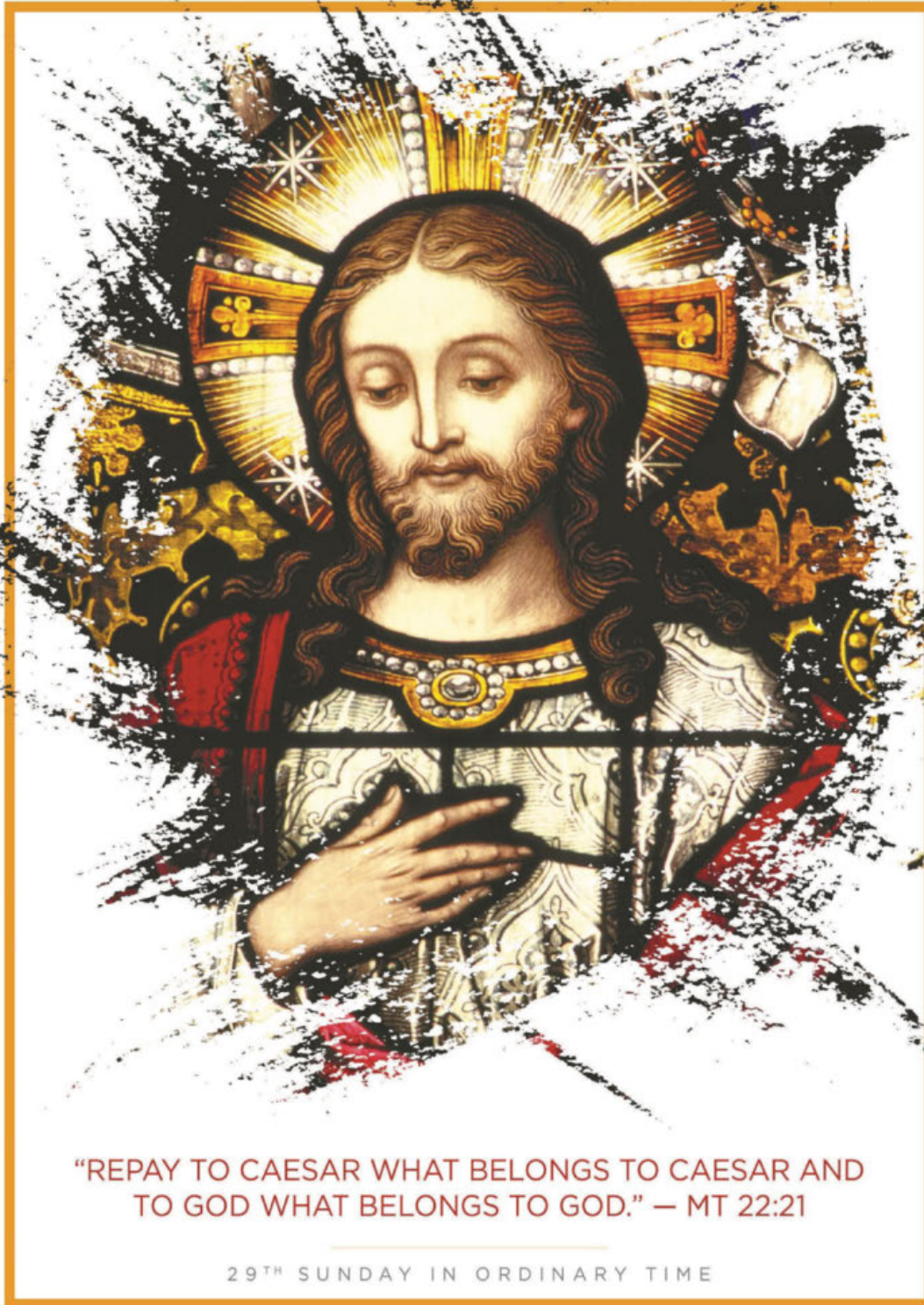


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## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b> 8:45am	<b>Oct. 23—St. John Capistrano, Priest</b> Int. Patrick Tretina
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45am	<b>Oct. 24—St. Anthony, Mary Clavet, Bishop</b> Carl Walko
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45am	<b>Oct. 25—Weekday</b> Irenea & Felixberto Bermejo
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45am	<b>Oct. 26—Weekday</b> Int. Kathy Drinkwater
<b>Friday</b> 8:45am	<b>Oct. 27—Weekday</b> Bob Marshall
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>Oct. 28—Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</b> Marvin G. Jett/Angela Saporito & Josephine Santisi/ Ralph, Sr. & Carmella DeRose/Ed Driskell/Vincent Calero/ Int. Carrie Novak
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.  10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Oct. 29—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Arlene Bickler/Ed Driskell/Int. Patrick Tretina/ Stephan Radimark/Int. Sue Panter/Patti Rucco Celine Ware People of St. Alexander Parish/Int. Deacon Julio Jimenez



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

## Weekly Facility Schedule

<b>Mon. 10/23:</b>		
O.C.I.A.	Fr. Tuan Room	6:00pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	7:00pm
<b>Tues. 10/24:</b>		
Music-Chancel Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
<b>Wed. 10/25:</b>		
Music—Youth Choir Practice	Church	6:00pm
Music—Witness Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
Music—Spanish Choir Practice	Library	7:00pm
<b>Thurs. 10/26:</b>		
Thursday Coffee	Gathering Space	after 8:45am Mass
Mary’s Circle	Fr. Tuan Room	12:00pm
Rental	Hall/Gym	5:00pm
CCW meeting	Sister’s Room	6:30pm
<b>Sat. 10/28:</b>		
Visitation Rosary Makers	Gathering Space	After Masses
<b>Sun. 10/29:</b>		
Faith Formation	Multiple Rooms	8:30am
Visitation Rosary Makers	Gathering Space	after Masses
Faith Formation	Library	4:00pm



### 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

*The grass withers, and flowers fall,  
but the word of God endures forever.  
Isaiah 40:8*

# Parish/Diocesan News

We were so blessed to have Bishop Hicks visit and celebrate Mass with us on Sunday, October 15th at the 10:30am Mass. It was so wonderful to see so many parishioners attend. **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make this a special Mass: the Hospitality group and all those who donated food, CCW, Faith Formation children for making the welcome sign, our English and Spanish Choirs, Lectors, EM's, Altar Servers, Deacons and Staff. Photo credits: Sue D'Alessandro and Maria Pindeslki.



## Parish News



**Do you enjoy singing at Mass, or at any time of day or night? Why not consider joining our adult choirs?** The choirs are always looking for

enthusiastic people of all voice types who love to sing and who would like to participate.

Music adds so much to the Liturgy, adding another dimension to the prayer of the community. Singing has a long history in our worship. Come and join us and help to keep the tradition of beautiful music at Saint Alexander Parish alive and well!

We are also looking for an Accompanist to play every Sunday at the 10:30am Mass. Begin practice at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday before Mass begins, and every other week on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Mass. Liturgies at Saint Alexander Parish and rehearsals with Choir on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7pm – 8:00 pm.-Expectation for accompanist is to be available for all holiday Mass worship. Stipend per service and rehearsal.

For more information or questions, please contact Gina Gabriel, Director of the Music Ministry at [ggabriel@stalexanderparish.org](mailto:ggabriel@stalexanderparish.org)

## 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



*It is in Baptism that one is welcomed into a community of faith.*

*As a parish community,*

**"WE WELCOME YOU."**

**Adrian Yahir Mendez-Morales**, son of Juan Mendez and Sonia Morales.

**THANK YOU!** to everyone who participated in our Dominick's Pasta and Pizza Dine and Donate on October 4. We received a check for **\$367.47!** **Way to go!**

## SAVE THE DATE

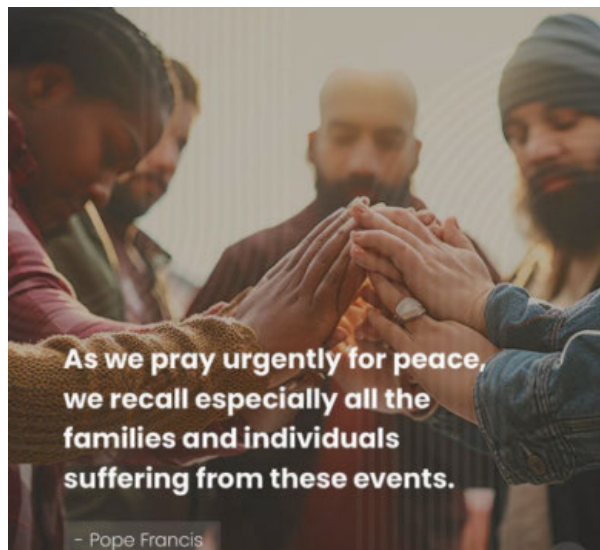
for more Dine and Donates\*!

**Sat, Nov. 11**  
**Strats Diner**  
**Villa Park**

**Mon./Tues. Dec. 4/5**  
**Anyways Restaurant**  
**Oakbrook Terrace**

More information on these Dine and Donates will be coming in future communications.

\*Proceeds from dine and donates benefit our future 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.



**As we pray urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events.**

- Pope Francis

# 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.

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### 2023—All Souls Mass and Bulletin

<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Month</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
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The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who donated blood at our blood drives throughout the year. We were able to collect 145 units over the last year. This helped nearly 450 people with a medical need. We will be hosting more drives next year so watch for our announcements. The need for blood is constant, so if you can donate now, please find a local drive at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org)

## 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](mailto: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.



### Mary's Circle Fellowship and Fun! Thurs., Oct. 26th @ 12:00pm Fr. Tuan Room

- ✦ We will have our *Autumn Potluck Luncheon*.
- ✦ Please bring a dish to share.
- ✦ All women of the parish are invited.
- ✦ Please note: the lunch will **START at 12:00pm**
- ✦ This will be our last meeting of 2023.
- ✦ **For more info call:**  
Elaine @ 630-279-6692



### 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 <https://www.kofc.org>.

Linda Krause, Parish Council President



### **ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST** Sunday November 5th 2023

**7:30am - Noon**  
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# Prayer Intentions



## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

- 23. Fr. Dennis Spies, Fr. John Sponder
- 24. Seminarian Giovanni Gonzalez
- 25. Fr. Maciej Stelmach, Fr. Daniel F. Stempora
- 26. Dcns. Thomas Ross, Michael Ruddle, Kevin Ryan, Terry Safko, Thomas Sagenbrecht, Luis Saltigerald
- 27. Sr. Verene Girmscheid OSF, Sr. Mary Jane Griffin OSF, Sr. Mary Ann Hamer OSF
- 28. Seminaryian Samuel Bergmann
- 29. Fr. Gerald Nicholas O.S.A., Fr. John Ohner O.S.A., Fr. John Sotak O.S.A.

## 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	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.**



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, Deacon Herb Waldron-**  
**for 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](http://www.stalexanderparish.org)



## 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.



**Our Faithful Departed**  
**Mary Flynn, Daniel Silvestri, the people of Israel, Frank Fragias, George Fragias**

# Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 10/15/2023.....	\$5,569
Online Giving (WeShare) 10/11—10/17/2023	\$2,355
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$146,754
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$450,000
Major Maintenance 10/15/2023.....	\$45
Major Maint. Online Giving 10/11—10/17/2023	\$20

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

# 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:

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.



**The 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL**

**PLEDGE REPORT: Oct. 15, 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.

<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$46,700</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$45,341</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$43,811</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,531</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>213</b>

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] New Parishioner [ ] New Address

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# 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](http://www.ilcatholic.org)



To remain engaged on policy issues that affect Catholics in Illinois, join our Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network go to [www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can](http://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can)



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### St. John the Apostle CCW Presents: Run, Hide, Fight

Do you know how to save yourself if you are ever in an active shooter situation? It seems like everyday we hear about another mass shooting in our country,. We need to learn how to protect ourselves if we are ever in that situation.

Officer Jim Svava of the Villa Park Police Department will speak at our next CCW meeting . He will present information on DHS' "Run, Hide, Fight" and the ALICE program.

### ALL PARISHIONERS OF ST. ALEXANDER'S ARE INVITED!!

We all need to stay vigilant and safe!

**Tuesday, November, 7th at 7:00 in the parish hall at St. John the Apostle**



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# 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.”*

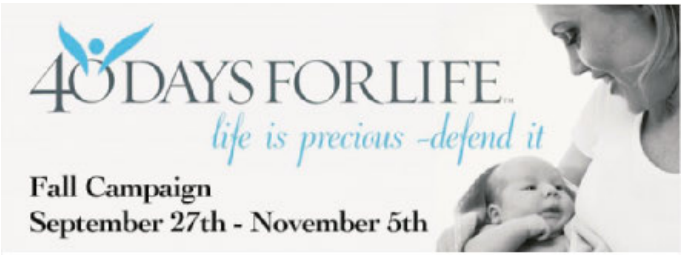
— Sr. Alicia

*“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**

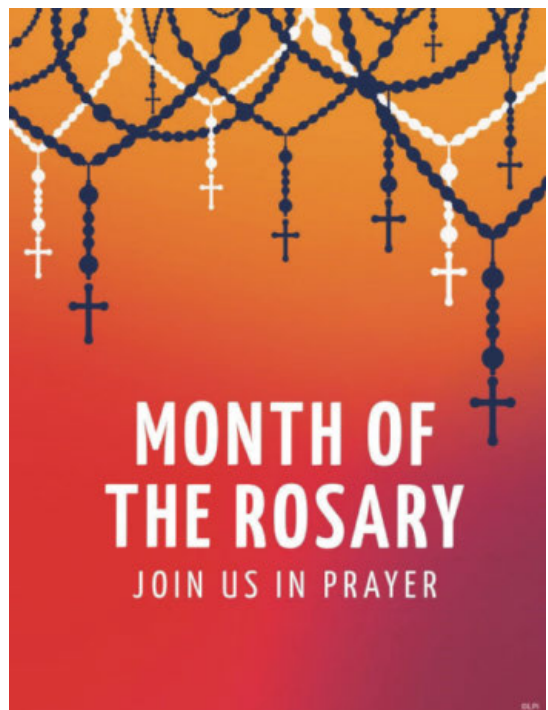


Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Fall 2023 *40 Days for Life* prayer vigil to end abortion.

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](http://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.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. (Eng/Span)  
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 4:45 p.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. 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  
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