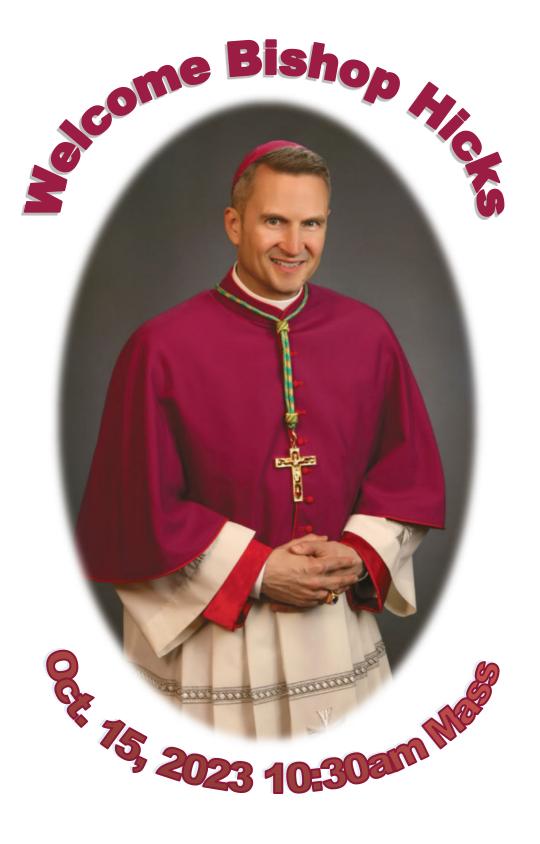
# St. Alexander Catholic Church

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# Mass Intentions

Monday Oct. 16-St. Hedwig, Religious,

St. Margaret Mary, Alacoque, Virgin

8:45am Int. Patrick Tretina

Tuesday Oct. 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

8:45am Denis Rosenbaum

Wednesday Oct. 18—St. Luke, Evangelist

8:45am Kathy Brunig

Thursday Oct. 19—Sts. John de Brebéuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests,

and Companions, Martyrs

8:45am Phillip Rood

Friday Oct. 20—St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:45am Judy Koller

Hospitality

Saturday Oct. 21—Weekday

5:00pm Braun & Liss Families/Tom & Anne Jones/John Polnik/

Marian & Peter Kurasz, Sr. Emil Fischer/Angela Saporito &

Josephine Santisi/Marvin G. Jett

Sunday Oct. 22—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Arlene Bickler/Larry Heppe/Int. Kathy Drinkwater/

Int. Blair Huerta

10:30a.m. Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo & Michael Monroe 6:00 p.m. People of St. Alexander Parish/Roberto Perez

# Weekly Facility Schedule

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Mon. 10/16:		
O.C.I.A.	Fr. Tuan Room	6:00pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	7:00pm
Compassionate Friends	Sister's Room	7:00pm
CCW-Prayer Blankets	Gathering Space	7:00pm
Tues. 10/17:		
Fishers of Men Meeting	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
Parish Council	Sister's Room	7:00pm
Wed. 10/18:		
Music—Youth Choir Practice	Church	6:00pm
Music—Witness Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
Music—Spanish Choir Practice	Library	7:00pm
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Thurs. 10/19:		6 6
Thursday Coffee	Gathering Space	after 8:45am Mass
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sister's Room	9:30pm
Fri. 10/20:		
CCW Craft Fair set up	Hall/Gym	5:00pm
Sat. 10/21:		
CCW Craft Fair	Hall/Gym	9am—3pm
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Sun. 10/22:		
Faith Formation	Multiple Rooms	8:30am

**Gathering Space** 

after 10:30am Mass



Life can be hard. Are you struggling with physical or emotional health issues? Please

plan to come to the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, November 4th. After Mass, Father will administer the **Sacrament of Healing** to all who wish to be anointed.

#### **Hospitality 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

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.

#### St. John the Apostle:

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

# Parish/Diocesan News

# **Diocese of Joliet**Office of the Bishop



www.dioceseofjoliet.org

Blanchette Catholic Center 16555 Weber Rd.

October 2023

Dear Friends,

On October 22, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, when we join Catholics worldwide in supporting the missionary work of the Church. Pope Francis draws inspiration from the Road to Emmaus story for the theme of this year's World Mission Sunday: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move" (Luke 24:13–35). In his message, Pope Francis invites us to set our hearts ablaze with faith and put our faith into action, serving God's mission with joy, enthusiasm, and tireless dedication:

- 1. "Hearts on Fire"—As Christians, we're called to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts. Our burning faith fuels our actions, inspiring us to serve others in our daily lives.
- 2. "Feet on the Move"—Pope Francis encourages us to not only feel the faith but to act on it. It's our mission to move, serve, and spread the Good News, bringing God's love and peace to all His children.

We can all contribute to this mission movement with prayers and activities, including material offerings. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday—the only mandatory collection held each year in every Catholic parish—is dedicated to supporting the missionary work of the Church.

Your donations and prayers support helps fund missionary activities around the world, such as training future priests and religious, supporting religious Sisters, empowering catechists teaching the faith, funding clinics for the sick and dying, and providing homes for orphaned children.

With "hearts on fire" and "feet on the move," let us put our faith into action in every corner of the world by donating to the second collection on October 22.

With every good wish, may God bless you.

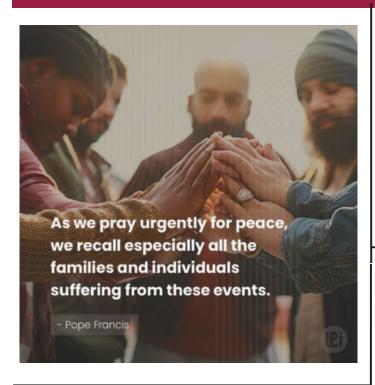
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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks Bishop of Joliet

# Parish News





**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



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

"WE WELCOME YOU."

Hayden Mateo Avalos, son of Daniel Avalos and Natalie Chiappetta.

Lincoln James Seidel, son of Jason Seidel and Jamie Chiappetta.

# WANTE DELICIOUS











Baked goods are needed to sell at the St. Alexander CCW Crafters' Holiday and Bake Sale on October 21st.

Please contact Dolores Luka 708-609-6519 for additional bake sale questions you may have.

St. Alexander CCW's Presents:

**CRAFTERS' HOLIDAY** AND BAKE SALE October 21st 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact Fran Gilles for information at ccwstalexander@gmail.com.

# Parish News



# 2023 Feast of All Souls Mass Thursday, November 2 @ 8:00pm

St. Alexander will observe the Feast of All Souls on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at a 8:00pm Mass. During the Mass, you will be invited to pray in memory of your loved one as his/her name is read aloud. The Easter Candle, symbolizing the Risen Christ, and present at each Funeral Mass, will be lighted in memory of all of the deceased loved ones who have gone ahead to New Life with the Risen Lord.

You are also invited to bring a small framed photograph of your deceased family member and to place it on the "Table of Remembrance" in the Gathering Space. Please write your name and phone number on the back of the photo and plan to remove the photo by November 22, 2023 @ NOON.

If you wish to have the name of someone who has died since October 31, 2022 included, please complete the form below and return to the Parish Office by Monday, October 23, 2023 @ NOON. If you would also like the person's name included in the October 29, 2023 bulletin, please return the form by Monday, October 23, 2023 @ NOON.

#### 2023—All Souls Mass and Bulletin

Name of Deceased	<u>Month</u>	

Annual Pet Blessing on October 1, 2023.

Photo Credit:





Blessing of the New Divine Mercy sign on the southeast corner of the St. Alexander property on October 8, 2023.

Photo credit: Dcn. Matt

# **Christmas Card Project**

Again this year, our parish is collecting **SIGNED**, Christmas Cards for *Companions Journeying Together*. Incarcerated people are isolated. A simple card lets them know they are not forgotten. Please sign one or more cards, *first name only*. Add a message, something uplifting and expressing compassion but please don't be preachy. Please do not use stickers, glue, or paste on envelopes. Use cards which represent a diverse population. Do not send cards which talk about Novenas and/or Masses. Stamps are always appreciated. Please return cards to the Parish Office by *Monday*, *Oct.* 30 @ 9:00am.



Questions, please contact: Pat Ivanauski @ 630-941-8592.

# Faith Formation & Parish News

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



#### **Rosary Rescue Mission**

The Visitation Rosary Makers Ministry will be available after all masses to repair your rosary for free, and to sell their handmade rosaries, the weekend of October 28/29. They gave away over 1,000 rosaries in September and raise

funds by selling ladder rosaries, which symbolize souls climbing their way to heaven by praying the rosary. Come pick up a free blessed Miraculous Medal and the 15 Promises of Mary, also available in Spanish. Please contact Lorene at (331) 642-0603 for any rosary needs.

## Parish Council Corner October, 2023

St. Alexander Church has some amazing organizations that work behind the scenes for the betterment of others. We often reference the Knights of Columbus when we talk about their amazing breakfasts, but do you really know all that this group of men do for us and our community?

In Villa Park, our Knights of Columbus are extremely active raising money and helping out first-hand with a variety of organizations. They support St. Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, the Waterleaf pregnancy center, the American Red Cross, the Lombard/Villa Park food pantry and Meals on Wheels. The Knights also provide financial assistance for seminarians in our diocese. They volunteer to help persons with Intellectual Disabilities. They support local first responders, veterans' associations, and District 45 schools. They collect and buy hundreds of warm winter coats for the needy every fall. I could go on and on.

On behalf of all of us at St. Alexander Church, I'd like to thank our Father John Barrett Council 8365 Knights of Columbus for their service. If you would like to explore the Knights of Columbus in more detail, go to our website at <a href="https://www.kofc.org">https://www.kofc.org</a>.

Linda Krause, Parish Council President



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)



# **Prayer Intentions**



- 16. Sr. Mary Ann Clark OSF, Sr. Mary Agnes Cross OSF
- 17. Fr. John Sebahar, Fr. Greg Skowron
- 18. Very Reverend Richard Smith, Fr. Danilo Soriano
- 19. Sr. Laura Filipas OSF, Sr. Rosemary Fonck OSF
- 20. Dcns. John Rex, John Ripoll, David Ritter, Timothy Roberts, Peter Robinson
- 21. Sr. Sharon Frederick OSF, Sr. Ann Freiburg OSF
- 22. Fr. Robert Schoenstene, Fr. James Schwab



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.

Pete Connelly, Bill Conroy, Kathy Drinkwater Wendy Granrath, Mary Mullen, Fr. John Ouper, Brianna Payne, James Rohrich, Susanne Strickland

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



Our Faithfully Departed
Mary Flynn
Daniel Silvestri

#### **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**

Collette and Ben on the birth of their son William Benjamin. Steve and Kayla on the birth of their son Wesley Steven.

Lori & Fred due in 10/2023 John & Katie due in 11/2023 Lindsay & Dan due in 1/2024 Diana & Jake due in 1/2024 Patrick & Anna due 4/2024

#### **Special Intentions for:**

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

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: 10/8/2023	\$8,901
Online Giving (WeShare) 10/3-10/10/2023	\$4,330
Weekly Goal	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$138,830
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks	\$450,000
Major Maintenance 10/8/2023	\$373
Major Maint. Online Giving 10/3-10/10/20	23 \$280

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



The 2023
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### PLEDGE REPORT: Oct. 8, 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: \$45,341
Amount Paid: \$43,721
Remaining Balance: \$1,621
Donor Count 213

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# Parishioner 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:

- 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.

Name:
Address:
City/Zip:
Phone:
[ ] New Parishioner[ ] New Address
I Now Phone Number

# Deanery/Diocesan News



State lawmakers are considering ending the tax credit scholarship program referred to as "Invest in Kids." This program has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their children to a school of their choice.

#### DO NOT LET THIS PROGRAM END!

Please act now and contact your state senator and state representative. Send them a strong message respectfully asking them to continue this valuable program.

You can do so by using the QR code below, by calling us at the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 217.528.9200, or visit our website at www.ilcatholic.org



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Robin can be reached directly at (203) 747-5671 or via e-mail <a href="mailto:rungaro@4lpi.com">rungaro@4lpi.com</a> THANK YOU!





# Vatican Internatiol Exhibition The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

St. Joseph Church 4801 Main Street, Downers Grove

Presentation -Eucharistic Miracles & the Miracles at Every Mass Thursday, Oct. 12 @ 7pm



#### **Exhibit Hours**

Friday Oct. 13 5pm to 8pm Saturday Oct. 14 8am to 8pm Sunday Oct. 15 8am to 3pm

# Deanery/Diocesan News



From Soup Kitchen to

"Chopped" Champion

Sr. Alicia Torres,

Franciscan of the Eucharist of Chicago
shares stories, both thoughtful and fun!

Thursday, November 9 @ 6 PM Cathedral of St. Raymond

604 N. Raynor Ave, Joliet

## Finding the Secret, Silent, Hidden Presence of God

"I've come to see the Eucharist as a person who invited us to slow down and be loved intimately, even when things seem busy and beyond our control."

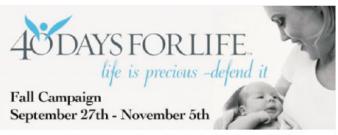
- Sr. Alicia

"If you and I are honest, don't we have a deep, innate desire for home? And no matter how good it can get this side of heaven, that desire is just never fully satisfied." - Sr. Alicia



Sr. Alicia Torres, FE

The National Eucharistic Revival

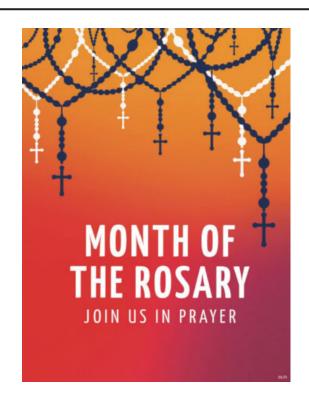


Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Fall 2023 40 Days for Life prayer vigil to end abortion.

Please consider committing to a specific hour of prayer at the Access Health abortion clinic in Downers Grove during the hours of 7AM to 7PM from September 27 to November 5, and bring a friend. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove. Access Health Clinic is located at 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove.

#### PRAY TO END ABORTION



**Parish Center:** 630.833.7730

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.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.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month @ 12:15 p.m.

Spanish Baptisms:

3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Brian Henden/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/ Rev. David Medow/Rev. Johnus Cherunilath

Permanent Deacons:

Christopher Cochran/Julio Jimenez/James Krueger/

Mark Ranieri, Jr./Matthew Tretina

Office Administrator: Sue D'Alessandro
Music Coordinator: Gina Gabriel
Parish Registrar: Rita Matthews

**Faith Formation:** 630.833.7730

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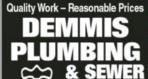
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