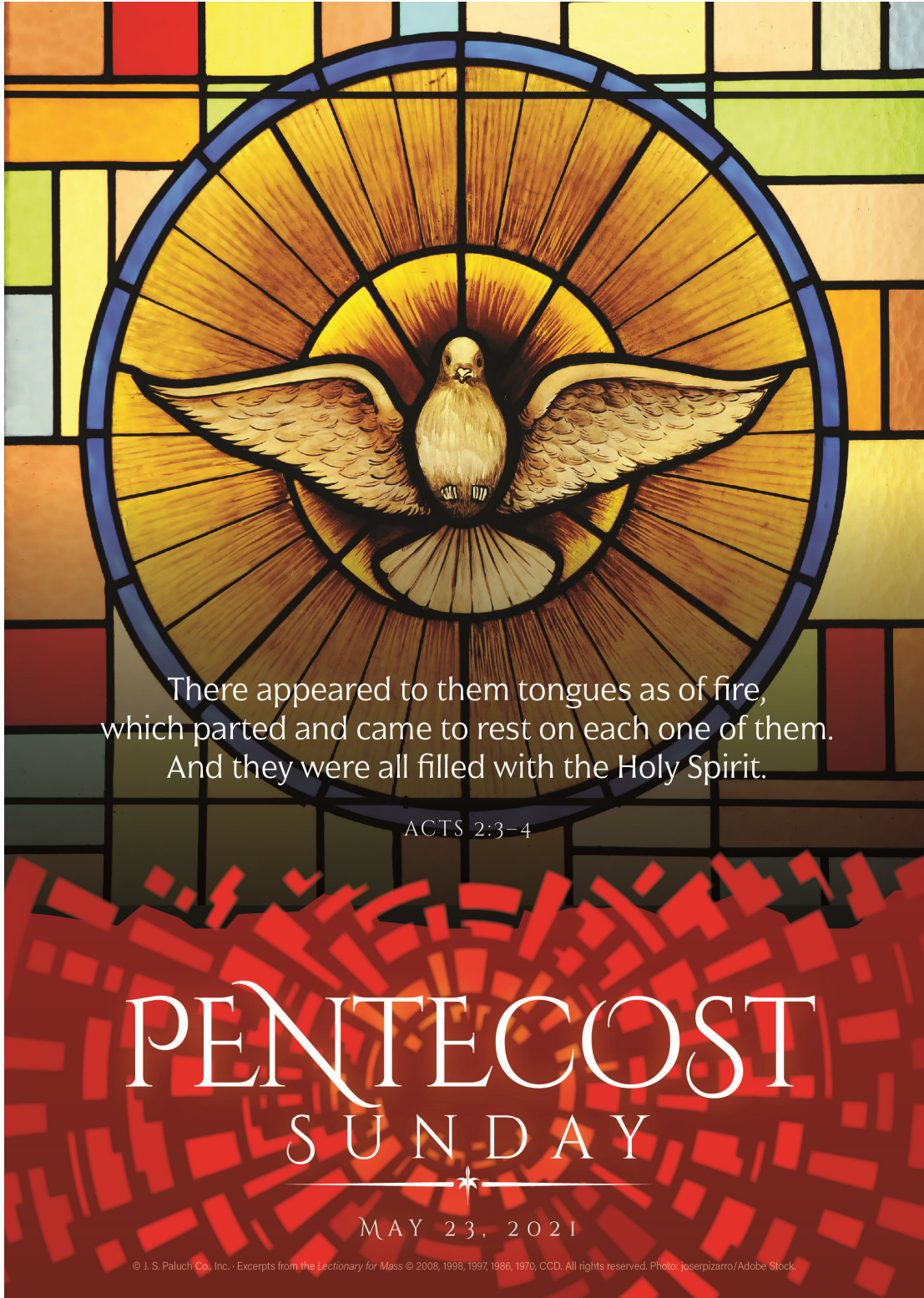


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There appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 2:3-4

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday 8:45a.m. | May 24—The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Harold Baum |
| Tuesday 8:45a.m. | May 25—St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin Dick Radtke |
| Wednesday 8:45a.m. | May 26—St. Philip Neri, Priest Gary Monroe |
| Thursday 8:45a.m. | May 27—St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Int. Francis Frank |
| Friday 8:45a.m. | May 28—Weekday People of St. Alexander Parish |
| Saturday 5:00p.m. | May 29—St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM Tom & Anne Jones/Int. Continue Strength of Priest |
| Sunday 8:30 a.m. | May 30—The Most Holy Trinity Marian and Peter Kurasz, Sr. |
| 10:30 a.m. | Anthony & Margaret Corbo |
| 6:00 p.m. | Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish |

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or Galatians 5:16-25.

Gospel — As the Father has sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 5/24/2021:

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| RCIA | Fr. Tuan Rm/Church | 3:30pm |
| Scout Troop #199 | Hall/Gym | 6:45pm |

Tues. 5/25/2021:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Fishers of Men Prayer Group | Fr. Tuan Room | 6:00pm |
| Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour | Barrett Room | 7:00pm |
| Spanish Ministry-Family & Marriage | Gathering Space | 7:00pm |

The Facilities will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 31, 2021.



Please remember to sign up for 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!



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

Please wear a Mask.

Gospel Reflection

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ACTS 2:3–4

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COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!

Come, Holy Spirit! Today we celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples and on all who are baptized. We also commemorate the birth of the Church. Before Pentecost, the disciples remained hidden and uncertain; at Pentecost, those who were gathered were filled with the Spirit and proclaimed the wonders of the Good News of Christ to all. The Spirit guides us to the truth of Christ's love and mercy and strengthens us to live as disciples. Without the Holy Spirit, we would perish; with the Spirit, we have life to the full. Relying on the Spirit, we are given the grace to turn away from the many temptations that we face each day and prefer instead what is good and holy. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

As followers of Jesus, we are called to direct our minds and hearts to Christ's love, turning away from all that is not of God in order to be more Christ-like in our daily lives. The more we invite the Holy Spirit to draw us close to God's heart, the more readily we will avoid sin and choose life, faith, and love. In the letter to the Galatians, we hear a list of things that those who live in the Spirit are to avoid. Things like immorality, hatred, jealousy, and selfishness. At first glance, we might think to ourselves, "of course I want to avoid those things," and yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we likely recognize some of those patterns in our lives. Upon further reflection, however, we also see that these negative behaviors pose temporary pleasure while the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—lead to a life of deep and lasting fulfillment.

NOTHING WILL STAND IN THE WAY

The Jewish people who had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost came from every corner of the world. They spoke many languages and yet were drawn to hear the message of Christ from the disciples who had just experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They were astonished by what they heard—not only the message, but the way in which it was conveyed, in their own language, and by the messengers, people whom they would have considered ordinary and unremarkable, rather than the acknowledged religious leaders of their time. We, too, are called to share the love and mercy of Christ through word and action, even when we feel small and insignificant. We need only to look at the witness and experience of those first disciples and all the saints who have preceded us to know that we are capable of much when we place our lives in God's hands. Nothing can stand in the way of the incredible love of God when we are filled with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit!

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:1–11
 Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34
 Galatians 5:16–25
 John 20:19–23 or
 John 15: 26–27; 16:12–15

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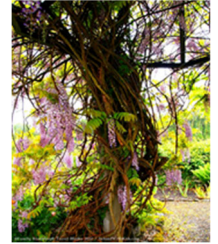


Faith Formation Office

Please contact Ann Krueger at: akrueger@stalexanderparish.org

Pentecost Sunday

Picture a tree. Its roots drink water from the ground. Sunlight falls on its leaves. The wind carries pollen from blossom to blossom. Soon the branches are heavy with sweet fruit. Then you know the tree is full of life. It is the same with you. When the Spirit is in you, you can see the good things that grow: Kindness. Patience. Gentleness. Goodness. Faithfulness. Self-Control. Peace. Joy. Love. These are the fruits of the Spirit
Breathe by Laura Alary



God Bless our First Communicants!



*Anamarie Haselhorst
Eduardo Romo
Bridget Carnahan
Michael Richardson
Alejandro Mendoza
Ryan Alexander
Joceyln Martinez*

*Ashley Klemp
Vanessa Barrera
Caden Wyatt
Matthew Radak
Philip Shuey
Tessa Henry
Santiago Sanchez*

*Eleanor Jones
Bradley French
Ariana Knudtson
Jalena Mockler
Dylan Ranieri
Maddie Wyatt
Blake Ranieri*

Faith Formation Registration for the 2021-2022 School year is now open.
A \$25.00 book fee is requested with registration per student.

Register now at: <http://www.Stalexanderparish.org/FaithFormation>

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I would personally like to thank all the families and catechist who have made the last nine years of my job as DRE a joy.

Thank you to all the parish families who supported this ministry with tuition assistance/online giving and all fundraisers. (Good food was a bonus!)

I will be retiring from the DRE position effect June 15th, 2021.

Thank you to Saint Alexander parish for all the love and support you have given me. It has been my pleasure. God Bless, Ann Krueger

PARISH NEWS



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

Elias Cesar, son of Francisco and Liliana Silva, nee Rios

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number or gotten rid of your landline phone? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Please email any changes to office@stalexanderparish.org. or call 630-833-7730.

Thank you for your help!

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

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Faith Formation Registration

Applications now being accepted for 2021/2022

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For questions, contact Ann Krueger, Director of Faith Formation: akrueger@stalexanderparish.org.

Memorial Day Mass

Mon. May 31 @ 9:00a.m.

St. John the Apostle

St. Alexander and St. John the Apostle will have a combined Memorial Day Mass hosted @ St. John the Apostle, 300 N. Westmore Avenue, Villa Park. Please join us.

The St. Alexander Parish Office will be closed in honor of Memorial Day on Monday, May 31.

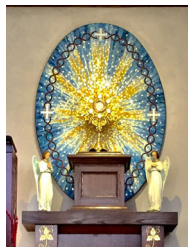
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Pray the Rosary VIA ZOOM with The Prayer Blanket Ministry Mondays @ 7:00pm. Contact them at:

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Thank you and God Bless.

PARISH NEWS



ADORATION CHAPEL REOPENING!!

The Adoration Chapel is targeted for opening **June 6th**; The Feast of Corpus Christi. There will be an Eucharistic procession from the Church to the Adoration Chapel following the 10:30am Mass.

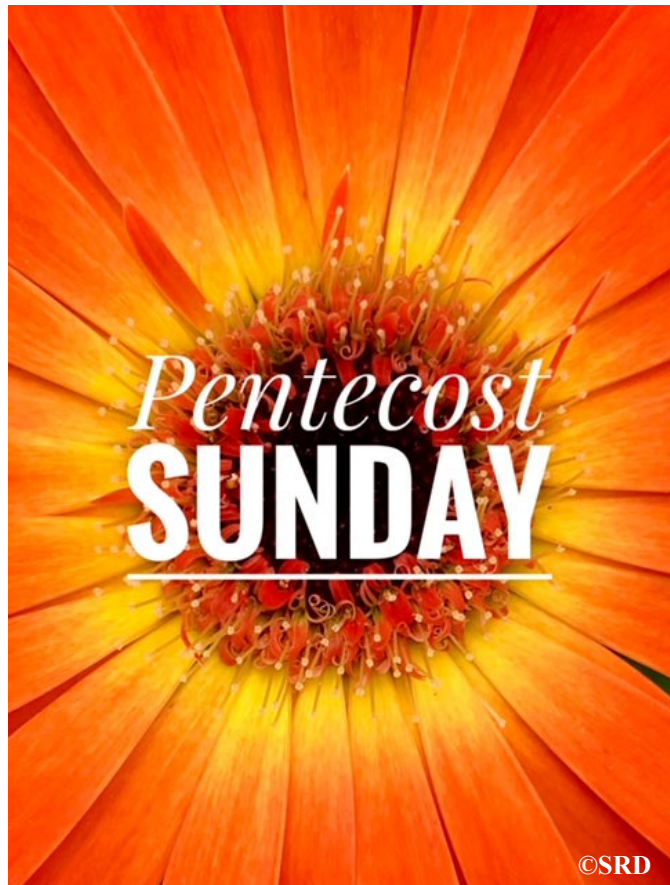
The Adoration Chapel will be available for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00pm – 8:00pm of each week**. Sign up for permanent adoration hours will be via Sign Up Genius on our website. The Adoration Chapel is able to have a maximum of six people. However, Sign Up Genius will have a limit of four registered people for permanent adoration hours. This will allow two walk-in adorers per hour.

Please consider registering for a permanent hour. We require two permanent adorers per hour for the Adoration Chapel to be available for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

In addition, the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available every Monday and Friday of each week from 7:30am to 8:15am followed by the praying of the Rosary at 8:20 in the Church. Daily Mass will commence at 8:45am.

St. Alexander Church opens at 7:30 Monday through Friday for personal pray time prior to daily mass.

Questions? Contact Deacon Jim Krueger at deaconjimk@gmail.com



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PRAYER INTENTIONS



Prayer for Vocations

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

- 24. Fr. Marek Jurzyk, Fr. Michael T. Kearney
- 25. Seminarian Frank Pusateri
- 26. Dcns. Michael Januszewski, **Julio Jimenez**
- 27. Sr. Elanor Carella, Sr. Martin Ellingson, OSM
- 28. Dcns. Kenneth Jackson, Thomas Jagielo, James Janousek
- 29. Fr. Daniel J. Kelly, Fr. Ji Hwang Kim
- 30. Dcns Joseph Johnson, William Johnson, Paul Jung
- 31. Sr. M. Francis Gresser, Sr. Maria Teresa Musto, OSM

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. | Susan due in 9/21. |
| Matt & Danielle due 6/21. | Alexia & Jorge due in 10/21 |
| Theresa & Nick due in 8/21. | Collette & Ben due in 10/21. |
| Anthony & Beth 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.



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, 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 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

Allen Sterwalt, Robert Castellano, Elizabeth Mangini and Those who died from COVID-19.

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| 2021 Total: | \$1,033.50 |
| Total Raised Since 2009: | \$22,317.25 |
| Families Participating: | 52 |
| Accounts (Gas and Electricity): | 88 |

Thank you, Ruben and Julie Dwyer-Stortzum, for participating since October 20th, 2009!

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Call Kathy Gilroy (630) 202-3836 to enroll.



PLEDGE REPORT: May 16, 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.

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| Parish Goal: | \$42,100 |
| Amount Pledged: | \$38,905 |
| Amount Paid: | \$34,346 |
| Remaining Balance: | \$4,559 |
| Donor Count | 198 |

Thank you for your continued support.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Help Wanted - General Office – Parish Secretary

**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church,
Naperville**

**Full-time (40 hours per week),
benefitted position**

We're seeking a new team member who is friendly, positive, energetic, flexible, and a good communicator. Our new staff member must be able to self-direct and prioritize work while being a welcoming presence to the public. Excellent organizational skills are necessary. Training is provided. Previous clerical experience and familiarity with Microsoft Office is required (experience with Publisher and Spanish speaking ability are a plus.) To view a full job description, visit; The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. To apply, please send a brief statement of your interest, a resume and references to mainoffice@stapostle.org. Application deadline is June 11.

Faith Formation Administrative Assistant Job-Share Description

**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church,
Naperville**

**Part-time (12-25 hours per week),
non-benefitted position**

Seeking a friendly, positive, energetic, flexible, good communicator, and team player to join the faith formation clerical team as a job share Administrative Assistant. The Faith Formation Administrative Assistants support the four ministries of Faith Formation: Elementary (pre-K through Grade 5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School Youth/Young Adult Ministry, and Adult Faith Formation. Must be willing to help with a servant leader attitude. Good organizational and communication skills, both oral and written a must. Skilled in Microsoft Office and Publisher experience preferred. To view a full job description, visit; The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. To apply for the position, please send a brief description of your interest in the position, a resume and a list of three references to mainoffice@stapostle.org. Application deadline is June 10.

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 Monday - Friday: 8:45 a.m.
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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.

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 James Krueger/Matthew Tretina
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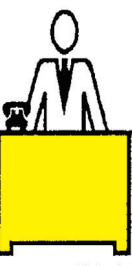
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