

St. Alexander Catholic Church

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But the tax collector...
beat his breast and prayed,
“O God, be merciful
to me a sinner.”

Luke 18:13

THIRTIETH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 23, 2022

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Mass Intentions

Monday 8:45a.m.	Oct. 24—St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop People of St. Alexander Parish
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Oct. 25—Weekday People of St. Alexander Parish
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Oct. 26—Weekday Jean & Rocco Claps
Thursday 8:45a.m.	Oct. 27—Weekday Elaine Steder
Friday 8:45a.m.	Oct. 28—Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles People of St. Alexander Parish
Saturday 5:00p.m.	Oct. 29—Weekday Thomas & Anne Jones/Marian & Peter Kurasz, Sr./ David H. Miller/Jan Wlodarek
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Oct. 30—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Rosemary Garcia/Int. of Francis Frank Int. Ramona Rood Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:9-14).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33;
Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14;
Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef;
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11,
13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Facilities Schedule

Mon. 10/24:

RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	6:00pm
Seasons of Hope	Kennedy Center	6:45pm
Scouts Troop 199	Hall/Gym	7:00pm

Tues. 10/25:

Parish Council meeting	Sister's Room	7:00pm
Music-Chancel Choir	Church	7:00pm

Wed. 10/26:

Bible Study—The Way, The Truth	Fr. Tuan Rm/Library	9:30am
FF-Sacramental Catch-up Class	Library	6:00pm
Music Ministry—Joystirs	Maguire Room	6:45pm
Music Ministry-Witness Choir	Church	7:00pm
Bible Study—What We Believe	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm
Music Ministry—Spanish Choir	Library	7:00pm

Thurs. 10/27:

CCW-Mary's Circle	Fr. Tuan Room	1:30pm
Wedding Rehearsal	Church/GS	5:00pm
Cub Scout Pack #122 meeting	Hall/Gym	5:30pm

Fri. 10/28:

Wedding	Church/GS	2:00pm
Knights Halloween Fundraiser set up	Hall/Gym	4:00pm
Wedding Rehearsal	Church/GS	5:00pm

Sat. 10/29:

Wedding	Church/GS	3:00pm
Knights Halloween Party/Fundraiser	Hall/Gym	5:00pm

Sun. 10/30:

Faith Formation classes	Multiple Rooms	9:00am
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Reconciliation

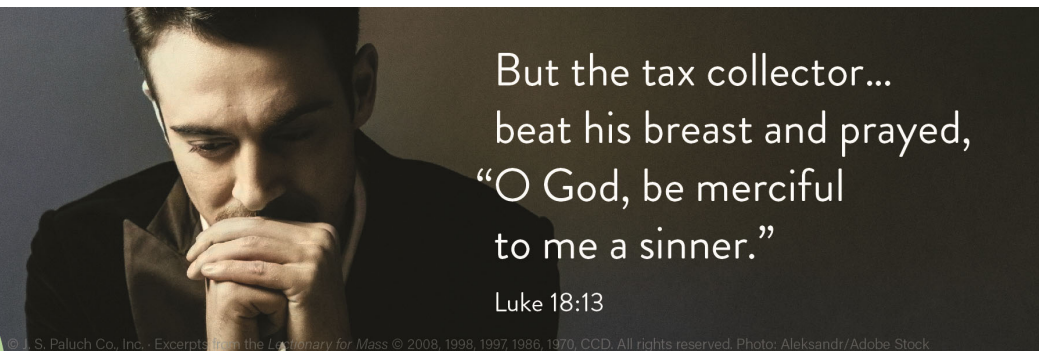
St. Alexander:

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
or by appointment 630-279-7404

Gospel Reflection



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“O God, be merciful
to me a sinner.”

Luke 18:13

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GOD'S VISION

In these waning weeks of the liturgical year, our readings present us with God's vision for the world, in which the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds and the humble are exalted in God's sight. It is not always easy to follow Jesus, to stand for justice, share love, and bring peace when there is so much division, poverty, loneliness, and pain in our homes, workplaces, cities, and world. We do not stand alone, however. We who are disciples and servants are assured that the Lord will hear our petitions, stand by us, and give us strength as we strive to bear witness to the good news of salvation.

THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR

It is easy for those who do not face food insecurity or homelessness to turn a deaf ear to those who struggle for survival. We may regularly drive by the street corner and ignore the person who stands there each day asking for help. We might see the commercial on TV, hear the plea on the radio or in our churches, and yet not let the message in, ignoring not only the need, but the people whose needs are great. The prophet Sirach and the psalmist tell us that the Lord is not like us—God hears the cries of the oppressed, the orphan and widow, the vulnerable among us. As Christian disciples we are called to become more like our loving, compassionate God who hears the cry of the poor.

DO WE?

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel tells the story of two people. The Pharisee is puffed up with his own importance. His prayer is more a statement of self-justification in which he positions himself as being above the rest of humanity. So much so that he prays to himself, thanking God that he is so much better than everyone else! The tax collector on the other hand raises his eyes to God and acknowledges his sinfulness. He is the one Jesus says is justified, exalted in God's sight. What about us? Are we so puffed up with our own importance, so caught up in the stuff of our daily lives that we fail to recognize our failings or to see the needs of the people around us? This week, let us ask the Lord to pierce our hearts, help us to genuinely admit our failings, and truly live as followers of the one who gave his life so that all might live life to the fullest. God hears the cries of the weakest and relies on us to respond.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 35:12–14, 16–18
Psalm 34:2–3, 17–18, 19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6–8
Luke 18:9–14

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Parish/Diocesan News



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DINE-IN PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, NOV. 6, 2022
7:30AM—12:00PM
St. Alexander Hall
\$10 per adult

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 **Friday, Oct. 28 @ Noon**.

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



St. Alexander Fishers of Men

Meets on Tuesdays 3 times a month
in the St. Alexander Fr. Tuan Room @ 6:30pm

The men's group gathers for prayer, fellowship, various outings, and occasional guest speakers. If you are interested or want more information, contact Ron D'Amico 630 279 8022



Do you love to sing? Do you play an instrument? Want to get involved at St. Alexander Parish? St. Alexander has many wonderful choirs that you can join to sing or play an instrument in at the weekend Masses. If you are interested in joining us, we have several choirs that will meet your needs: Chancel, Joystirs, Witness, Resurrection or Coro Fe y Esperanza. Choirs are welcoming new members. For more information or to join, please contact Alexia Flores at ialexiagarcia@gmail.com.

COAT DRIVE



We are collecting coats for the Coat Drive until November 27 that will help Our Lady of Angels Mission. **They are in need of adult coats: women and men sizes L & XL.** We are accepting monetary donations as well. You can donate online by using the QR code below or drop off in the gathering space.

Coats donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Space. Thank you!



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You are all invited for hospitality and fellowship!!! Parish Council will host hospitality 4 times a month at one of the Masses, unless there is something else going on..

Here is the schedule:

1st Weekend: 6:00pm Spanish Mass
2nd Weekend: 5:00pm Mass
3rd Weekend: 8:30am Mass
4th Weekend: 10:30am Mass

Faith Formation/Parish/Diocesan News

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



COMMUNICATIONS: BULLETIN, FLOCKNOTES AND MARQUEE SIGN

Please submit your request in **written** form (either in an email or with an attached document) to the following email:

bulletin@stalexanderparish.org

Indicate if you want the info in the bulletin, Flocknotes, or marquee sign or all three (please note: the marquee is limited so it would be a shortened version). Requests must be made by NOON Nine days before the weekend you would like it to start. Please indicate start and end dates. Also, give a contact name and number.

Thank you.



Food Pantry Donations

St. Alexander Parish recently received a very nice and complimentary thank you note from the Outreach House, formerly the Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry, thanking us for the food contributions that the parish is making. Outreach House tracks the number of bags of groceries that we donate.

Outreach House is now located at 805 S. Main Street, Lombard, IL. It serves 180-200 families every week. We have 9 dedicated volunteers who take the parish food donations to Outreach House every week.

Food donations should be placed in the bin by the west entrance to the church. Please feel welcome to call **Bob Baker at 630-408-0728** if you have any questions. Thank you and God Bless you for your continued support of the ministry.



Mary's Circle Fellowship and Fun! Thurs., Oct. 27th @ 12:30pm 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 12:30pm**
- ✦ This will be our last meeting of 2022.
- ✦ **For more info call:**
Elaine @ 630-279-6692



St. Alexander's Surviving Spouses

For those who have lost their husband or wife, please join us.

Join us for lunch
Sunday, November 13th @ 1:00pm
Tae Fu Restaurant
312 E. St. Charles Road, Villa Park

RSVP by Nov. 12 to Carol Nash @ 630.834.8152

Cub Scout Pack 122 is taking orders for Christmas Wreaths! Please email Wreaths@vppack122.org if you would like to view an order form. **Orders are due to Kelly Kosik committee@vppack122.org by Nov. 2.** Pack 122 and Troop 199

also have their annual Pumpkin Patch fundraiser at Fuel and Crème through October 31. Please help support the scouts by stopping by the pumpkin patch and picking up your pumpkins.



Parish/Diocesan News



2022 Feast of All Souls Mass Wednesday, November 2 @ 6:00pm

St. Alexander will observe the **Feast of All Souls** on **Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at a 6:00pm 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 23, 2022 @ NOON.

If you wish to have the name of someone who has died since October 31, 2021 included, please complete the form below and return to the Parish Office by Monday, October 24, 2022 @ NOON. If you would also like the person’s name included in the October 30, 2022 bulletin, please return the form by Monday, October 24, 2022 @ NOON.

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2022—All Souls Mass and Bulletin

<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Month</u>
_____	_____
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All women of St. Alexander are invited to:

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, November 12th
St. John the Apostle Library
(330 N. Westmore Ave, Villa Park)

8:00 Mass (optional)
8:30 continental breakfast
9:00 program
\$5 per person

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

St. John’s CCW Annual Team Trivia Night Saturday, November 5th

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, pop and have a table with desserts.**

**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
WILL BE ALLOWED!!!**

Call or text Terry 630-235-2966 for more info or to register a team.

Prayer Intentions



October 2022 Prayer for Vocations

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

- 24. Seminarian Giovanni Gonzalez
- 25. Fr. Maciej Stelmach, Fr. Daniel 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. Seminarian Samuel Bergmann
- 29. Fr. Gerald Nicholas O.S.A., Fr. John Ohner O.S.A., Fr. John Sotak O.S.A.
- 30. Seminarian Samuel Potter
- 31. Sr. Barbarien Houdek OSF



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.

Rita Angelopoulos, Michael Castino,
Dcn. Lou Cosen, Phil Coleman, Sister Julia Davies,
Maureen Donovan, Barb & Matt Doyle,
Timothy Erlenbaugh, Blair Fetenhal,
Dennis Finegan, Joe Frank, Gary Froenewold,
Frank Gill, Julie Guth, Joan Hayes, Sarah Hoff,
Sue Jansen, Lynn Jones, Joe Killgallon, Mary Krueger,
Colleen Lane, Dr. Eugene McArdle, Ted McAvaney,
Lou McMinn, Sue Mecklenburg, Hannah Medow,
Karen Mocarski, Georgene Oplawski,
Don Phelan, Jim Rohrich, Barb Soundheim
Rita Spearman, Ruben Stortzum,
Susan Strickland, Jude Suffin, Kevin Wallace
and Nicole Zabel

We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit



Our Faithfully Departed

Fr. Bill Donnelly, Roseann Prette,
Larry Soberalski, Juliana Commare

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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Eucharistic Adoration



The Adoration Chapel is open:
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00pm—8:00pm.
The Chapel is located in the Kennedy Center building

Rosebud Program

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Patrick & Anna on the birth of their daughter Eloise Jane.
Tim & Kristin on the birth of their son, Jack Timothy.

Laura & Josh due 10/2022
Paul & Alexa due 11/2022

George & Patricia due 12/2022

Special Intentions for:

Tracey & Bob	Maria & Bobby	Carl & Terrie
Tony & Andrea	Amy & Sam	Amanda & Scott
Rose & Eleodoro	Mary Frances	Bob & Cyndy
Mary	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: 10/16/2022.....	\$6,289
Online Giving (WeShare) 10/12—10/18/2022	\$2,127
Weekly Goal.....	\$9,000
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$143,275
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$459,000
Major Maintenance 10/16/2022.....	\$264
Major Maint. Online Giving 10/12—10/18/2022	\$20

Thank you for your support of St. Alexander Parish!

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.



PLEDGE REPORT: Oct. 16, 2022

Thank you to all those who have made pledges. Please continue to make your **2022 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:	\$46,300
Amount Pledged:	\$44,519
Amount Paid:	\$41,204
Remaining Balance:	\$3,315
Donor Count	214

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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Address: _____

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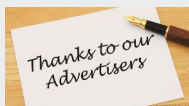
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 Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon
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 Friday 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Church Website: www.stalexanderparish.org
Parish e-mail: office@stalexanderparish.org
Bulletin e-mail: bulletin@stalexanderparish.org
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. — 4:45p.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 @ 12:30 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. Brian Henden/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/
 Rev. David Medow/Rev. Johnus Cherunilath
Permanent Deacons:
 John Boyle, Emeritus/Christopher Cochran/
 Julio Jimenez/James Krueger/Mark Ranieri, Jr./
 Matthew Tretina
Music Coordinator: Alexia Garcia
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