

# St. Alexander Catholic Church

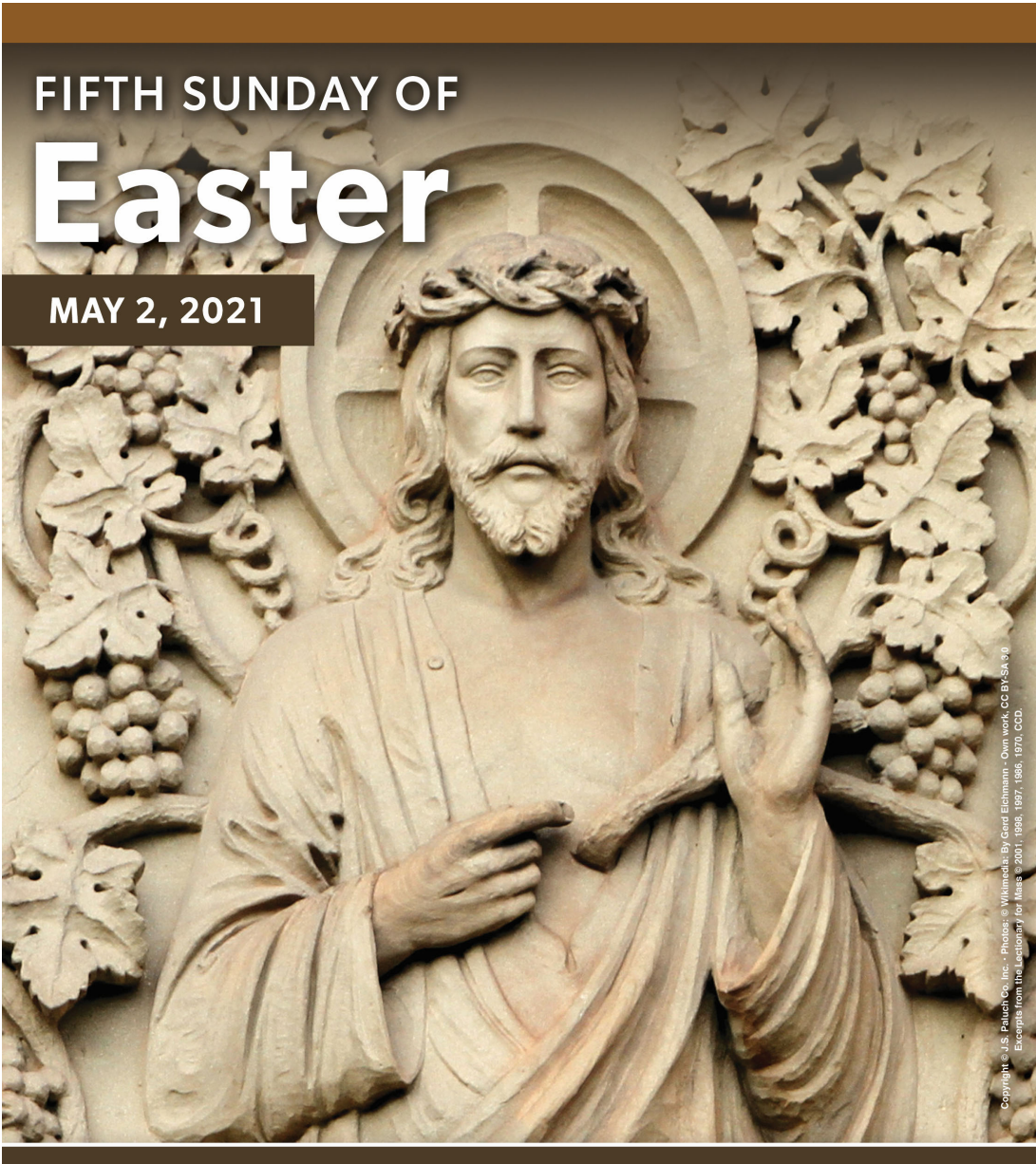
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF

## Easter

MAY 2, 2021



I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit,  
because without me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>May 3—St. Philip and James, Apostles</b> Joseph Gilles
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>May 4—Easter Weekday</b> Frances Vasquez
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>May 5—Easter Weekday/Cinco de Mayo</b> Robert Westfield
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>May 6—Easter Weekday/National Day of Prayer</b> William Wawrzeniak
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>May 7—Easter Weekday</b> People of St. Alexander Parish
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>May 8—Easter Weekday</b> John & Mary Holechko/Clarence & Clara Airhart
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>May 9—Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Evelyn Pasek/Barbara Esposito/Alice Paulin (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)/ Jim Cozzi/Joyce Maxse/Bettye Baucum
10:30 a.m.	Helen Liss
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—For All Mothers

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Mon. 5/3/2021:</b>		
RCIA	Fr. Tuan Rm/Church	3:30pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
<b>Tues. 5/4/2021:</b>		
Fishers of Men	Fr. Tuan Room	6:00pm
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm
<b>Thurs. 5/6/2021:</b>		
Knights of Columbus meeting	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
CCW meeting	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
<b>Sat. 5/8/2021:</b>		
First Communion (during Mass)	Church/GS	5:00pm
<b>Sun. 5/9/2021:</b>		
Faith Formation—7th grade	Hall/Gym	4:30pm

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

**Gospel** — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19



## Reconciliation

### St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm  
or by appointment

**No Confessions on May 11**

### St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm  
or by appointment

**Please wear a Mask.**



Please remember to sign up for Weekend Masses by 5:00pm on Thursday

on our website:  
[www.stalexanderparish.org](http://www.stalexanderparish.org).

If you don't have access to the internet, please call the Parish Office to assist @ 630-833-7730.

*Thank you!*

# Gospel Reflection



FIFTH SUNDAY OF  
**Easter**  
 MAY 2, 2021

I am the vine, you are the branches.  
 Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit,  
 because without me you can do nothing.  
 John 15:5

### THE FRUIT OF FAITH

In today’s Gospel, Jesus likens our relationship with him to a plant with many branches. We, the branches, are called to remain so close to Jesus that we bear fruit, loving one another as Christ loves us. Saul bore the fruit of his faith through powerful witness that drew others to Christ. And the branches that grew into the early Church were extraordinarily fruitful. What is the fruit of your faith in Jesus Christ?

### VINES, BRANCHES, AND FRUIT

Few activities are as disappointing as cultivating garden plants, watering them, and ensuring that they receive sunlight and nutrients, only to receive one or two vegetables or flowers to show for all the effort. Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to describe how closely we are called to remain with him—so close that we bear the fruit of his life and love in the way we live. When we do this, Jesus says, we give glory to God the Father, which Jesus did perfectly through his life, passion, death, and resurrection. Like plants that rely on the sun and nutrients from the soil, we rely on the Lord Jesus through whom we can do all for which we are called. Without the Lord, we can do nothing.

### LEARN FROM THE FIRST ONES

The story of the early Church that we hear from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season is instructive and inspiring. We learn how the community grew in their understanding of what it means to remain close to Jesus in the most challenging of situations. They lived in word and deed as Christ had taught and bore the fruit of their faith in their daily decisions, in small ways and in dramatic moments. Faced with Saul who had persecuted Christians and who presented himself as a disciple, Barnabas risked believing Saul’s testimony. Through Barnabas, the community accepted Saul, with increasing numbers of people being led to belief in Christ as a result. We too are called to live in word and deed, taking to heart Christ’s command to love one another, even when it is challenging to do so. We may find inspiration in the way the early believers drew consolation from the Holy Spirit, finding wisdom and strength to keep the commandments and do what pleases God.

**TODAY’S READINGS**  
 Acts 9:26–31  
 Psalm 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32  
 1 John 3:18–24  
 John 15:1–8

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## Faith Formation Office

Please contact Ann Krueger at: [akrueger@stalexanderparish.org](mailto:akrueger@stalexanderparish.org)

### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 15: 1- 8 *"I am the vine, you are the branches.  
If you remain in Me, you will bear much fruit,  
but apart from Me, you can do nothing."*

To bear fruit, we must be connected to Jesus

A vine is a plant with a lot of branches growing out of it. The branches have fruit on them. Like this grapevine. Think about a branch that's been broken off of a tree or vine. What happens to it? It withers up and dies. It can't ever have fruit on it again, it's not good for anything except firewood.



Jesus wants us to produce fruit. Good fruit, like kindness, generosity, and faithfulness. Most of all Jesus wants us to love others as He has loved us. **BUT WE CAN'T DO IT ON OUR OWN.** Just as the branches must be connected to the vine before they can produce fruit, you and I must stay connected to Jesus to produce the good fruit that God expects of us. Sermons4kids



### Galatians 5:22-23 Fruits of the Spirit

*What fruits have you seen Jesus grow in your life?*

*Share a time when you've seen good fruits in someone else?  
Ask God to grow good fruit in your heart.*

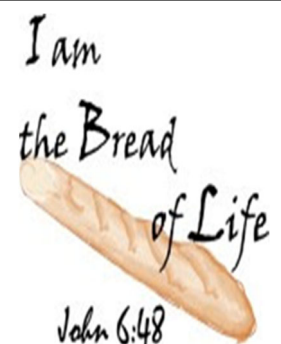
### First Communion

We will be celebrating First communions **May 1<sup>st</sup>** in a Larger group and then at the following Sunday Masses.

**May 2 10:30am      May 8 5:00pm**

**May 15 5:00pm      May 16 10:30 am**

*Please continue to pray for our First Communicants and their families at this special time in their lives.*



# PARISH NEWS



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

**Mateo Juarez**, son of David and Ayleen Juarez, nee Reyes

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION TRUCK WILL BE HERE SATURDAY, MAY 1 AND SUNDAY, MAY 2!!

Spring cleaning? Bring your unwanted items to the St. Vincent de Paul truck! Your donations go to the St. Vincent Resale Store, and money from those donations help the needy in our area.



Join Bill Conroy and many other men and women in saying the Rosary for peace and health in our nation, every **Tuesday** evening, @ 5:30pm in the Hall/Gym.

Please wear a mask, socially distance and sign in.



## ADORATION, PRAYER AND ROSARY In the Church

Starting **Monday, May 3rd**, the following changes will occur:

- ✦ We will no longer have Adoration on Thursday evenings.
- ✦ Adoration will be on Mondays and Fridays from 7:30am—8:15am.
- ✦ We will have Daily Rosary (M-F) before Mass in the Church starting at 8:20am.
- ✦ The Church will be open Monday—Friday at 7:30am for private prayer until Mass begins at 8:45am.



## May is the month we honor Mary, the Mother of God.

Check out these great videos on FORMED! (We share a subscription of FORMED with St. John's. When you sign up, just put in St. John the Apostle. It's that easy and it's FREE. Enjoy!).

- ✦ Mary, Handmade of the Lord
- ✦ Mary, the Indispensable Mother of God
- ✦ Mary, Queen Mother
- ✦ Mary and the Saints
- ✦ Mary of Nazareth
- ✦ Mary's Triumph
- ✦ Mary The Mother of God
- ✦ The Daily Rosary for Peace
- ✦ The Traditional Catholic Rosary

These titles are also available in Spanish on FORMED.

## CASSEROLE MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Frozen Casserole Picked Up</u>	<u>Casserole Tin Dropped Off</u>
5/11/21	Shepherd's Pie	Texas Hash
6/8/21	Texas Hash	Beans and Burgers

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

## CCW Prayer Blanket Rosary

Pray the Rosary VIA ZOOM with The Prayer Blanket Ministry Mondays @ 7:00pm. Contact them at:

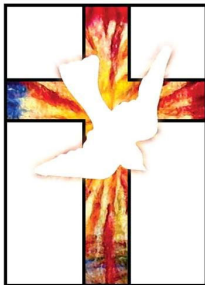
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# PARISH/DEANERY/DIOCESEAN NEWS

## DIOCESAN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### Full-time Parish Secretary - St. Dennis Catholic Church, Lockport, IL

St. Dennis Catholic Church, 1214 S. Hamilton Street, Lockport, IL. Is seeking a full time Parish Secretary (40 hours per week, with benefits) to provide a variety of general administrative duties for the parish, including; producing the parish bulletin and electronic communications, coordinating arrangements for funerals, baptisms and weddings, sacramental record keeping, parish database record keeping, coordinate facility calendar and assist the needs of the pastor, parishioners, parish staff, and school staff as needed. This position requires the desire and ability to support the mission of the Catholic Church. To view a full job description, visit; [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://www.romancatholicdioceseofjoliet.org). Please send resume to [cdeters@saint-dennis.org](mailto:cdeters@saint-dennis.org) or call Business Manager, Christine Deters at 815.838.2592 x 121.



**Reunite** in  
**Christ**

### Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021

- Catholics Reunite!
- Wear RED to announce the Holy Spirit!
- Return to Mass!
- Invite & Encourage others to attend Mass!
- Celebrate the birthday of the Catholic Church!



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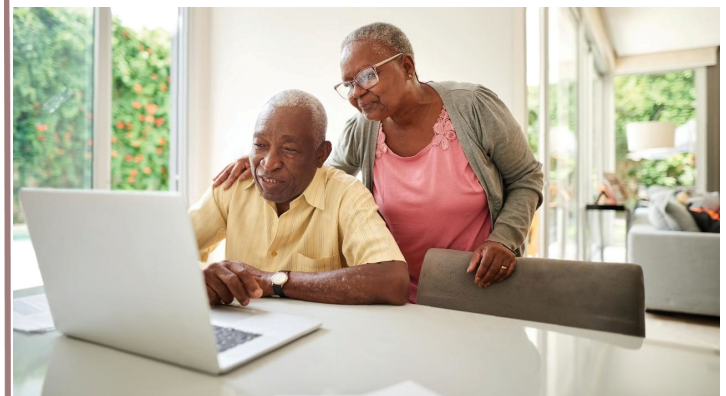
SEASON 2  
PRAYER  
MAY 9 - AUGUST 6, 2021

- Deepen your prayer life
- Daily Video from Fr. Burke Masters unpacking Scripture and Catechism
- Personal Workbook for Prayer
- Weekly Reading Plan for Section 4 of the Catechism
- Customizable Commitment Card
- Regular virtual small group sessions
- Monthly virtual large group sessions





For videos, testimonials, registration, and more, scan the code to the left or visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/beformed>



### Answers to Questions You Have About the COVID-19 Vaccine

**Tuesday, May 4, 2021  
6-7 pm**

**ZOOM EVENT; REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
You will receive a link to the Zoom meeting 24 hours before the presentation.

Join our educational Zoom event. Learn about the COVID-19 Vaccine and get answers to the most common concerns regarding side effects and efficacy.

If you have a question you would like Dr. Hill to answer during the presentation, please submit it in the comments when you register.



**Kalisha Hill, MD, MBA, FCAP**  
Chief Medical Officer  
AMITA Health St. Mary's Hospital  
Kankakee



To register, scan the code with your smartphone camera; visit [AMITAhealth.org/classes-and-events/](http://AMITAhealth.org/classes-and-events/) Or call 855.MyAMITA (855.692.6482)



# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## Prayer for Vocations

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

- 3. Sr. Candida Massabo, Sr. M. Anthony Baechle, Sr. Dorothy Birk OSF
- 4. Fr. James Holup, Fr. John W. Honiotes
- 5. Dcns. John Gustin, Raymon Hamilton, Philip Heitz, Donald Helgeson, Bradley Hentz
- 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
- 9. **Fr. John Horan**, Fr. John Hornicak

## Rosebud Program

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



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Joe & Joselyn on the birth of their daughter Ophelia Faith.  
Angelo and Megan on the birth of their son Peter Joseph  
Erica and Nick on the birth of their daughter, Rose Catherine.

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Joe & Joselyn due 4/21.     | Anthony & Beth due in 9/21. |
| Matt & Danielle due 6/21.   | Susan due in 9/21.          |
| Theresa & Nick due in 8/21. | 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    |
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| 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, Eda Jett, Patricia Hendrickson, John Jarecki, Sue Duchek, Maureen Donovan, David Tracy, Frank Gill, Mark Boutin, Clare Stralko, Bob Baker, Noreen Aukst, Judith Hummert, Bernard (Gene) Niewoehner, John Zydek Walter Dittmer, Mary Ellen Erlenbaugh, Fr. Arthur Maher, Owen Kingsbury, Matt Guth, Ryan Randal, Fr. Mike Pennock, Anthony Castrogiovanni, Judy (McArdle) Heikes 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](http://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

Michael Haywood, David Wieringa, Deanna LaPidus and Those who died from COVID-19.

# STEWARDSHIP

## Ambit Energy Fundraiser

April Check from Ambit	\$192.00
2021 Total:	\$852.50
Total Raised Since 2009:	\$22,136.25
Families Participating:	53
Accounts (Gas and Electricity):	90

**Thank you to John and Catherine Sewell for participating since October 19, 2009!** 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

## 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: April 25, 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.

<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$42,100</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$36,765</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$31,409</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$5,356</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>186</b>

*Thank you for your continued support.*

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

## 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



**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.  
 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.*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month @ 1:00 p.m.  
**Spanish Baptisms:**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 is on Thursday, 4:30—7:00pm**  
**Use West entrance. Wear a mask.**  
**Pastor:** Reverend Mark Rosenbaum  
**Mass Assistants:**  
 Rev. David Dillon/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/  
 Fr. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/  
 Fr. Danny Soriano/Fr. 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:** 630.834.3787  
**E-mail:** akrueger@stalexanderparish.org  
**Director:** Ann Krueger



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**WHY IS IT?**

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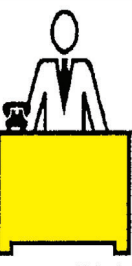
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