

# St. Alexander Catholic Church

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**FIRST**

Sunday  
OF

*Advent*

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.  
... When these signs begin to happen,  
stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Nov. 29—Advent Weekday</b> People of St. Alexander Parish
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Nov. 30—St. Andrew, Apostle</b> Elsie Hughes (1st Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 1—Advent Weekday</b> Ron Strom
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 2—Advent Weekday</b> Eleanor Burton
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 3—St. Francis Xavier, Priest</b> Int. Cynthia Brown
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>Dec. 4—Advent Weekday</b> Marvin G. Jett/Urban Baker
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Dec. 5—Second Sunday of Advent</b> Joe Gilles/Danny Pinkart Robert Adamczyk Spanish Mass—Maria Perez Hernandez

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).  
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Mon. 11/29:

Rental—YMCA	Hall/Gym	1pm—2pm
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm

### Tues. 11/30:

Rental—YMCA	Hall/Gym	1pm—2pm
Rental-YMCA	Hall/Gym	4:00pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm
Fishers of Men Prayer Group.	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir practice	Maguire Room	7:00pm

### Wed. 12/1:

Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Music-Witness Choir	Library	6:00pm
Faith Formation	Fr. Tuan Room	6:00pm
Spanish Choir practice	Church	7:00pm

### Thurs. 12/2:

Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sister's Room	9:30am
Rental-ICCP basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:15pm
Rental-St. Pius basketball practice	Hall/Gym	5:00pm
Knights of Columbus	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Cub Scout Pack #122 Parent Meeting	Barrett Room	6:30pm
CCW Board Meeting	Sister's Room	6:30pm

### Sat. 12/4:

Giving Tree	Hall/Gym	8:30am
Faith Formation Breakfast with Jesus	Hall/Gym	7:00am
Faith Formation	Hall/Gym	4:00pm
Faith Formation	Fr. Tuan Room	4:00pm



## 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

## Gospel Reflection



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### A NEW BEGINNING

Today, whether at evening, morning, or midday, in many communities of different churches around the world, the first candle lighted in each Advent wreath silently but beautifully announces the beginning of a new liturgical year. This new beginning presents a grace-filled opportunity for us to resolve to live not simply according to the secular calendar of our commercialized society, but according to the spirit of the liturgy. There's nothing wrong—indeed there can be something quite holy—about planning to celebrate God's surprising gift of the Son by surprising our loved ones with thoughtful gifts at Christmas. But how important, amid the rush of holiday preparations, to take the time and to make the effort to appreciate Advent's early twilights and later sunrises, awash in the purples, deep blues, and even the dusky rose colors we associate with Advent. Thus we let nature's own "Advent" prompt reflections on the "Advent" that Jeremiah saw coming.

### IMAGES OF THE END-TIMES

How forcefully today's scriptures challenge us to attend to the ominous nature of the Kingdom's definitive in-breaking! The call echoes through Jeremiah's prophecy: "In those days, in that time" and in Paul's letter: "at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen." The theme intensifies toward a crescendo in Luke: "there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth . . . dismay and perplexity." People will be scared to death—literally—"in anticipation of what is coming upon the world," as "seas and waves roar" and "the powers of heaven will be shaken." And all of this will be just a prelude to "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." In the face of this "awful" (that is, filled-with-awe) ending, Jesus warns his disciples to guard against two equally debilitating extremes, both of which seem to be trademarks of our contemporary culture: deadening diversion on one hand, and frantic anxiety on the other.

### PREPARATION FOR THE END-TIMES

In light of these predictions of frightening end-times, Jesus advises us to embrace his three-fold "Preparation for the End Program": (1) "Beware!" that is, be aware of what really matters, life's true priorities. (2) "Be vigilant at all times," that is, watchful for Christ's coming not only at the end but in the meantime, in family and neighbor, friend and stranger. (3) Above all, "pray." Prayer, communion with God, will help us to remember that for faithful disciples, The End of this world—or our own lives, whichever comes first—will be The Beginning of a joy no one can take from us, fullness of life that will never end. How lovely if this Advent's renewal prepared us to look forward to the moment of Jesus' coming—in his glory or our death—not as a cataclysmic disaster, but as a reason for which to "stand erect and raise (our) heads (in joyful expectation) because (our) redemption is at hand."

### TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14–16  
Psalm 25:4–5, 8–9, 10, 14  
1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2  
Luke 21:25–28, 34–36

# PARISH NEWS



## First Sunday of Advent



## The Choirs are coming back!

The choirs are now starting to practice again and all former and new members welcome! Contact Alexia Garcia, Music Director, if you have any questions or interested in joining the music ministry.

[ialexiagarcia@gmail.com](mailto:ialexiagarcia@gmail.com)

Now that CCW is getting back in the swing of things, you'll never believe what we found in the JDCCW office...

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# Nativity



## CCW CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2 Tickets for \$5.00

*This beautiful handmade Nativity is cross stitched on hand-dyed linen with 70 different colored and metallic floss.*

Tickets can be purchased after all masses on the weekends of November 27/28, December 4/5, and 11/12. This drawing is open to everyone. The winner will be drawn on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Ornament Therapy Event. Winner need not be present. Actual Frame Size: 13" X 16" Design Size: 9" X 12"  
Approximately 20,000 stitches.

# Faith Formation News and Parish/Diocesan News

Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—[khalloran@x-town.com](mailto:khalloran@x-town.com)



## Sweets on Sunday December 11/12 After Masses

We will be having **Sweets on Sunday** the weekend of December 11/12 after Masses. Plan to grab a cup of coffee and a sweet snack, purchased from Kuppie's in Villa Park, on your way out of Mass.

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

<b>Bulletin Date:</b>	<b>Article Due:</b>
December 19	December 8
December 26	December 14
January 2, 2022	December 21

Please submit your articles to:  
[bulletin@stalexanderparish.org](mailto:bulletin@stalexanderparish.org).


Attach a Word File to your email and include a contact name and phone number on each article indicating the date(s) you would like the article to run.

*Thank you!*

*For Men and Women*

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—Kathy H.

"I have such a greater appreciation and reverence for the Church and for Mass. Participating at Mass has so much more meaning now."  
— Jim J.


**For more information visit: [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/beformed](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/beformed)**


**Register by  
December 12th!**




**Groups are now forming!**

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# LIFE

CHICAGO

## ADULT & FAMILY BUS TRIP

**Saturday, January 8th 2022** 11:50 am–4 pm  
Round Trip Bus Between Elmhurst and Daley Plaza



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To register in person, visit IC Parish office:  
134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126 630-530-8515

**Questions?** Contact:  
**Tess Hill** 630-732-1129 [thill@Lwreedy.com](mailto:thill@Lwreedy.com)

**Schedule for the day:**

<b>11:50 pm</b>	Depart from Immaculate Conception
<b>12:50 pm</b>	Arrive in Chicago
<b>1-3 pm</b>	Rally & March: Beginning at Federal Plaza
<b>3:00 pm</b>	Board bus to return to Elmhurst
<b>4:00 pm</b>	Arrive at Immaculate Conception

There is a second bus specifically for high school students (\$5 per ticket)—details and registration materials available at <http://bit.ly/30j77g0>.

# PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



**John Angotti**  
**Go Tell It on the Mountain Tour**  
 From Advent to Christmas

We all have our faith stories and we are all called to go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is alive and dwells among us.

**COMING TO VISITATION PARISH, ELMHURST**  
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The Giving Tree Ministry is incredibly grateful to all our parishioners at St. Alexander. Thank you so much for your generous contributions. There will be a drop box, like the one

used for the Sunday collection, in the Gathering Space on November 27/28 and then again on December 4/5 for your gifts. Please place the gift card in an envelope with the family number and recipient's name on the envelope. Additional Jewel, Target, and Walmart gift cards will be accepted if you were unable to use the "Sign Up Genius" to make your contribution.

Please contact Betty Martin @ 630-346-0177 or Barbara Colby @ 630-725-8426 with any questions or if special arrangements need to be made to pick up or drop off gift cards.

CCW of St. Alexander Invites all women of our Parish to join us for:

## *Ornament Therapy*



Thursday, December 16, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00 per person

Registration and prepayment are required.

Bring your holiday cheer and your reading glasses as we will be making not 1, not 2, but 3 different ornaments!



Count me in for the Ornament Therapy Event! \$6 per person.

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

Cash and checks will be accepted. If paying by check, make it payable to CCW St. Alexander. We will be collecting after masses on the weekends of December 4/5 and 11/12 in the Gathering Space or drop off during the week in the Blue Drop box marked CCW located on counter in Gathering Space.

# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## Nov./Dec. 2021 Prayer for Vocations

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

29. **Patrick Frenci, Saul Garcia, Reyes Gonzalez, John Jensen, Charles Scott Parks (2025 Deacon Candidates)**
30. Sr. Albert Marie Papesch OSF, Sr. Maria Pesavento OSF, Sr. Phyllis Pitz OSF
1. Br. Augustine Mallak OSB, Br. Gregory Perron OSB, Br. Richard Poro OSB
2. **Mark Ranieri, Rodney Sindac, David Stanton, (Deacon Candidates)**
3. Sr. Geraldine Podobnik OSF, Sr. Lois Prebil OSF, Sr. Margaret (Peggy) Quinn OSF
4. **Bishop Conlon**
5. Sr. Janet Rieden OSF, Sr. Marianne Saieg OSF, Sr. Sandra Salois OSF

## Rosebud Program

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



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Kelly and Jeremy on the birth of their son.  
Tricia and Cameron on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Grace.  
Ben and Collette on the birth of their daughter Eleanor Jane.  
Anthony & Beth on the birth of their daughter Iris Aveline.

Lindsay & Dan due in 12/21.

Lily & Tim due in 12/21.

### Special Intentions for:

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.

**Emily Bertucci, Nu Bui, Emil Ciardullo, Bob Connell, Garcey DiBella, Walter Dittmer, Barb Doyle, Matt Doyle, Prinda Fabis, Clara Fiedler, Joe Frank, Joy and Gene Gassensmith, Frank Gill, Marge Green, Joan Gnadt-Hayes, Maria Hernandez, Nick Jones, Joe Kilgallon, Diane Knudtson, Chrissy Kulinski, Peter Maney, Ray Orsolini, Meadow Paulsen, Hailey Wilson Peyer, Jerry Riley, Jon Riley, Roy Robinson, James Rohrich, Andres Villeras Santana, Gary Spearman, Gerry Spearman, Karen Soukup, Allan Sterwalt, Clare Stralko, Linda Toaddy, Judy Travnicek, and all those sick from COVID**

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 Marie Seiwert and for those who died from COVID-19.

# STEWARDSHIP

**Due to an early bulletin deadline, financials could not be reported at this time.**

*Thank you for your continued financial support of St. Alexander!*



**PLEDGE REPORT: Nov. 14, 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>\$47,060</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$45,568</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$492</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>Rebate</b>	<b>\$3,128</b>

*Thank you for your continued support.*

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# 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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- [ ] New Parishioner                      [ ] New Address  
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**Office Hours:**  
 Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon  
 1:00 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.  
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**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 @ 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**  
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 3:00pm-8:00pm  
**Pastor:** Reverend Mark Rosenbaum  
**Mass Assistants:**  
 Rev. David Dillon/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/  
 Rev. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/  
 Rev. Danny Soriano/Rev. Johnus  
**Permanent Deacons:**  
 John Boyle, Emeritus/Christopher Cochran/Julio Jimenez  
 James Krueger/Matthew Tretina  
**Music Coordinator:** Alexia Garcia  
**Office Administrator:** Sue D’Alessandro  
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