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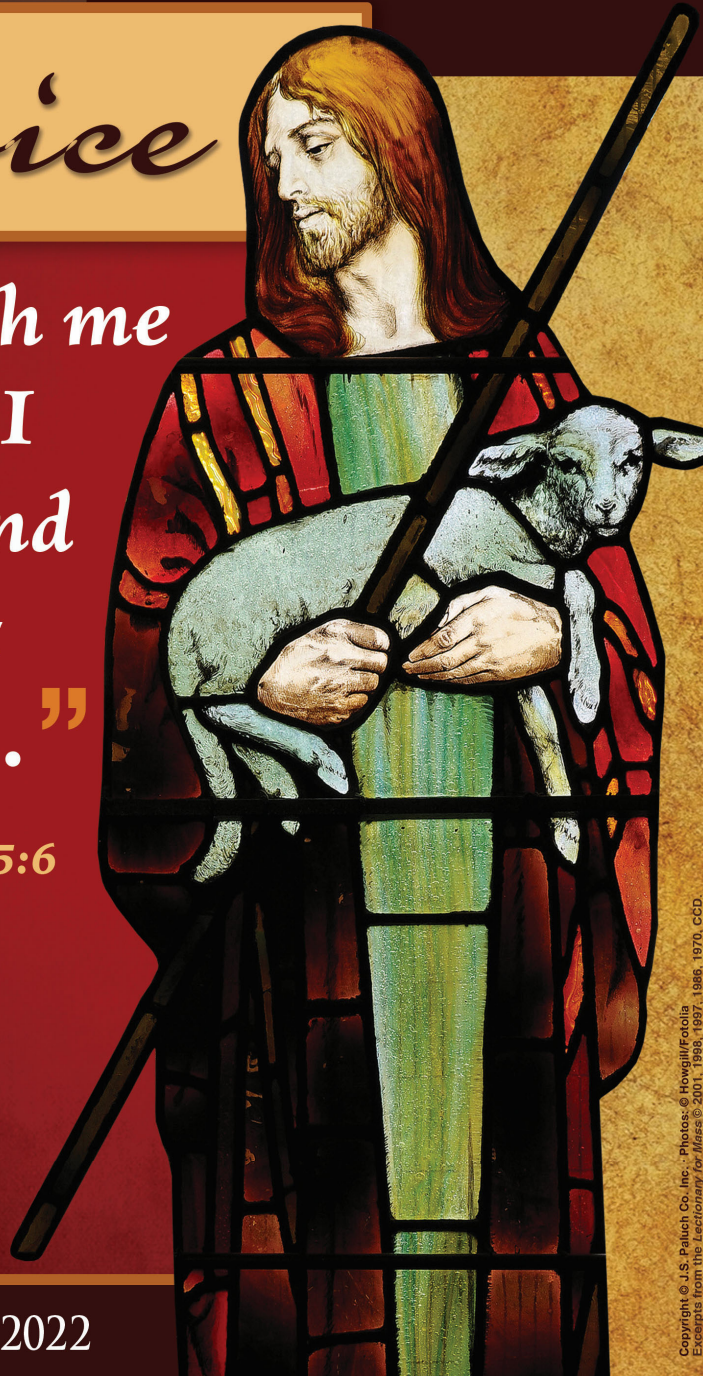
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

“*Rejoice*  
with me  
because I  
have found  
my lost  
sheep.”

*Luke 15:6*



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## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 12—Most Holy Name of Mary</b> Tom Clark, Jr. (11th Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 13—St. John Chrysostom, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Lenore Koda
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Lisa Petersen/Bob Connell
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sep. 15—Our Lady of Sorrows</b> Int. Joe Frank
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sep. 16—St. Cornelius Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</b> Helen Liss/Jack Luka (5th Anniversary)/Noreen Aukst
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>Sep. 17—St. Robertellarmine, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church, BVM</b> Marian & Peter Kurasz, Sr./Mima Haag/Adabelle Roberts
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>Sep. 18—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Genevieve Sangpeal/Int. Nick & Josie Canaletta (59th Anniversary)/Jim McNeela
10:30a.m.	Niell & Martha Madsen
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

**Psalm** — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

**Gospel** — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).  
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

## Facilities Schedule

<b>Mon. 9/12:</b>	Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
<b>Tues. 9/13:</b>	Compassionate Friends	Sister's Room	6:30pm
	Grandparent Ministry	Fr. Tuan Room	6:45pm
	Music-Chancel Choir	Church	7:00pm
<b>Wed. 9/14:</b>	Bible Study	Fr. Tuan Room	9:30am
	St Vincent de Paul	Sister's Room	6:30pm
	Music Ministry-Witness Choir	Library	7:00pm
<b>Thurs. 9/15:</b>	Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sister's Room	9:30am
	Faith Formation Parent Meeting	Gathering Space	6:30pm
<b>Sat. 9/17:</b>	Rental	Hall/Gym	9:00am
<b>Sun. 9/18:</b>	Hospitality	Gathering Space	After Masses
	Cub Scouts selling popcorn/wreaths	Gathering Space	After Mases
	Faith Formation	Multiple Rooms	9:00am

## St. Alexander/St. John Parish Picnic

Join us for Food,  
Fun and Fellowship



**Sunday**  
**Sept. 11, 2022**  
**12:30—4:00pm**

**Held @**  
**St. John the Apostle**  
**330 N. Westmore Ave., VP**



## 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



“Rejoice with me  
because I have found  
the coin that I lost.”

*Luke 15:9*

*September*  
**11**  
*2022*

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

### GOD OF SECOND CHANCES

If we were reflecting on all of today’s scriptures and wanted to come up with one intimate name for God, perhaps it would be “God of Second Chances.” Over and over we see examples of God offering just that. In Exodus, the Lord is frustrated by the behavior of the people, and Moses, speaking very boldly, has to talk God into calming down and recalling the covenant with Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Israel. Psalm 51, “The Miserere,” is the great psalm of repentance and cleansing. Take the time to read and pray with the whole psalm at your leisure. Paul confesses his own blasphemy and arrogance, and how Christ is using it now. In the extensive Gospel from Luke we experience Jesus using parables to tell about the widow and the lost coin, the shepherd and the lost sheep, and the lost son and a loving father’s welcome.

### TAKE ALL THE LOST HOME

In the seventies there was a popular Folk Mass song by Joe Wise, “Take All the Lost Home.” It is like our Gospel reading today. For truly, we’ve all had moments when we have lost our way and needed others to get us back on track. Perhaps this means reconnecting with someone we once knew and making amends, or seeing a therapist to make things right. Maybe it means finally seeking help to stick with the diet and exercise plan, or joining a 12-step program to deal with an addiction. Could it be time to meet with a financial expert to manage credit card debt, or go to confession or meet with a spiritual director to find your way home spiritually? It is hard to ask for help or admit we are lost. We dread the reactions of others, thinking they will be angry, hurt, or defensive. We feel shame. Sometimes people hold grudges for years because neither they nor another will break down and make the first move. We feel fear. This sets us up for the classic story of the prodigal father, where we see two possible outcomes.

### WELCOME HOME

The son returns home and, expecting the worst, confesses his sinfulness. His brother has an angry, self-righteous response, but the Father is full of joy and mercy. Such is the case in all the Gospel parables today. We hear God say, “You are the one who is important.” There is another poignant song by Brian Flynn entitled “The Prodigal Father” that presents the perspective of the parent waiting and worrying about their lost child, watching the road and praying for the child’s return. And if for some reason your own family will not accept you, you will find that there are many intentional families, friends, and parishes waiting with open arms to welcome you. Or perhaps you can offer the same welcome to another returning soul.

### TODAY’S READINGS

Exodus 32:7–11, 13–14  
Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 17, 19  
1 Timothy 1:12–17  
Luke 15:1–32 [1–10]

## Parish/Diocesan News



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

*As a parish community,*  
**"WE WELCOME YOU."**

**Annamae Kennedy**, daughter of William and Jamie Wojtysiak, nee Elmore

**Blake Lynn**, daughter of Jeff and Stephanie Klima, nee Karcz



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](mailto:bulletin@stalexanderparish.org) or call the Parish Office @ 630-833-7730.

**Tony Amore** (son of Joe and Betty)

**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)

**Dustin Hayes**, (grandson of Kevin & Mary O'Connor)

**Eric Iftner** (brother of Megan Iftner)

**Matthew and Steven Kuhl** (nephews of Phyllis Oliva)

**Joshua Lapsa** (grandson of Clara Fiedler)

**Cameron Littleton** (son of Ann & Scott Littleton 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)

**Luke Russell** (son of Annmarie Baughman)

**Trina Savageau** (niece of Don Oliva)

**Luc Stanicek** (nephew of Mary Flynn)

**Lauren E. Wallace** (daughter of Laurie & Kevin Wallace)

**Jeremy Williams** (nephew of Maureen Schmidt)

**Kimmy Zimmerman** (niece of Clara Fiedler)



### PARISH PICNIC REMINDER

Our combined St Alexander / St John's parish picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11 @ 12:30 pm at St John's Parish, 330 N. Westmore Ave, Villa Park.

The picnic will be held indoors in the St John's Parish Hall, so we won't be bothered by bees or bad weather.

The event is free and there will be entertainment for kids and adults alike.

### PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

For the kids there will be a bouncy house, face painting and balloon artist.

There will good food, beverages, beer for sale and raffle prizes

Gift card donations are still needed, and Raffle tickets are still being sold after all masses to offset the cost of the picnic. See you there!



### Fake emails from the Pastor.

If you receive an email that says it is from Fr. Rosenbaum and it asks you to buy gift

cards or anything else, it is a SCAM! Do not buy anything!!! Report the email as SPAM in our email account.



### St. Alexander's Surviving Spouses

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

**Meet for lunch at 12:30pm on Sept. 11 at the Parish Picnic St. John the Apostle Church 330 N. Westmore Ave., Villa Park**

**RSVP: Carol Nash @ 630.834.8152**

# Faith Formation/Parish/Diocesan News

Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—[stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com](mailto:stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com)



**St. Pius X Parish FALL FEST**

Join us Saturday, Sept. 24 for  
**TRIVIA KNIGHT**  
Under the tent at 8:00pm.

Sunday, Sept. 25 for  
**OUTDOOR POLKA MASS**  
10:00AM with Good Times Band  
**PIG ROAST – 11:30 – 1:30pm**  
\$10 Full Meal, \$4 Light Meal  
(\$15 & \$5 day of event)  
**ANIMAL PRESENTATION**  
The “Natural Naturalist”  
**RAFFLE: WIN \$3000, \$1000, or 2 -\$500**  
Drawing 2pm – also 50/50 Split the Pot  
**1025 E. Madison, Lombard**  
**630-627-4526**  
[www.stpiuslombard.org](http://www.stpiuslombard.org)

## Popcorn and Wreaths!!

Cub Scout Pack #122 will be selling popcorn and taking orders for wreaths on **Sunday, September 18th after the 10:30am Mass.**

Please stop by to say “hi” and to support your local Cub Scouts.

To learn more about our Pack, please visit our website: <https://www.vppack122.org/>



\*picture for example only



## 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.



**You are all invited!!!** 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: 10:30am Mass  
4th Weekend: 8:30am Mass



## Faith Formation Classes Starting Soon!!

**Parent Meeting: Sept. 15 @ 6:30pm in the Church Gathering Space**

There is still time to register. Go to the website:  
<https://www.stalexanderparish.org/faith-fo>  
Or email: [stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com](mailto:stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com)

## Parish/Diocesan News



The **St. Vincent DePaul truck** will be in our parking lot **September 10 and 11** before and after each mass. Bring your unwanted clothes and small household items. All donated items go to the St. Vincent store where they are sold and money from these sales go to help provide assistance to the needy.



**SEASONS OF HOPE**  
Catholic Bereavement Group

### Bereavement Ministry “Seasons of Hope”

Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed, and that they shall be comforted. *Seasons of Hope* offers the bereaved an opportunity to come together to share in God’s love. This is a Christ-centered bereavement program created by nationally recognized hospice care and bereavement specialist, M. Donna MacLeod.

With the support of our faith community, we can give voice to our unique journeys of grief, find healing and spiritual growth. Each season follows the same simple format and flow to help us explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection activities and faith sharing in the Catholic tradition.

Each season, consisting of six consecutive weeks is self-contained and non-sequential so that participants may begin with any of the four seasons. Any parishioner who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend. **“Seasons of Hope – Season Two” will begin September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:45pm to 8:15pm in the Fr. Kennedy Center.** Other dates are September 26, October 3, October 11 (Tuesday), October 17 & October 24.

Please contact our Parish Office to register for “Seasons of Hope – Season Two” at 630-833-7730.

### Mandatory Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a mandatory meeting for all current Eucharistic Ministers. We have had issues with Ministers who have been on the schedule and have not shown up for Mass, so we want to reestablish who is still in this ministry. If you wish to continue as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Alexander, you will need to attend. We will go over procedures for Mass and answer any questions. The meeting should only last 30 minutes.

You must attend **ONE** of these meetings:

Wednesday, September 21 @ 6:30pm—Parish Center  
Wednesday, September 28 @ 6:30pm—Parish Center

### Bible Studies Return September

To register contact Betty St. Louis:  
[bettyst.louis@comcast.net](mailto:bettyst.louis@comcast.net)

#### Jesus, The Way, The Truth and The Life,

This is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life around him as you come to know and love him in an even deeper and more intimate way.

**Wednesdays @ 9:30am**  
**Starting September 14th**

#### What We Believe, the Beauty of the

**Catholic faith.** . Explore the amazing riches of the Catholic Faith. The Catholic Church is extraordinary. Founded by Christ himself, the Catholic Church is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. The Church faithfully proclaims the fullness of faith, leaving no truth out. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

**Wednesdays @ 7:00pm**  
**Starting September 14**

# Prayer Intentions



## September 2022 Prayer for Vocations

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

12. Fr. John Phan, Fr. Grzegorz Podwysocki
13. Sr. Judith A. Davies OSF, Sr. Nancy Roberta Schramm OSF, Sr. Mary Paul Shisler OSF
14. Sr. Kathleen Anne Copp OSF, Sr. Kathleen Hook OSF, Sr. M. Alexine Knotek OSF
15. Sr. M. Innocence Mills OSF, Sr. Kathleen Moseley OSF
16. Fr. Michael Powell, Fr. Matthew Pratscher
17. Frs. Thomas Schrader O.Carm., Jeffery Smialek O.Carm, Michael O'Keefe O.Carm.
18. Br. Robert L. May CFC



## Adorers Needed!

And behold **I am with you**  
always to the end of the age.  
Matthew 28:20

The Adoration Chapel is open:

**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00pm—8:00pm.**

We would like to extend the hours to 10:00pm.

While you can sign up for an hour any time between

3:00pm—8:00pm, **we need more people to sign up from**

**8:00pm—10:00pm on Tues., Wed. & Thurs.**

Sign up is available in the Gathering Space.

## 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 Ann.

Kristin & Tim due 10/2022

Paul & Alexa due 11/2022

Laura & Josh due 10/2022

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

**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.

**Michael Castino, Phil Coleman, Juliana Commare, 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, Colleen Lane, Ted McAvaney, Hannah Medow, Karen Mocariski, Don Phelan, Jim Rohrich, Rita Spearman, Ruben Stortzman, Susan Strickland, Kevin Wallace and Nicole Zabel**

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



## 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 Faithfully Departed

**Michael Todd Smith, Fr. Bob Noesen,  
Fr. Alphonse Micka, M.I.C.**

# Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 9/5/2022.....	\$8,148
Online Giving (WeShare) 8/31—9/6/2022	\$3,77
Weekly Goal.....	\$9,000
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$90,197
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$459,000
Major Maintenance 9/5/2022.....	\$85
Major Maint. Online Giving 8/31—9/6/2022	\$105

**August 2022 Weekly Envelope Giving:**  
**\$25,651**

### August 2022 Online Contributions

Sunday Collections .....	\$10,143
Major Maintenance .....	\$220
Miscellaneous .....	\$885

*(Adoration Chapel, Assumption, Catholic Charities  
Faith Formation Tuition Assistance,  
St. Vincent de Paul)*

*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.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner

New Address

New Phone Number



## PLEDGE REPORT: Sept. 4, 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.

<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$46,300</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$43,539</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$39,407</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$4,132</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>213</b>



**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.*  
 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 @ 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  
**Office Administrator:** Sue D'Alessandro  
**Parish Registrar:** Rita Matthews  
**Faith Formation:** 630.833.7730  
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