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"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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Mass Intentions

Monday Nov. 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:45am Genie Burnette **Tuesday** Nov. 14—Weekday
8:45am Nancy Greco

Wednesday Nov. 15—St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:45am Jim Breggren

Thursday Nov. 16—St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Virgin

8:45am Karen Jorn

Friday Nov. 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:45am Ronald Kostro

Saturday Nov. 18—The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul,

Apostles, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin, BVM

5:00pm Tom & Anne Jones/Angela Saporito & Josephine Santisi/

Nima Haag/Stella Milarski/Urban Baker/Nathan Copeland

Sunday Nov. 19—Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Linda & Nunzio Badlamenti/Arlene Bickler/Ed Driskell/Juan/

James Tellone (1st Anniversary)

10:30a.m. Joyce Maxse

Knights selling raffle tickets

6:00 p.m. People of St. Alexander Parish/Robert Perez, Jr.

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 11/13:		
Rental—Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	7:00pm
Compassionate Friends	Sister's Room	7:00pm
100 th Anniversary Committee	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00-9:00pm
Tues. 11/14:		
Rental—Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Faith Formation—Fundamentals	Library	6:00pm
Fisher's of Men	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
Grandparent Ministry	Sister's Room	7:00pm
Wed. 11/15:		
Rental—Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Music—Youth Choir	Church	6:00pm
Music—Joystirs	Maguire Room	6:45pm
Music—Witness Choir	Church	7:00pm
Music—Spanish Choir	Library	7:00pm
St. Vincent de Paul	Sister's Room	7:00pm
Thurs. 11/16:		
Thursday Coffee	Gathering Space	after 8:45am Mass
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sister's Room	9:30am
Rental—Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
CCW-Deanery Mtg	Sister's Room	6:45pm
Sat. 11/18:		
Knights selling raffle tickets	Gathering Space	after 5pm Mass
Sun. 11/19:		
Faith Formation	Multiple Rooms	8:30am
Hospitality	Gathering Space	8:30am—10:30am
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Gathering Space

after Masses



Mospitality Sunday

You are all invited for hospitality and fellowship!!! Parish Council will host hospitality 3 times a month at one of the Masses. Hospitality is a time for all parishioners to get together in a casual setting with friends and just to "visit". All are invited to bring a favorite comfort food to share with friends after Mass.

Here is the schedule:

1st Weekend: 6:00pm Spanish Mass

1 2nd Weekend: 5:00pm Mass

3rd Weekend: 8:30 & 10:30am Mass



Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm or by appointment 630-833-7730.

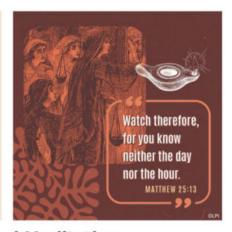
No Reconciliation on Nov. 14th.

St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm or by appointment 630-279-7404

Parish News

Worship & Meditation



Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark. — Father John Muir

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We hold our military personnel and their families in our prayers. To add a name to the Military Prayer List, please email: bulletin@stalexanderparish.org or call the Parish Office @ 630-833-7730.

Names will be published once a month.

Tony Amore (son of Joe and Betty) **Jenna Bishop** (daughter of Ed & Annette Bishop) **Dan Burgess** (grandson of Marilyn Hannon) **Terry Connelly** (son of Sue Connelly) **John Cooper** (nephew of Joyce Splan and Patrick Belling) **Tom Crilly** (son of Joseph & Kim Crilly) **Saverio D'Alessandro** (son of Sue & Tom D'Alessandro) **Dustin Hayes** (grandson of Kevin & Mary O'Connor) **Daniel Hogan** (son of Ed & Annette Bishop) **Eric Iftner** (brother of Megan Iftner) Cameron Littleson (son of Ann & Scott Littleson and son-in-law of Greg and Terry Maher) **Joseph McNulty** (nephew of Kathy McNulty) John Mikita (nephew of Frank Gill) Adam Montana (Son of Christine & Dennis Montana and big brother of Jeremy Montana) Michael O'Hara (son-in-law of Sue Connelly) **Alexander Reiland** (Great-Nephew of Ann Campbell) **Weston Renken** (nephew of Jim & Denise Renken) **Luke Russell** (son of Annmarie Baughman) **Luc Stanicek** (nephew of Mary Flynn)



Parish News



Two of our choirs,

Joystir and Chancel,

are looking for an

accompanist.

- Joystir Choir meets for practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and sings for the Mass on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. The Masses are every first and third weekend of the month. Joystir Choir group is also seeking a guitarist and singers to join
- Chancel Choir meets for practice on Tuesday at 7:00p.m and sings every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

The piano accompanist is paid a stipend for both rehearsal and Masses played.

Interested? Please contact Music Director Gina Gabriel at ggabriel@stalexanderparish.org.

Also, anyone who likes to sing, is welcome to join either one of these choirs.

COAT DRIVE

Our Lady of The Angels Mission Needs Your Help to Provide Coats for the Poor

The Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago are a newly established Catholic men's and women's religious community living and serving at Our Lady of the Angels in West Humboldt Park. This group of men and women need your help in providing warm winter coats for the poor. Last year was a tremendous success! Let's do it again!

- Who: Our Lady of The Angels Mission in Humboldt Park
- What: Quality heavy winter coats for the poor that will last through the coldest days of winter
- For: The sisters are looking for adult coats: women and men sizes L & XL
- When and where: St. Alexander before any Mass from now – weekend of Nov. 25/26

Seminarian Education Endowment Collection

Please respond generously to our second collection for seminarian education.

This weekend, our parish is taking up a second collection for the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign. Your gifts will support the formation of seminarians preparing to serve as our parish priests.

The Diocese of Joliet currently has been blessed with 21 men discerning vocations to the priesthood through seminary formation. Gifts to the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign are being invested in a new endowed fund to ensure the diocese can balance the cost of seminarian education—\$52,250 a seminarian per year—with other ministries essential to the Church's mission.

Please show your gratitude for those who have answered the Lord's call and prayerfully reflect on how you can best help support their formation with a gift to the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign. You may place your completed second collection envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

To learn more about this campaign, please go to https://www.givecentral.org/Seminarian-Education-Endowment-Trust.

Giving Tree Donations

The holiday season will soon be upon us. As always, there is a great need for our local families in Villa Park. We have already received several names from St. Vincent de Paul, District 45 and York Township of families in need. Through the generosity of the parishioners of St. Alexander, we can insure that there will be "No Tears at Christmas". The "Sign Up Genius" will be open November 11th thru November 19th. The recommended donation, from Jewel, Target, and Walmart, is a \$50 family gift card and a \$25 individual gift card for each child. Please contact Betty Martin, 630.346.0177 or Barbara Colby, 630.725.8425 for more information. Special arrangements can be made if "Sign Up Genius" is not possible.

Parish News



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The Chili Cook-off on Oct. 28, 2023, sponsored by the CCW and the K of C, was well attended. There were 9 chilis entered. All were winners, but the first prize went to Dina and Ally Ranieri. And while the chili was being tasted and judged by the attendees the "Up For Grabs Band" played beautiful music!

The proceeds from this event were all donated to help prepare for the upcoming events to celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2024. **THANK YOU CCW, Kof C and the Up For Grabs Band.**



Faith Formation & Parish News

Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com

Parish Council Corner November, 2023

Behind every strong man is a great woman... isn't that how the saying goes? Well, according to our Lord Jesus, women were a very important part in every stage of His life. Jesus talks about women positively in the New Testament, and He sees them as disciples and witnesses. As his followers, so do we.

Here at St. Alexander Church, we have many wonderful women who are unassuming, working to spread God's word, and are constantly picking up the slack to make things work around here. We call them our CCW.

CCW stands for Council of Catholic Women, and its focus is fourfold—church, community, family, and international. Within our church, these ladies support a multitude of daily needs. They provide blankets surrounded in prayer for friends and acquaintances who are ill or suffering. They have activities for Mary's Circle to offer events for those who enjoy daytime activities. They see our church as their family, so they bake and serve at hospitalities. They help out at baptisms, weddings and funerals. They support the altar with the changing of linens as needed. They offer salad suppers, bingo, and other events to promote unity and love among the women of our church. Within our community they

provide a popular craft fair each year in October. They strongly support the right to life. Internationally, caring for our environment is important to them, and they continue to teach all of us how to be aware of the earth around us.

It's fine that these women are unassuming, but it's also time to recognize them for their hard work and love for our church community. On behalf of St. Alexander parish, I would like to thank these wonderful ladies for their time, love, energy, and commitment to our church family. Please, do the same. Let these women know how much we love and need them.

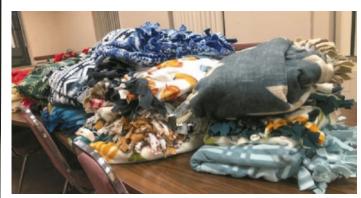
Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. In the meantime, have a great month! May God bless you all.

Linda Krause Lindakra@gmail.com

Faith Formation Service Project

In 2015, ten siblings from four families decided that they wanted to help those in their fight against cancer. They decided to make fleece tie blankets. They hoped that the blankets would bring patients warmth to their bodies and hearts during their treatments and it worked. The hospitals reached out to them and said that the patients were overcome by emotion. So every year now they have a blanket drive to continue to help as many people as they can."

St. Alexander Faith Formation donated 24 blankets. The blankets were blessed by Father Rosenbaum. C3 wrote the students a beautiful thank you card.



Thank you so much for your amazing denation!
You will have previded so many patients with warmth, a smile and the reminder that others are thinking about them during their difficult journey of Thank you again!

Prayer Intentions



- 13. Fr. Gerald Tivy, Fr. Tri V. Tran
- 14. Sr. Barbara Kwiatkowski OSF, Sr. Suzanne Lesniewski OSF, Sr. Leo Marie Luecke OSF
- 15. Fr. Reynaldo Treyes, Fr. Michal Twaruzek
- Dcns. John Sebastian, John Shea, Daniel Simmet, Patrick Skelly, James Sossong, Anthony Spatafore
- 17. Sr. Jane Nienaber OSF, Sr. Teresa Noser OSF
- 18. Dcns. John Spiezio, Douglas Starasinich, Dennis F. Stolarz, Frederick Straub, Robert Sullivan
- Sr. Rita Mandella OSF, Sr. Mary Lou Marchetti OSF, Sr. Joanne Marusa OSF.



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. If someone can be taken off this sick list, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

Ray Bacci, Charles Baker, Pete Connelly,
Bill Conroy, Kathy Drinkwater,
Wendy Granrath, Reinelia Leiva,
Mary Mullen, Fr. John Ouper,
Brianna Payne, James Rohrich,
Susanne Strickland, Deacon Herb Waldron,
Kevin Wallace, Laurie Wallace, those
affected by the conflicts in Ukraine & Israel

We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website: www.stalexanderparish.org

Pray For

Our Faithful Departed

Names mentioned at the All Souls Mass, those who died from COVID, Natural Disasters and the violence in our world.

Eucharistic Adoration

The Adoration Chapel is open: Tuesday: 3:00pm—10:00pm, Wednesday: 3:00pm—9:00pm, Thursday: 3:00pm—10:00pm.



The Chapel is located in the Kennedy Center building North of the Church on Cornell Avenue.

Adoration is also available in the Church on Mondays from 3-4pm.

Rosebud Program

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



CONGRATULATIONS

Anthony & Beth on the birth of their daughter Lucille Lake.

Katie & Joh non the birth of their son Jack.

Lori & Fred due in 10/2023 Lindsay & Dan due in 1/2024 Diana & Jake due in 1/2024 Patrick & Anna due 4/2024

Special Intentions for:

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

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.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 11/5/2023	\$8,151
Online Giving (WeShare) 11/1—11/7/2023	\$4,375
Weekly Goal	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$175,718
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks	\$450,000
Major Maintenance 11/5/2023	\$55
Major Maint. Online Giving 11/1-11/7/202	3 \$105

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander parish.



The 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

PLEDGE REPORT: Nov. 5, 2023

Thank you to all those who have made pledges. Please continue to make your **2023 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.

Parish Goal: \$46,700
Amount Pledged: \$46,311
Amount Paid: \$44,906
Remaining Balance: \$1,405
Donor Count 217

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Parishioner Registration

Why register with St. Alexander Parish?

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Benefits to registering as a Parishioner:

- Registration helps you stay connected with the parish, builds community and helps the parish stay connected with you.
- 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.
- 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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Name:
Address:
City/Zip:
Phone:
[] New Parishioner[] New Address

New Phone Number

Deanery/Diocesan News



Dear Friends,

We know that a harsh winter is just around the corner. At Catholic Charities, we are preparing for the upcoming months to ensure that our clients are warm and safe this winter. In fact, some of our Christmas programs have already begun!

In recent months, Catholic Charities' Counseling Services has grown tremendously. Mental health care is more important than ever and increasingly difficult to access due to expense and high demand for services. Catholic Charities is responding to this need with expanded services. We are now offering three virtual group therapy sessions tailored to specific demographics: one designed for men, another for teenagers, and one focusing on anger management. These sessions provide a safe space for discussions, healing, and personal growth. The response has been very positive and we will continue to add sessions to meet the needs of our community.

Additionally, our private counseling services are accessible to anyone seeking help. We understand the financial challenges that many individuals and families face. Our sliding scale fee structure ensures that our counseling services are available to everyone, regardless of their financial situation.

I am excited to share that we have also expanded our school counseling services this year! Our school counseling services provide crucial emotional and mental health support to students in ten area schools.

If you could benefit from our counseling services, please reach out. We are here to support you on your journey toward mental and emotional wellness. Call 815-723-0331 or email counselingreferrals@cc-doj.org.

May God bless you and all those you love, always.

Kathleen Langdon Executive Director

Come Learn about the Life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Thursday, November 16, 2023 6:00 - Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm - Presentation

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Ministry Center Social Hall 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville



Director of Catechesis and Evangelization, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. After her baptism at the age of nineteen, the saint lived a life of intense holiness until her death at the age of twenty-four. Kateri dedicated herself to God and listened to his voice in the silence of nature. The beauty of the natural world was a place of communion with God for Kateri. Though she suffered greatly both physically and spiritually, she remained ever faithful to Christ. She is the first Native American to be canonized as a saint.

For more information and to RSVP, please visit sspeterandpaul.net/cloud

Catholic Charities' Anger Management Group

Catholic Charities' Counseling Services presents a new virtual group series for men and women, Anger Management. This group will help you learn to recognize the signs of anger and ways to maintain control. You will start to identify triggers and resolve them calmly. Instead of suppressing your rage, you will gain strategies for expressing your anger in a controlled, constructive way.

The program starts on November 20th, 2023 and meets virtually each Monday at 5:30PM. Go to catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or call 815-723-0331 to register.

Questions? Email <u>counselingreferrals@cc-doj.org</u>. Please note: This program is not intended for court, legal, probation, parole, and employment requirements.

Deanery/Diocesan News

All women of St. Alexander are invited to our

Women's Morning of Reflection:
"Celebrating the Holidays with God"
(Sponsored by St. John's CCW)

Join us as we discover ways to make the holiday season more spiritually uplifting and meaningful.

Saturday, December 9th St. John the Apostle Library (330 N. Westmore Ave, Villa Park)

8:00 Mass (optional) 8:30 continental breakfast 9:00 program

Cost: \$5

Please contact Terry to register: Text or call 630-235-2966 Email: tlb1004@att.net



St. John the Apostle CCW Annual Team Trivia Night

Saturday, November 18th

Doors open 6:00 (after 5:00 Mass)
Game begins promptly at 6:45
Donation: \$10 per adult 14 and older
\$5 per child under 14

Start gathering your smartest friends and family to form a team to compete against your fellow parishioners. We are looking for teams to compete. Tables will hold teams as large as 8 players. Even if you're a single or smaller group please join us. If you desire, we will combine singles and small teams (less than 4 people) to form larger teams. Just let us know. This will allow you to make new friends while having fun over those tidbits of wisdom you've collected over the years. You are encouraged to bring anything for your team to eat and enjoy. We will provide coffee and pop and have a table with desserts.

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by 11/12 to register or for more info.

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1:00 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

Church Website:www.stalexanderparish.orgParish e-mail:office@stalexanderparish.orgBulletin 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.(Eng/Span)

Saturday 4:00 p.m.—4:45p.m.

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 @ 12:15 p.m.

Spanish Baptisms:

3rd Sunday of the month @ 3:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made **AT LEAST SIX (6)** months in advance before making other arrangements.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00pm—10:00pm

Wednesday from 3:00pm—9:00pm

Pastor: Reverend Mark Rosenbaum

Mass Assistants:

Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/Rev. David Medow/

Rev. Johnus Cherunilath

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