

Saint Alexander Catholic Church

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 30, 2022

If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him.
Romans 6:8



**We pray for all those who have died in the past year and for their loved ones.
Feast of All Souls Mass will be held Wednesday, November 2, 2022 @ 6:00pm.**

Oct. 2021	Henry Mary Genevieve	Kurzawski Cucinella Nzarek	Jan. 2022, cont'd	James Gregory Armando Scott	Warmowski Wyrobek Romo Aubin	May 2022	Matt Martin Barbara Paul Joe	Guth Pianovski Perri Komyatte Lawton
Nov. 2021	Clara Nima Marianna	Fiedler Haag Gruber	Feb. 2022	Charlene Lawrence Warren C. Michael Kathleen	Pianovski Massino Warren Lynch Peterson	June 2022	Elmer Marcella	Aquino Vazquez
Dec. 2021	Peter John Arthur	Rohrich Minniti Simms, Sr.	March 2022	Marie Orest (Doc) Tom Genie	Siewert Dacio Gill Burnette	July 2022	Bette Kevin Nancy	Weir Corry Skarda
Jan. 2022	Clare June John Mary Ellen Kathleen Patricia Connie Colette Cecilia Noreen	Stralko Pfeiffer Terkowitsch Mika Sampey Arends Sydoryk Robertson Meier Cascio	April 2022	Robert Vickie Cheryl John	Connell Cunningham Corum Bushnell	Aug. 2022	Socorro Zane	Arellano Beathard
						Sept. 2022	Michael MaryEllen William	Sydoryk Erlenbaugh Rohrich
						Oct. 2022	Roseann Lawrence Karen Carl	Prette Soberalski Benesh Cesarone

No month given for the following:

Jesus Garcia/Angelina Botello/Lucia Botello/Caucerino Botello/Luis Botello/Osvaldo Botello/Evangelina Botello/Everardo Delgado/
Mariana Gamboa/Martha Elena Gamboa/Rebeca Castañeda



ALL SAINTS DAY

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Join us for 8:45am Mass
or 6:00pm Mass (bil)

Mass Intentions

Monday 8:45a.m.	Oct. 31—Weekday Kathy Collins
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Nov. 1—All Saints Gerri and Bea Panicetti
6:00p.m.	The People of St. Alexander
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Nov. 2—The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Holy Souls in Purgatory/Bill Higgins & Kelly Matthews
6:00p.m.	The People of St. Alexander
Thursday 8:45a.m.	Nov. 3—St. Martin de Porres, Religious Tammy Russell
Friday 8:45a.m.	Nov. 4—St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Brian Russell
Saturday 5:00p.m.	Nov. 5—Weekday Mary Polnik/Ralph & Carmella DeRose/Marvin G. Jett/ Maria Hernandez/George Kudrna/Danny Kudrna
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Nov. 6—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Alice Phelan/Marie Kalafut/Int. Lucy Bednar/Reinelia Leiya Bob Chandler Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

Facilities Schedule

Mon. 10/31:		
Scouts Troop 199	Hall/Gym	7:00pm
Tues. 11/1: CLOSED FOR ALL SAINTS DAY		
Wed. 11/2:		
Bible Study—The Way, The Truth	Fr. Tuan Rm/Library	9:30am
Cub Scout Pack #122 Committee Mtg	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Music Ministry—Joystirs	Maguire Room	6:45pm
Music Ministry—Witness Choir	Library	7:00pm
Music Ministry—Spanish Choir	Sister's Room	7:00pm
Thurs. 11/3:		
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sister's Room	9:30am
CCW Board Meeting	Sister's Room	6:30pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm
Sat. 11/5:		
Knights set up for breakfast	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
Sun. 11/6:		
Knights All You Can Eat Breakfast	Hall/Gym	7:30am
Faith Formation classes	Multiple Rooms	9:00am
Hospitality	Gathering Space	After 6pm Mass

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — LORD, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

Psalm — I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

Gospel — Zacchaeus, a tax collector, considered to be a sinner, is converted to the Lord (Luke 19:1-10).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]



Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm
Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm
or by appointment 630-833-7730.

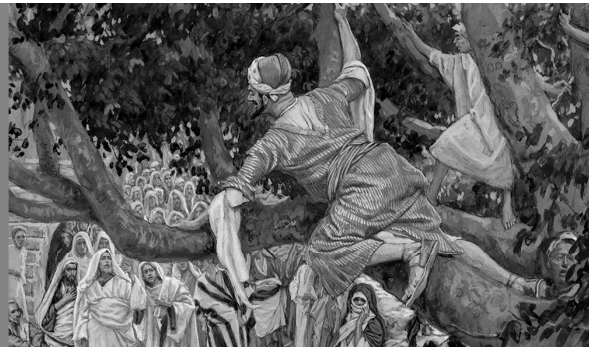
St. John the Apostle:

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

Gospel Reflection

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2022



**“The Son of Man has come to seek
and to save what was lost.”**

Luke 19:10

GOD’S MERCY

It is difficult for us to comprehend God’s mercy. We are constrained by our own experience of and often-limited willingness to be patient and forgiving. God loves all of creation and desires that we fulfill our call, glorifying our Lord in all we do. Yet we often fall short of this great purpose. We get lost in the pursuit of worldly things and lose sight of what really matters. Then, when we realize our failings, we falter, uncertain that we can really be forgiven. Today’s readings invite us to deepen our trust in God’s great kindness with the assurance that, as Jesus did with Zacchaeus, God waits with open arms when we turn away from our sinfulness. Let us grow in belief in Christ who came to seek and to save what was lost.

GO UP IN A TREE

Zacchaeus was a tax collector and a wealthy man; it is likely he had amassed his wealth by charging more taxes than were due. While materially wealthy, he was derided by his fellow Jews, known as a sinner, isolated from the company of his people. He had become curious about Jesus. So much so that he climbed a tree to see Jesus as he passed by. And from that vantage point, he saw his weaknesses and failings clearly. When Jesus called, he responded, a changed man. Are we ready to go up in a tree of prayer and reflection, peer into our hearts and lives, and grow in readiness to change?

COME DOWN QUICKLY

“Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” Jesus’ call to Zacchaeus was likely as surprising to Zacchaeus as it was to those who watched this encounter. The Gospel story is not only about Zacchaeus’ change of heart. It is also about Jesus’ eagerness to bring Zacchaeus into the fold, to show him mercy and forgiveness, to “seek and to save what was lost.” Jesus calls us out of our sinfulness, too. He is ready to forgive and to stay with us, to be near to us as we embrace new life as his disciples. Zacchaeus claimed his sinfulness and named what he would do to repair his relationship with God and others. This is what we do in the sacrament of Reconciliation—we name our sins, make a promise to do penance, repair our relationship with God and others, and receive forgiveness, restored in our relationship with Christ. Reflect on Zacchaeus’ example: what failings and sinfulness do you need to claim? Are you ready to hear Jesus’ call to you? Come down quickly. Receive the mercy of the Lord and know that salvation can be yours.

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Wis 11:22 — 12:2;
Ps 145:1–2, 8–9, 10–11, 13, 14;
2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2;
Lk 19:1–10

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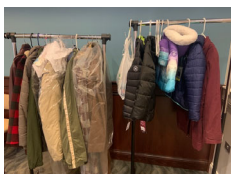


DINE-IN PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, NOV. 6, 2022
7:30AM—12:00PM
St. Alexander Hall
\$10 per adult



We are inviting children ages 6 and up to come and sing! There will be rehearsals on Tuesdays 6pm-7pm in the church starting on November 15th. These rehearsals will be in preparation for Christmas Eve Mass. If you are interested in joining, please contact Alexia Flores at ialexiagarcia@gmail.com

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

St. Alexander's Council of Catholic Women is hosting a:

MOVIE NIGHT



We will be viewing the movie

Father Stu

in the Gathering Space on
Thursday, November 10th at 7:00 pm

Based on the true story of Father Stuart Long, the movie follows his life as a boxer turned priest, who inspired countless people during his journey from self-destruction to redemption.

*Due to violence
and profanity*

**WARNING
ADULTS ONLY**

Below is a quote from Father Stuart Long

Stuart Long: Hear me out. All our outer nature's wasting away. But our inner nature is being renewed every day. This life, no matter how long it lasts, is a momentary affliction preparing us for eternal glory. We shouldn't pray for an easy life, but the strength to endure a difficult one. Because the experience of suffering is the fullest expression of God's love. It is a chance to be closer to Christ.

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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

Grandparents Ministry Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month Father Kennedy Center 7:00-8:30pm

- Our October meeting we had 12 grandparents with a total of 42 grandchildren between us.
- **Discussion:** Roles of Grandparenting
- **November 8th**
Discussion: sharing our heritage with our grandchildren through family traditions.
- We will also be sharing ideas on things to with your grandchildren this Christmas.
- Please bring your own cup because we are caretakers for our earth as well.



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

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



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.

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

FAST and PRAY for



"But this kind is not cast out but
by prayer and fasting." Mt 17:21



Heavenly Father, You have given us great hope by gifting us with the reversal of Roe v. Wade. Bless the State of ILLINOIS with good and holy leaders to guide and place us on the right path. We offer You our prayers and fasting in thanksgiving and for this intention.

**PRAY & FAST every Friday for the
CONVERSION of ILLINOIS.**

(Clip out this prayer & keep as a reminder)

Fall Blood Drive



American Red Cross



The Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph the Worker men's group, St. Alexander and St. John the Apostle parishes will sponsor another blood drive on November 17th from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. This drive will be held at St. Alexander parish in the Father Tuan room. Our summer blood drive was a great success with 31 units donated. We hope to exceed that level in our fall drive. Please consider donating, the need has only increased since our last drive. You can sign up using the QR code or web page link below.



<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StAlexanderVP>



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

As a parish community,

"WE WELCOME YOU."

Charlie David, son of Ryan and Allison DeSalvo,
nee Lovat

Edward Joseph, son of Justin and Zaneta Rafferty,
nee Augustynski

Rocco Michael, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Frega,
nee Kartheiser

St. John's CCW Election Prayer Service and Rosary

**Monday, November 7th at 7:00pm
in St. John the Apostle Church**

All parishioners of St. Alexander are invited to join St. John's CCW in prayer for our country and the upcoming election.

This year's mid-term elections are more critical than ever. Our country and world are in a state of turmoil. Join us as we pray that the American voters are led by the Holy Spirit to elect leaders at all levels of government that will respect all human life and will help bring us all together as one United American Family.



One Nation Under God!



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



November 2022 Prayer for Vocations

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

1. Br. Kevin Coffey OSB, Br. Guy Jelinek OSB
2. Dcns. Matthew Napoli, Joseph O'Donnell, Stephen Petrouske
3. Sr. Carlene Howell OSF, Sr. Rosemary Huzl OSF
4. Fr. R. William Sullivan O.S.A., Fr. Richard Young, O.S.A.
5. Fr. John D. Sullivan, Fr. Joseph J. Tapella
6. Sr. Brigid Jacobs OSF, Sr. MaryAnn Jerkofsky 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 Coson, Phil Coleman, Sister Julia Davies,
Maureen Donovan, Barb & Matt Doyle,
Timothy Erlenbaugh, Patrick Ferguson, 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

William Rohrich,
Larry Soberalski, Juliana Commare

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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: 10/23/2022.....	\$4,995
Online Giving (WeShare) 10/19—10/25/2022	\$2,282
Weekly Goal.....	\$9,000
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$150,552
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$459,000
Major Maintenance 10/23/2022.....	\$138
Major Maint. Online Giving 10/19—10/25/2022	\$55

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. 23, 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:	\$44,654
Amount Paid:	\$41,521
Remaining Balance:	\$3,133
Donor Count	214

Communication from the Diocese of Joliet:

On September 30, 2022, a jury in Kankakee County found Fr. Richard Jacklin, 70, guilty of aggravated sexual assault, criminal sexual assault and sexual misconduct stemming from a 2017 allegation that he sexually assaulted a resident of the Shapiro Developmental Center. The highest count is a Class X felony, which carries a minimum sentence of six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. His bond was revoked, and he was taken into custody. His sentencing is set for Nov. 30.

Fr. Jacklin was a priest at St. Alexander from 1989-1990.

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: _____

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Phone: _____

[] New Parishioner [] New Address

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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. (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
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