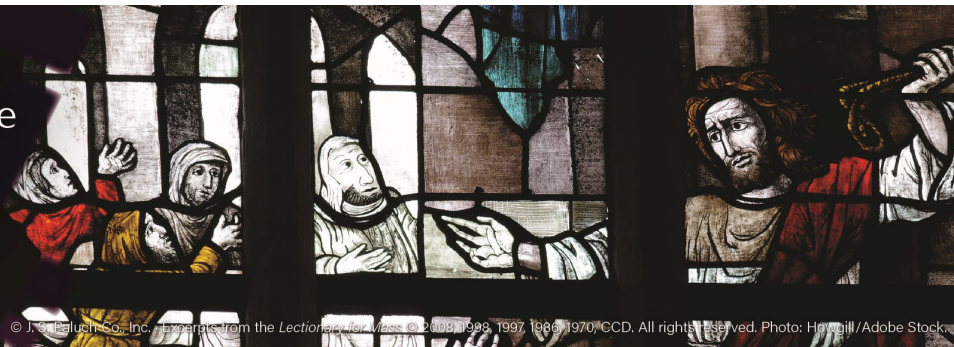
Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm

Please wear a Mask.

Gospel Reflection

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THE LAW

Today’s reading from Exodus tells of God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses; this passage is well known to Christians, but it is only the introduction to the entire Mosaic Law, or Torah. The Psalm is a small section of the longest in the Psalter—172 verses—which are generally couplets (two lines) praising the Law as perfect, true, just, right, and so on. The Law is both the source of Jewish identity and the centerpiece of the Jewish intellectual tradition. Paul briefly compares this tradition with those of the Greeks, the two groups in the church at Corinth that were often quarreling. The passage from John’s Gospel shows Jesus’ righteous anger as he chases the moneychangers from the temple. His actions are a sign of Jesus’ own reverence for “my Father’s house,” which in turn reflects his deep appreciation for the Law.

“THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT . . .”

For pious Jews in first-century Palestine, the Mosaic Law prescribed the way every action in life is dedicated to God. Today’s reading from Exodus tells how the Ten Commandments, the introduction to this larger legal code, is given to Israel as a gift from God.

In the Gospels Jesus is portrayed as a rabbi, or someone learned in the Law. A rabbi’s learning ideally included both the precepts of the Law and its reverent contemplation as a divine gift, within which one could hear God’s own voice. This was the way rabbis through the centuries used the Law to adapt to changing circumstances. This seems to be what Jesus was doing with the moneychangers in the temple.

JESUS, THE LAW, THE JEWS—AND US

When Jesus accused the moneychangers of sacrilege and cleared them out of the temple, the onlookers asked for a sign of his authority to do such a thing. After all, wasn’t it a sacrilege to purchase animals for sacrifice with pagan coins? Wasn’t this how the Jews adapted to Roman rule? Jesus says nothing about that; he only knows that this commercial activity inside the temple was a sacrilege. Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus is criticized for not being strict enough with the Law, as when he ate with prostitutes and tax collectors, but here he is prescribing something stricter, something “more.”

Jesus is doing something extraordinary, contrary to ordinary practice, prompting the onlookers to request a sign, evidence that God is acting here through Jesus. His insistence that the moneychangers depart, his clear vision regarding “my Father’s house,” and his cryptic reference to himself as a temple, are signs of his contemplative intimacy with his Father that is the source of his authority about the Law.

Catholics, like first-century Jews, have our regular means for living in God’s presence. We have the liturgy, sacraments, devotions, and personal prayer. During Lent, we are asked to be a little stricter with ourselves, listening for God’s own voice. If we do, we might discover that we, too, are being called to something “more.”

TODAY’S READINGS

Exodus 20:1–17 [1–3, 7–8, 12–17]
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11
1 Corinthians 1:22–25
John 2:13–25

THIRD LENT
SUNDAY OF
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Faith Formation Office

Please contact Ann Krueger at: akrueger@stalexanderparish.org

Third Sunday in Lent John 2:13-25

Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that He will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

We can experience God's presence any time and any place. We gather to pray in our churches, however, because we believe that Christ is present there in a special way.

Just as we have important holy places where we gather to pray and to worship God, there was a special holy place for the Jewish people in Jerusalem when Jesus was alive. This place was the Temple. It was first built by King Solomon to house the Ark of the Covenant, which contained the tablets on which were written the Ten Commandments. That first temple was destroyed in 587 B.C., long before Jesus was born. But a second temple was built in its place when the Jewish people were able to return to Jerusalem. This is the Temple that Jesus knew, and it had recently been expanded under King Herod. **But Jesus does an unusual thing at the Temple in today's Gospel. Why do you think that he did this?** (He said that they were making the Temple look more like a marketplace.) The merchants were selling animals to people who came to worship at the Temple. The people offered the animals in sacrifice as part of their prayer. The moneychangers were exchanging Roman coins for temple coins because the Roman coins were engraved with the image of the emperor, who said that he was like a god. These coins could not be used when making an offering at the Temple.

As Christians, we experience God's presence in many ways. We believe that the places where we gather as a community to pray—our churches— are holy. We also believe that Christ is present in a special way in the Eucharist, which is reserved in the tabernacle in our churches so that we can pray in Christ's presence.

Loyola Press:Third Sunday in Lent resources

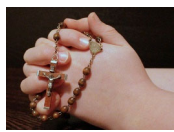


LENTEN Symbols

Artists in Central America paint **crosses with pictures of lots of people** on them. It makes you ponder on John's insistence that when Jesus was raised up (on the cross) He drew all the people of the world to Him.

Living your faith: On a blank cross **draw pictures of or write the names of people Jesus died for on the cross**. Identify a variety of people including yourself and some people you don't particularly like. Spend some time praying about the people on your crosses.

PARISH NEWS



Join Bill Conroy and many other men and women in saying the Rosary for peace and health in our nation, every **Tuesday** evening, @ 5:00pm in the Hall/Gym.

Please wear a mask, socially distance and sign in.



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

Please use the West Doors,
wear a mask and sign in.

We also have Spanish Stations
of the Cross on Thursdays during
Lent @ 7:00pm



**NEW DAYS & HOURS
ADORATION
In the Church
Feb. 1 thru Mar. 31**

**Mon. & Wed.
5:00—7:00pm**

Tues., 3:00—4:30pm

**Thurs., & Friday
3:00—5:00pm**

Enter through the West doors,
please wear a mask and sign in.

Thank you!

CASSEROLE SCHEDULE 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Frozen Casserole Picked Up</u>	<u>Casserole Tin Dropped Off</u>
3/9/21	Chicken and Stuffing	Florentine Ravioli
4/13/21	Florentine Ravioli	Shepherd's Pie
5/11/21	Shepherd's Pie	Texas Hash
6/8/21	Texas Hash	Beans and Burgers
7/13/21	Beans and Burgers	Chicken and Broccoli
8/10/21	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



Frances and John Schweih's Catholic Education Scholarship 2021-2022 School Year

The Frances and John Schweih's Catholic Education Scholarship annual scholarship is intended to be a source of aid to families in need who desire to have the same strong Catholic Education that Fran and John sacrificed to have for their own children. Our parish is happy that John and Fran's family are helping to make this possible.

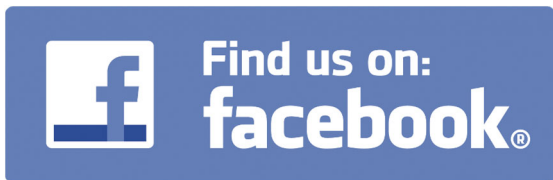
This scholarship will be awarded to a member of a St. Alexander Parish family annually in the amount of \$1,000. Families interested need to fill out an application, as well as apply for aid at the Diocese of Joliet through FACTS Management (<https://factsmgt.com/>). Applications for the Fran and John Schweih's Catholic Education Scholarship are available through the Parish Office or on our website www.stalexanderparish.org. **DEADLINE: Please return completed applications to the Parish Office or emailed to office@stalexanderparish.org no later than April 5, 2021.**

PARISH/DEANERY/DICOSEAN NEWS

Eastern DuPage Deanery Parish Lenten Mission
With Fr. David Mowry
Sponsored by Immaculate Conception Church
Livestreamed at www.icelhurst.org
March 7, 8, & 9 @ 7:00pm
The Hound of Heaven

The search for meaning and happiness is as old as the human race itself. The great surprise during that search is discovering that while we were seeking, we were already being sought! Join Fr. David Mowry for three nights of discovering the joy of being sought, found, and brought home.

Sunday: The Great Chase
Monday: The Knock at the Door
Tuesday: The Way Home



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Flowers by Mary Statue

YEAH!!! SPRING IS COMING

To some it's just dirt, to others it is an avenue to display the beauty of God's love. Just like our Faith, we plant it, nurture it and God does the rest and makes it grow.

There is a small group of people that feel our welcome sign begins outside. Through the beauty of nature, God shows His presence as He brings a smile to our faces and makes us feel happy inside which in turn gives us a moment of peace.

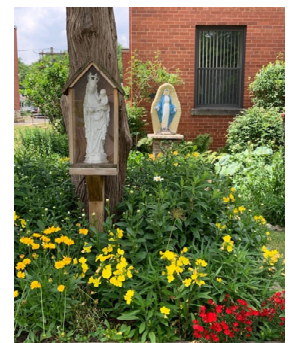
This group throughout the year have been displaying their endless hours by creating and maintaining this beauty along with their generosity, with hopes of bringing God's love to all those who pass by our Church and campus. Currently St. A's has a Grounds Committee for the Church campus which is self-supporting and lead by Jan Robbins, Judy Travnicek, Mary and Ray Bauer, John and Camille Bouckaert. The Adoration Chapel is led by Fran Sotir and she receives help from Malena Jean, her niece Sue Kurowski, and her grandson Tyler Sotir.

Over the years St. A's has been blessed with amazing people who will never be forgotten for sharing their creative talent, generosity and commitment. We thank them all.

If you enjoy working outdoors, like watering during hot dry summers, like to share your ideas or donations, please call us, we welcome your thoughts and always a helping hand.

St. A's Grounds Committee:
 Camille & John
 Bouckaert 630-424-0655

St. A's Adoration Chapel:
 Fran Sotir 630-833-5061



Chapel Garden

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Prayer for Vocations

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

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. Franklin Duran, Fr. James Dvorscak
13. Sr. Cindy Langlois, Sr. Frances McCarron, Sr. Barbara Nelson IBVM
14. Sr. Julie Stapleton, Sr. Mary Lou Wicislo IBVM

Rosebud Program

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Jenna & Zach on the birth of their son Brooks David

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| Erica and Nick due 3/21. | Matt and Danielle due 6/21. |
| Angelo & Meaghan due 3/21. | Anthony & Beth due in 9/21. |
| Joe & Joselyn due 4/21. | Susan due in 9/21. |

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.

 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, Jacob St. Louis, Peter Parish, Sue Connelly, Matt Doyle, Bob Chandler, P.J. O’Connor, Karen Soukup, Eva Jett, Patricia Hendrickson, John Jarecki, Sue Duchek, Maureen Donovan and Jenny McQuillan, David Tracy, Frank Gill, Mark Boutin, Clare Stralko, Bob Baker, Clara Fiedler, Bud Derland, Kristie Gregory, Joey Rose, Kathryn Rothfahn, Noreen Aukst, Judith Hummert, Gene Niewohnerand 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

Kathleen Kehoe
and Those who died from COVID-19.

STEWARDSHIP

Ambit Energy Fundraiser

February Check from Ambit	\$269.50
2021 Total:	\$448.50
Total Raised Since 2009:	\$21,732.25
Families Participating:	53
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Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2021 CMAA goal of \$42,000.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

“For it is in GIVING that we RECEIVE.”
- St. Francis of Assisi

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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Address: _____

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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.
 Sunday: 5:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. (*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.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
(Closed due to COVID until further notice)
Adoration in the church on Mon. & Wed. from 5—7pm., Tues. 3-4:30pm, Thurs. & Fri 3:00-5:00pm.
Use West entrance. Wear a mask.

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 Fr. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/
 Fr. Danny Soriano/Fr. Johnus

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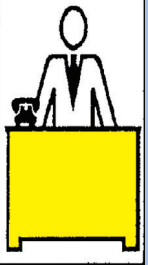
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