

# St. Alexander Catholic Church

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Jesus said to him,  
"Feed my sheep."

John 21:17



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THIRD SUNDAY

OF

*Easter*

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>May 2—St. Athanasius, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Karen Jorn
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>May 3—Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</b> Joyce Maxse
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>May 4—Easter Weekday</b> Int. Tom & Lu Clark
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>May 5—Easter Weekday</b> Molly Reilly
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>May 6—Easter Weekday</b> Michael Lynch
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>May 7—Easter Weekday</b> Ralph & Carmella DeRose/Marvin G. Jett/Hubert & Therese Klaus/John Bushnell/Eloisa Torres
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>May 8—Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Helen Liss/Evelyn Pasek/Jerry & Yolanda Lullo/Helen D'Anza/Clara Fielder/Frances Schweihis
10:30a.m.	Helen Liss/Rita McCormick
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

## FACILITIES SCHEDULE

<b>Mon. 5/2:</b>		
RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
CCW—Prayer Blankets	Gathering Space	6:30pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
<b>Tues. 5/3:</b>		
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Fishers of Men Prayer Group	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir practice	Church	7:00pm
<b>Wed. 5/4:</b>		
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Spanish Ministry-Choir Practice	Library	7:00pm
Music Ministry-Witness Choir	Church	7:00pm
<b>Thurs. 5/5:</b>		
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sister's Room	9:30am
Surviving Spouses	Kennedy Center	4:00pm
Knights of Columbus	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Cub Scout Pack #122 Parent Mtg.	Barrett Room	6:30pm
Council of Catholic Women	Sister's Room	6:30pm
Rental-Men's Basketball	Hall/Gym	7:45pm
<b>Sat. 5/7:</b>		
CCW Selling Roses for Mom's Day	Gathering Space	After Mass
<b>Sun. 5/8:</b>		
CCW-May Crowning	Outside Mary Statue	11:30am

## GARDENING

Kind hearts are the garden, Kind thoughts are the root,  
Kind words are the blossoms, Kind deeds are the fruit.

--Anonymous



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ. (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading** — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

**Gospel** — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30



## Reconciliation

### St. Alexander:

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

**In addition to Tuesdays, we now  
have confessions on Saturdays from  
4:00pm—4:45pm**

### St. John the Apostle:

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

# Gospel Reflection

## THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter

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### CHURCH

The Easter season provides us an opportunity to reflect upon who we are as Church, in light of the first experiences of Jesus' followers. From today's Gospel, we realize that all we do is founded on our friendship with and trust in Jesus, as witnessed in Jesus' dialogue with Peter. From Revelation, in the image of Jesus as the sacrificial Lamb, we can anticipate suffering for the sake of love for God and for others. From the apostles' bold speech in Acts, we remember that when we stay true to the Gospel, even at great cost, we must always embody God's forgiveness toward those who resist God's invitation. The early Church struggled to understand how to live the way of Jesus, and we can expect no less struggle for ourselves. And like them, we may also know the joy of growing friendship with God along the way.

### OBEYING GOD

In the first chapters of Acts, the apostles venture out energetically, soon after Pentecost, to proclaim the risen Jesus. Today's reading shows the Sanhedrin, the formal religious body that had condemned Jesus shortly before, now threatening the apostles. The Sanhedrin likely feared that Jesus' followers would, in vengeance for the Crucifixion, stir up a riot or even a violent revolt. The apostles, consistent with Jesus' own dealings with the authorities, proclaim Jesus' message of God's forgiveness of everyone, and refuse to incite violence.

It is a great challenge, as Peter said, to "obey God rather than man." Throughout history, when groups of God's people, inspired by God's dream for a just and free world, have spoken out non-violently against injustice and oppression, they have sought to obey God's summons. We the Church, while always mindful of the dangers of self-deception, are similarly called to discern and obey God in our own time and place.

### REPEATED QUESTIONS

In today's Gospel, John sets the scene for Jesus' encounter with Peter, sitting by a "charcoal fire." There is just one other mention of a charcoal fire in John's Gospel: when Peter warms himself while awaiting Jesus' trial, and Peter goes on to deny knowing Jesus, three times. The evangelist directly links Jesus' three questions of Peter, "do you love me?", to Peter's three denials. Through his repeated questioning, Jesus helps Peter to face his actions fully, and to accept forgiveness fully as well.

When God invites us into prayer, we may be invited to enter into deep conversation with God about our lives. God can pose the same questions to us, again and again over time, to face what we might prefer to avoid: Can you forgive someone who has hurt you? Can you be more generous? Can you let go of obstacles to becoming more loving? And even: Do you love me? Jesus' encounter with Peter suggests that we can face such questions with deep trust in God.

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Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41  
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19 [1-14]

# PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

## Motherhood:

*All love begins  
and ends there.*

— ROBERT BROWNING



St. Alexander's Council of Catholic Women will be selling roses to be displayed on the altar steps on Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>, honoring all Mothers, living and deceased.

*Roses will be sold in the Gathering Space following all Masses on the weekend of April 30/May 1. and on Saturday, May 7. The cost of a rose is \$3.00.*

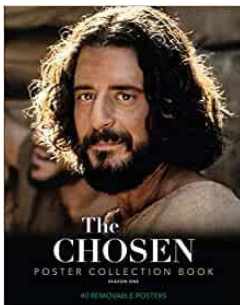
*A beautiful gesture honoring the special women in our lives!*



St. Alexander has partnered with other churches in Villa Park to collect wheelchairs for **Wheels for Africa**, a program through **Living with Hope**. Wheels for Africa is a program that provides life changing mobility to people with disabilities in Africa. **Living with Hope** is an organization dedicated to sharing the HOPE of Jesus Christ and empowering people with disabilities to reach their Highest God-given potential. **Wheelchair donations, as well as walkers and canes, accepted from May 2—May 22.**

If you would like to learn more about **Living with Hope** and **Wheels for Africa** or to make a monetary donation, go to [www.livingwithhope.net](http://www.livingwithhope.net).

Also, check out the video on our website with Deacon Chris Cochran and Michael Panther, the founder of Living with Hope—[www.stalexanderparish.org](http://www.stalexanderparish.org)



**THE CHOSEN**  
Sundays  
3:00 - 4:30pm.

**THE CHOSEN** season one  
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.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION TRUCK WILL BE HERE SATURDAY, APRIL 30 AND SUNDAY MAY 1.

Your donations go to the St. Vincent Resale Stores, and money from those donations help the needy in our area. Spring clean and bring your un-wanted items to the truck!



## Wheelchair Drive MAY 2-MAY 22

Do you have any wheelchairs, walkers, canes or crutches not in use? Through partnership with Living With Hope and Joni & Friends, the churches below will be collecting manual wheelchairs, jogger strollers, and other mobility devices that will be refurbished by prison partners and hand-delivered to people with mobility needs in Kenya.

Please drop off your equipment donations at our main drop off container at:  
**St. Alexanders Catholic Church**  
300 S. Cornell Ave, Villa Park  
(back parking lot off of Cornell Ave)

These other host churches are taking donations as well:

- \*New Hope/Fuente De Vida Church\*  
230 W. Plymouth Ave, Villa Park
- \*Christ Covenant Church\*  
350 N. Addison Rd, Villa Park
- \*Lombard Gospel Chapel\*  
369 N. Stewart Ave, Lombard
- \*Lombard Christian Reformed Church  
2020 S. Meyers Rd, Lombard

### Questions?

Email Pastor Mike Klamecki  
[klamman1@gmail.com](mailto:klamman1@gmail.com)



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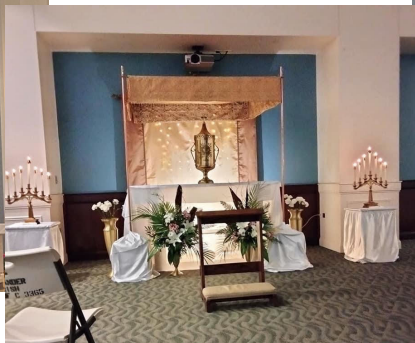


# Faith Formation/Parish/Diocesan News

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



**Easter Sunday, 4/17/2022**



**Holy Thursday Foot Washing and Altar of Repose, 4/14/2022**

## Parish Council Information

It's that time of the year again! With the coming of spring, Parish Council is already looking ahead to next fall. We have four spaces on Council that are opening up in August, and we'd love to have you join us. Anyone who has been a member of St. Alexander Church for at least two years can apply.

You may wonder what Parish Council does. First of all, we are available to help Father Rosenbaum with our parish needs. We see ourselves as the eyes and ears of our congregation, and we bring your thoughts and concerns to our meetings. We are interested in what you have to say, and what better way to convey your ideas than to become a member of Parish Council yourself?

Feel free to call me if you'd like to know more about us. I'd love to hear from you!

Linda Krause, Parish Council President  
630-430-1898



## Mary's Circle is Back!

**May 26 @ 1:30pm**  
**Fr. Tuan Room**

- ✦ Our program will be old fashioned **BINGO!**
- ✦ Feel lucky? Come and join us for a fun afternoon. Maybe you could be a big winner.
- ✦ All women are invited. Refreshments will be served.
- ✦ Don't forget to bring quarters!.
- ✦ **For more info call:**  
Elaine @ 630-279-6692



### How would you like to help save a life?

The Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph the Workers at St. John the Apostle and St. Alexander Parishes are planning a blood drive for June 2022 and need volunteer donors now. If you would like to donate this Summer, please provide your name, email and/or cell phone number. We will notify you when the drive is scheduled.

**Email Contact Info:**

St. John the Apostle: Al Forester    foresteralvin@att.net  
St. Alexander            Joe Neilly            joe.neilly@gmail.com



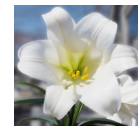
**RCIA** Are you searching for a spiritual home? Do you have a friend interested in the Catholic faith? Our "no commitment" inquiry sessions begin in September here at St. Alexander. This is an opportunity to learn more about becoming Catholic, and an opportunity

for those who have not received Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Please contact the parish office and ask about RCIA. 630-833-7730

# PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



**THANK YOU!** to following parishioners who donated towards our Easter Flowers to decorate the Church.



**Parishioner**

**In Memory/Honor of:**

**Parishioner**

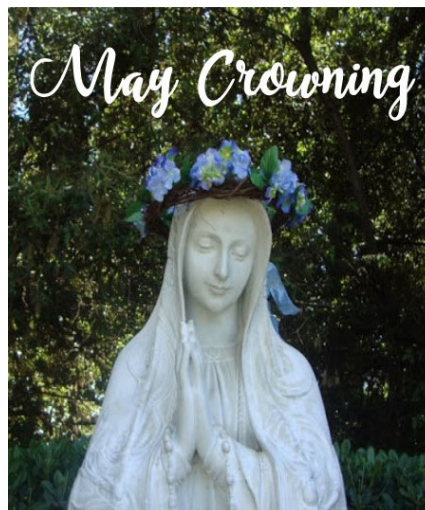
**In Memory/Honor of:**

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 Mr. & Mrs. Martens  
 Mr. Mrs. James Wisemiller  
 Elizabeth Weir  
 Alfred Kosir  
 Renee Wyrobek  
 Elizabeth St. Louis  
 Deacon Julio & Elaine Jimenez  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Priola

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 Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo  
 Frank J. Cale  
 Weir Family  
 Eleanore Kosir/John Kosir  
 Gregory Wyrobek/  
 Ron Wyrobek/Cecelia Tomasek/Frank Tomasek/Fran Tomasek/Anthony & Cesclia Wyrobek  
 Marie Sulita/Jim St. Louis  
 Maria Hernandez  
 Mom & Dad Marchewka  
 Daniel & Piedad Torres  
 The People of Ukraine  
 Clare & William Stralko  
 George Kudrna, Jr./Danny Kudrna  
 Dirk/Brian/Rich/Mike  
 Dolores McDowall/John McDowall  
 Joe & Angie Voras  
 CeCe Meier/Lisa Garrow  
 Marcella Dion/Harvey Karpel/Laura Feinen/Samantha Feine/Rachel Gibson  
 Lee Fleisleber/George & Eula Kucera  
 Tom & Anne Jones/Francis & Therese Meehan  
 Tony Porcaro

Mr. & Mrs. Dooley  
 Mr. & Mrs. Roycroft  
 Dolores Luka  
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hay  
 Mr. & Mrs. James Schmit  
 Victoria Dinella  
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bluemel  
 Mr. Sal Saporito  
 Mr. Thomas Crowe  
 Frances Gilles  
 Mr. & Mrs. James Karges  
 Mr. & Mrs. Parzygnat  
 Donald Hosek  
 George Sifuentes  
 Joyce Nordensten  
 Patricia Cain  
 Wanda Koeller

Mr. & Mrs. K./Mr. & Mrs. Roger Dooley/Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Dooley/Theresa Dooley/  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ersteldt  
 Jacob/Roycoft Families  
 Jack Luka/Luka & Cappiello families  
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Molinaro  
 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Kuhrau  
 Susanne Strickland  
 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Vanco  
 Barbara McSherry  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robertson  
 Mr. & Mrs. Warren Warren  
 Frank Gill  
 Joyce Dillon  
 Ava Lindahl  
 Joseph & Linda Palek  
 Mr. & Mrs. Dirk Krueger  
 Thomas Bednar



**Sunday, May 8**  
 Following the 10:30am Mass, outside by the Mary Statue.  
 The CCW Woman of the Year will crown Mary.  
 First Communicants come dressed in your dresses and suits to participate

# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## May 2022 Prayer for Vocations

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

1. Brs. Raphael Mascari, Raymond McManaman, Lawrence Oelschlegel, Michael Quirk FSC
2. Dcns. Michael Murphy, Paul Nappi, Hung Nguyen
3. Sr. Candida Massabo, Sr. M. Anthony Baechle, Sr. Dorothy Birk OSF
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6. Fr. Donald Wehnert C.S.V., Fr. Gregory Bartholomew F.S.S.P.
7. Fr. Michael Magiera F.S.S.P., Fr. Mark Baron M.I.C.
8. Sr. Veronica Michalski PHJC



## 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.

**Mary Capagana, Tim Carroll,  
Michael Castino, Walter Dittmer,  
Blair Fetenhal, Joe Frank, Frank Gill,  
Joe Killigan, Matt & Julie Guth,  
Joan Hayes, Charlie MacKinnon,  
Ron Murray, Gene Niewoehner,  
Roy Robinson, Zenon Saldana,  
Edward Sopala, Nicole Zabel,  
and for the People of Ukraine**

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 Faithfully Departed

**Bob Connell, Genie Burnette, Annabelle Kohs,  
Rosa Montiel, Bob Loizzi, Harry Joseph Lux  
and for the People of Ukraine who have died.**

## Rosebud Program

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



Matthew & Ellis due 5/22.

Patrick & Anna due 9/22.

Jamie & Andy due with twins 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.**



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

*Gwendolyn Sue, daughter of Matthew and Sarah Sutor, nee Baranowski*



## 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.



# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 4/24/2022.....	\$8,203
Online Giving (WeShare) 4/20—4/26/2022	\$2,152
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$341,515
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 4/24/2022.....	\$208
Major Maint. Online Giving 4/20—4/26/2022	\$35



*Our Easter budget was: \$24,000  
 We have received so far \$15,256.50  
 If you were traveling during Easter, you may still turn in your Easter donation or donate online at:  
[www.stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com](http://www.stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com)  
 Or use the QR Code @ left. Thank you!*

# 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.

## Ambit Energy Fundraiser

April Check from Ambit:	\$234.50
2022 Total:	\$846
Total Raised Since 2009	\$24,079.75
Families Participating:	50
Accounts (Gas and Electricity):	86

Thank you, John and Heather Boe-Casey, for participating since September 7, 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.

## 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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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner                       New Address

New Phone Number



## PLEDGE REPORT: April 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.

<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$46,300</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$34,779</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$25,719</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$9,060</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>179</b>



**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. Danny Soriano/  
 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  
**E-mail:** khalloran@x-town.com  
**Director:** Kathy Halloran



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