


# St. Alexander Catholic Church

*LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU*

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MARK 12:41-42

**THIRTY-SECOND**

Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 2021

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Nov. 8—Weekday</b> Int. Crestita Mata/Arsenio Mata, Jr.
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Nov. 9—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b> Ron Kocolowski
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Nov. 10—St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</b> Julio J. Jimenez, Sr.
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00a.m.	<b>Nov. 11—St. Martin of Tours, Bishop/Veteran's Day</b> Genevieve Sangpeal
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Nov. 12—St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr</b> Int. Jack Kawano
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>Nov. 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</b> Hubert & Therese Klaus/Tom & Anne Jones/Pat & Bill Griesbaum/Ken Wallace/Urban Baker
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>Nov. 14—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Altha Grider/Int. of Joe Tinaglia/Int. Kurt & Marianne Coger/ Yolanda Gentile/Bob Chandler/Int. Abelardo Capulong
10:30a.m.	John Sidor
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—The People of St. Alexander Parish

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

**Gospel** — Beware of those who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces and places of honor at banquets (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37  
**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Mon. 11/8:

Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm

### Tues. 11/9:

Faith Formation Youth Bible Study	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
Compassionate Friends	Gathering Space	6:30pm
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm
Fishers of Men	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm

### Wed. 11/10:

St. Vincent de Paul	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Rental-Men's Volleyball	Hall/Gym	7:00pm
Spanish Choir practice	Church	7:00pm
Witness Choir practice	Library	6:00pm

### Thurs. 11/11:

Rental-St. Pius Basketball	Hall/Gym	5:00pm
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### Sun. 11/14:

Faith Formation K-5 grades	Hall/Gym	9:00am
Faith Formation 2nd grade	Fr. Tuan Room	9:00am
Faith Formation 6-8 grades	Hall/Gym	4:00pm
Faith Formation 6th grade	Barrett 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



**Veteran's Day Mass**  
**Thurs., November 11, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m. @ St. Alexander's**

\*Please note: The St. Alexander Parish Office  
**WILL** be open on Veteran's, 11/11/21.

## Gospel Reflection

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### MOVING TOWARD THE END OF HISTORY

This year, it seems the Lectionary's scriptures not only reinforce the Catholic tradition of November prayer for our beloved departed, but also join with nature's storms and the pandemic as well as humanity's violent disasters to remind us that we are moving inexorably toward the end of history, both the world's and our own. Today's Old Testament reading prepares us for a fruitful hearing of the Gospel. The primary challenge set before us is an undoubted faith that prompts the total giving of self. That lesson is offered to us with an urgency matching November's eschatological motif: the End and the Judgment. Two widows are presented, the Old Testament's widow of Zarephath and the Gospel's widow of the temple. Both exemplify faith-filled people who quietly give what they cannot afford: their all, for the glory of God and in the service of others.

### GREAT FAITH IS DEMANDED

We quickly come to admire the Old Testament widow whom Elijah asks for help. The Zarephath widow is carrying only "a couple of sticks," to cook her limited resources, "a handful of flour and a little oil," fulfilling her personal responsibility, "for myself and my son" (1 Kings 17:12). Elijah's request demands great faith and self-sacrifice of this poor widow, because providing such life-sustaining care to a "foreign" prophet puts the widow's survival and her son's at great risk: her religion is worshipping paganism's false idol, Baal; her king is father of Jezebel, now wife of Elijah's king Ahab. Elijah is fleeing the death-threatening wrath of both Jezebel and Ahab, whom Elijah infuriated by declaring that God had decreed a drought to punish them for corrupting Israel with Jezebel's Baal-worship. Elijah makes the widow's risk explicit by promising that her flour and oil will not fail by power of "the Lord, the God of Israel (not her god, Baal!)" (17:14). Therefore, faith is demanded both of the one who gives, the widow, and of the one who asks, Elijah.

### SELF-SACRIFICING GIFT

Today's Gospel episode takes place just after Jesus enters Jerusalem immediately before his Passion. Trustfully and with self-sacrifice, like Zarephath's widow and the widow whom Jesus sees at the temple, Jesus will give his all for our redemption. Thus Jesus emphasizes of the widow he sees that her gift is unreserved: "from her poverty, all she had, her whole livelihood" (Mark 12:44). And, doubtlessly, Jesus saw himself and his self-giving in her and her self-giving. In Mark's next chapter Jesus predicts the downfall of this very temple. So the widow's unreserved giving from what she could not afford must have struck Jesus both as a victimization by others and, in the end, as a useless gift: the building controlled by the scribes' manipulation was destined for destruction. Her giving became a vivid prefiguring of his own victimization by others in the unreserved giving of his very life, which would seem to many a useless gift, for Jesus would die and be buried. Only Jesus' true disciples—are we?—believe that, by his resurrection, Jesus has become the Cornerstone of the new building, the Church, that replaces that torn-down temple. Therefore, we are to make our own gift of self to God in our unceasing gift of self-sacrificing love to others until Jesus comes again.

### TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 17:10–16  
Psalm 146:7, 8–9, 9–10  
Hebrews 9:24–28  
Mark 12:38–44 [41–44]

## PARISH NEWS



### 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)



### St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! **St. Vincent De Paul** will again be providing a Thanksgiving turkey and groceries to those in need. We will **NOT** be collecting groceries or turkeys as we have done in the past. Instead, we are purchasing complete Dinner Baskets from the Illinois Food Bank thru Catholic Charities. You will find an envelope for St. Vincent de Paul in November's envelope packet. You can also donate **ONLINE** at:

[www.stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com](http://www.stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com)

These donations will help us purchase these Baskets, and continue our work thru the end of the year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

### COOKED AND FROZEN CASSEROLES DUE BACK THIS WEEKEND, NOV. 6/7!

#### CASSEROLE MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2021

Date

Returned

Frozen Casserole

Nov. 6/7

Shepherd's Pie & Rockburn Chili

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



#### CCW UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars to save the dates for these upcoming CCW Events!

- **Thurs. 11/18 @ 7:00pm**—Movie Night to watch “Unbreakable” (*parish event*)
- **Thurs. 12/16 @ 7:00pm**—Ornament Therapy. (*ladies only, RSVP*)



**Early bulletin deadlines coming up.**

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

#### November early deadlines:

Wed. November 17

Bulletin for Nov. 28 is due

#### December early deadlines:

Wed. December 8

December 19 issue is due

Tues., December 14

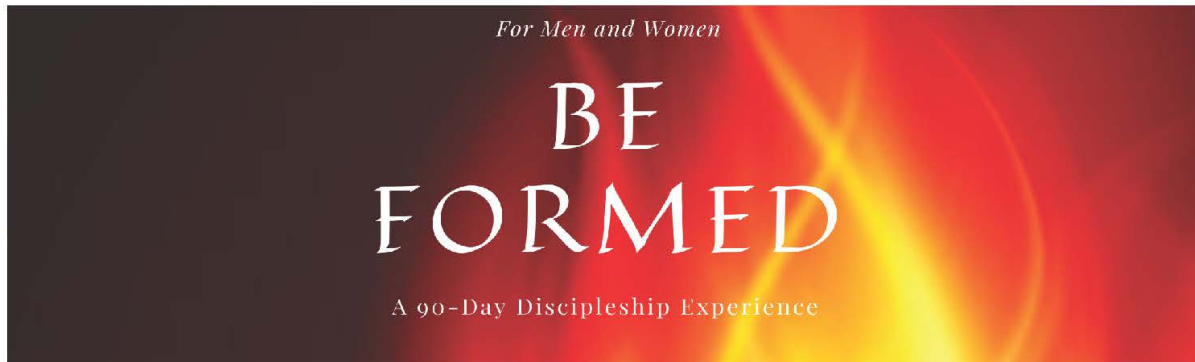
December 26 issue is due

Tues., December 21

January 2, 2022 issue is due

# Faith Formation News and Parish/Diocesan News

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



## January 18-April 17, 2022

### The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Led by Father Burke Masters

- Monthly online large group nights of reflection
- Weekly small group gatherings
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- Weekly videos emailed directly to your inbox
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"I attended Catholic elementary and high school plus 12 years of Bible Study and cannot get over how much I am learning about the meaning of the parts of the Mass! Now when I attend Mass I am aware of the significance of the words and gestures."  
-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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## PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

### Our Flock is not Lost

#### It is Time to Call them Back by Name

During our masses **November 20/21**, we will hold a special prayer event in which all 16 parishes of the Eastern DuPage Deanery will pray for the return of our parishioners. Please think of those who you miss seeing at mass. We will write the first names of all our missed parishioners and pray that they find their way back to church.



With so much uncertainty with the pandemic. The Giving Tree Ministry will continue the gift card program this year. More than ever there is a great need for our local families in Villa Park. We have received several names already from St. Vincent de Paul, York Township and District 45. Through the generosity of the parishioners at St. Alexander we can ensure that there will be “No Tears at Christmas”. A “Sign Up Genius” for gift card donations will be used. The recommended donation is a \$50 family gift card and \$25 individual gift card for each child. The “Sign Up Genius” will be active on November 13 through November 21.

Please contact Betty Martin @ 630-346-0177 or Barbara Colby @ 630-725-8425 for more information or with questions. Special arrangements can be made if “Sign Up Genius is not possible.



## BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021**  
**7:30AM—11:30AM**  
**St. Alexander Hall**

- \$8 (2 for \$15). You get a to-go container full of pancakes, sausage and eggs.
- As always our money raised will go directly back to our community needs. We will also be collecting money for the intellectually disabled.
- Thank you all for your continued support.



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### A FAMILY EVENT

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2021**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**3:30 pm in the church**



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# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## November 2021 Prayer for Vocations

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

- 8. Fr. Anthony Taschetta
- 9. Dcns. Paul Sarantakos, Anthony Schlott, Paul Schneider, Thomas Schroeder, Carl Schumacher, Ronald Searls
- 10. Seminarian Abel Luviano**
- 11. Sr. Odelia Kloc OSF, Sr. Anna Konrath OSF, Sr. Margaret Krieger OSF
- 12. Fr. Joseph Chang O.S.B., Fr. Becket Franks O.S.B. Fr. Gabriel Baltas, O.S.B.
- 13. Fr. Gerald Tivy, Fr. Tri V. Tran
- 14. Sr. Barbara Kwiatkowski OSF, Sr. Suzanne Lesniewski, SF, Sr. Leo Marie Luecke OSF

## Rosebud Program

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



### CONGRATULATIONS!

- Alexia & Jorge on the birth of their son Camilo.
- Ben and Collette on the birth of their daughter Eleanor Jane.
- Anthony & Beth on the birth of their daughter Iris Aveline.
- Susan on the birth of her sons Levi William & Lincoln James.
- Tricia & Cameron due in 10/21.
- Lindsay & Dan due in 12/21.
- Kelly & Jeremy due in 11/21.
- 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.

- Marty Athy, Emily Bertucci, Nu Bui, Emil Cardullo, Bob Connell, Garcey DiBella, Walter Dittmer, Barb Doyle, Matt Doyle, Prinda Fabis, Clara Fiedler, Joe Frank, Joy and Gene Gassensmith, Frank Gill, Marge Green, Judy (McArdle) Heikes, Maria Hernandez, Pat Ivanauski, Nick Jones, Diane Knudtson, Armon McArdle, Chrissy Kulinski, Peter Maney, Ray Orsolini, 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**

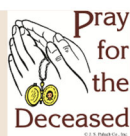
We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : [www.stalexanderparish.org](http://www.stalexanderparish.org)



## 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

- Henry Kurzawski, Lourdes Pina, Sam Licari, Marie Demke, Mary Cucinella and for those who died from COVID-19**

# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 10/31/2021.....	\$4,773
Online Giving (WeShare) 10/26/21—10/31/21	\$3,052
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$154,878
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—51 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 10/31/2021.....	\$118
Online Giving (WeShare) 10/26/21—10/31/21	\$35

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



**PLEDGE REPORT: Oct. 31, 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>\$45,005</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$44,206</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$799</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>223</b>
<b>Rebate</b>	<b>\$1,474</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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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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.  
 (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  
**Parish Registrar:** Rita Matthews  
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**Director:** Kathy Halloran



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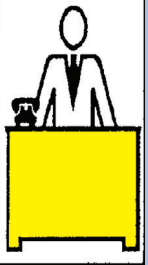
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