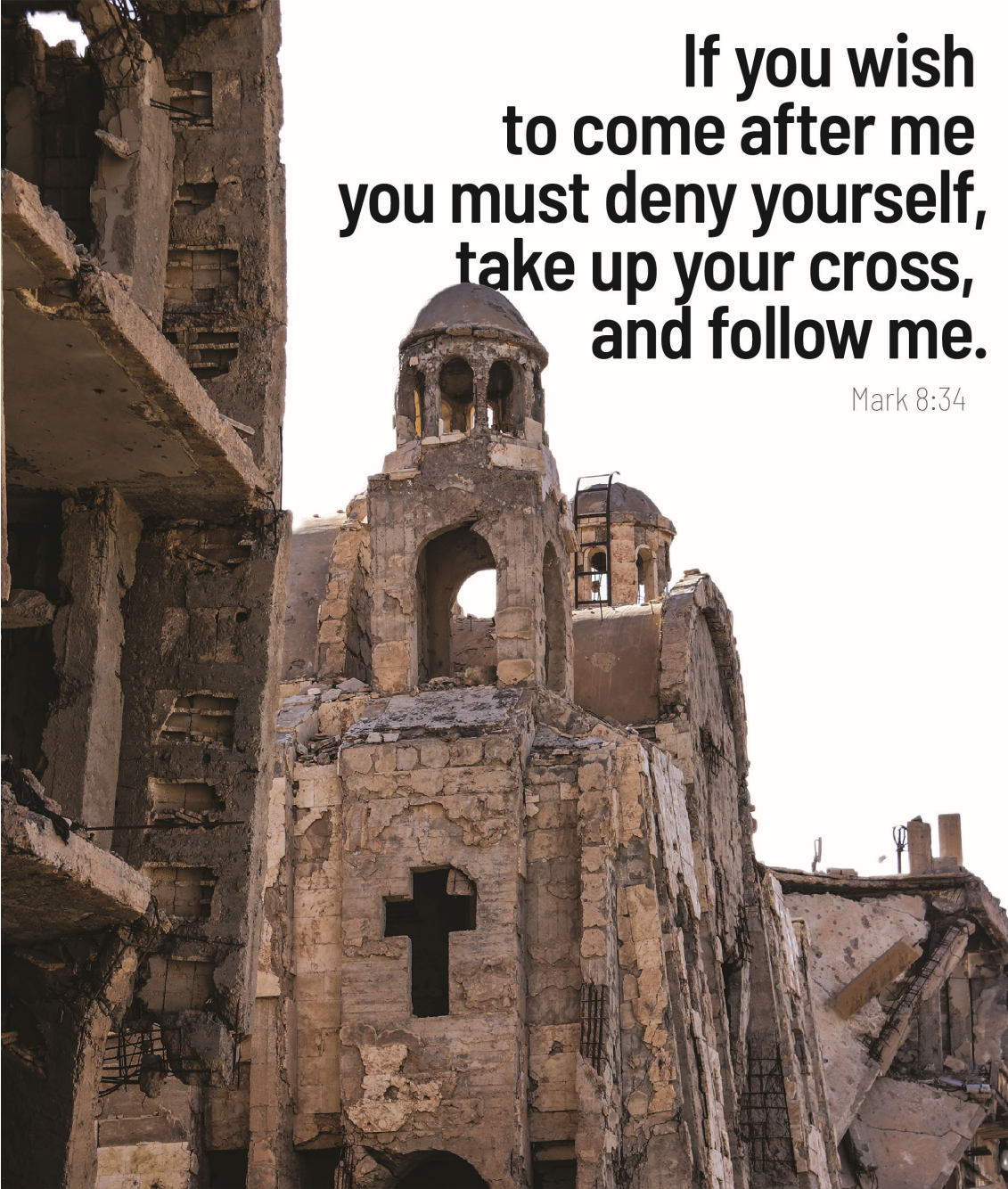


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to come after me  
you must deny yourself,  
take up your cross,  
and follow me.**

Mark 8:34

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**Twenty-fourth**

Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

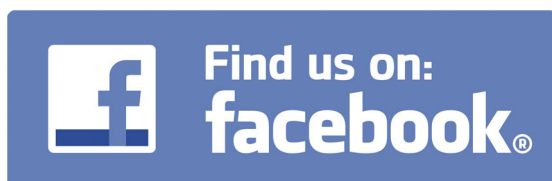
## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 13—St. John Chrysostom, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Tom Clark, Jr. (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Peter Corbo
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 15—Our Lady of Sorrows</b> Robert Blazek
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 16—Sts. Cornelius, Pope &amp; Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</b> Helen Liss/Jack Luka (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 17—St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Blanche Patterson (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>Sept. 18—Weekday</b> Genevieve Sangpeal/George Kudrna/Danny Kudrna/ Hubert & Therese Klaus/John Curtin/Carolos Plomantes
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Sept. 19—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Joyce Maxse/Gary Spearman Niels & Martha Madsen Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Mon. 9/13:</b>		
Scout Troop #199 Meeting	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
<b>Tues. 9/14:</b>		
Compassionate Friends	Sister's Room	6:30pm
<b>Thurs. 9/16:</b>		
CCW Salad Supper & Bingo	Hall/Gym	6:30pm
<b>Sat. 9/18:</b>		
Wedding	Church/GS	2:00pm
<b>Sun. 9/19:</b>		
Faith Form. Parent Meeting	Hall/Gym	8:30am
Faith Form. Parent Meeting	Hall/Gym	4:00pm

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

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

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37



## Reconciliation

### St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm  
or by appointment

### St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm  
or by appointment

# Gospel Reflection



## If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.

Mark 8:34

### SUFFERING, HOPE, AND LOVE

Our readings from Isaiah and from the Gospel of Mark confront us with the fact that the invitation to faith leads us into suffering. In Isaiah, the prophet accepts pain and shaming from others, as he trusts in God. In Mark, Jesus is blunt about this: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” When we embrace faith, we are confronted with our own fears about suffering and about losing comfort, status, and control over our lives. Life has plenty of suffering already, so why choose to add to it? Jesus points to a response: avoiding our fears and clinging to illusion and superficial comforts will not give us what we really want from life. Jesus offers a better, deeper life, a life grounded in God’s love. It is lived in hope of resurrection and the final triumph of this love.

### A DIFFERENT LIFE

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today’s passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus’ disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel’s oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

### A “LARGE” FAITH

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today’s passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one’s faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a “large” faith is to move from apathy toward others’ sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering.

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Psalm 116:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9  
James 2:14–18  
Mark 8:27–35

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## PARISH NEWS

### 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 Thurs. Oct. 28 @ Noon.**



Questions? Please contact:  
Pat Ivanauski  
@ 630-941-8592.



### ANNUAL KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

St. Alexander/St. John Annual Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on the **weekend of September 17- 19**. Members of the Knights will be collecting donations at **Jewel/Osco on Ardmore & St. Charles Avenue on September 17/18 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** and at **Ace Hardware on St. Charles and Villa Saturday, September 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. & Sunday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** In addition, containers for donations and candy will be located at various businesses in Villa Park throughout the upcoming months. **Look for our volunteers wearing their bright yellow vests at Jewel & Ace Hardware. Due to COVID19, our donations have been down this past year. We ask that you please be as generous as possible. Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus ID (Intellectual Disabilities)/Tootsie Roll Drive!**

**Donations benefit Easter Seals, Ray Graham Association, NEDSRA, and Special Camps.**



### Hospitality Weekend

Our first hospitality weekend since the pandemic is set for **September 18 /19**.

Come meet your new Parish Council after all masses! Plan to spend a little time after mass renewing old friendships with acquaintances you haven't seen for a while. We've missed you and cannot wait to welcome you back! *(Food will be individually wrapped.)*



### Special collection for Haiti recovery efforts set for weekend of Sept. 11-12

The people of Haiti have suffered greatly in recent days, as both an earthquake and tropical storm have struck the country located in the Caribbean Sea. Numerous lives have been lost, and many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed.

Catholic Relief Services is on the ground providing humanitarian aid, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has approved \$10,000 grants to each of the three most affected dioceses. But more help is needed.

In his role as USCCB president, Archbishop Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has called for a voluntary, special collection to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to provide additional aid to Haiti. The Diocese of Joliet has set the weekend of Sept. 11-12 for this special collection.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the people of Haiti.

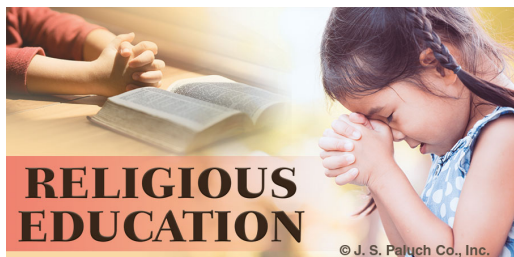
# Faith Formation News and Parish/Diocesan News

Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—[khalloran@x-town.com](mailto:khalloran@x-town.com)



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God of all faithfulness,  
You have made us in your image and likeness.  
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In all the circumstances of our lives.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
That we may be faithful to  
Our baptismal promises  
And live and work together  
For the glory of your name.  
We ask this in the name of  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen



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**[www.stalexanderparish.org/  
faith-formation](http://www.stalexanderparish.org/faith-formation)**

## **St. Pius Parish Fall Fest September 25-26**



### **St. Pius X Parish FALL FEST**

Join us Saturday, Sept. 25 for  
**TRIVIA KNIGHT**

Under the tent at 8:00pm.

Sunday, Sept. 26 for

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# PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



**Come for the food, stay for the Prizes!**

## CCW SEPTEMBER EVENT

Salad Supper (Boxed) and Bingo Night,

Thursday, September 16 @ 6:30pm (Doors open 6:15pm) St. Alexander Hall (Gym)



**WELCOME** Ladies of St. Alexander Parish! We are excited to begin our CCW 21 - 22 season by kicking it off with our Salad Supper and Bingo Night. To make sure everyone stays safe, boxed meals will be served. Make sure you practice your yelling voice because Bingo will follow. **The cost is only \$5.00 per person for the entire evening.**

Please fill out the form below and drop it off at our table at masses on Sept. 4 & 5, and 11 & 12 weekends or in the drop box located in the Gathering Space. One form per person is required; however, you can put multiple forms and payments in one envelope.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling face soon!

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

**Please Check your Food Choice:**

- Turkey Salad Cold Plate (Turkey Salad, Assorted fruit, tomato/cucumber slice)
- Chopped Villa Salad (Bacon, tomato, cucumber, red onion, cheese, hard boiled eggs, avocado, croutons, dressing)

**Please Check your Payment Choice:**

- \$5.00 Cash included
- \$5.00 Check included payable to CCW of St. Alexander Parish

(One form per person is required; however, you can put multiple forms and payments in one envelope.)



### CCW UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars to save the dates for these upcoming CCW Events!

- **Thurs. 9/16 @ 6:30pm**—Salad Supper and Bingo Night (*ladies only*)
- **Sat. 10/23 @ after 5pm Mass**—Reverence for Life Rosary & Memorial Luminary Lighting (*parish event*)
- **Thurs. 11/18 @ 7:00pm**—Movie Night to watch "Unbreakable" (*parish event*)
- **Thurs. 12/16 @ 7:00pm**—Ornament Therapy. (*ladies only*)



The Casserole Ministry is making a change in the kind of casserole tins we are passing out. Each month we will be passing out two different recipes. This weekend we are going

to have available burgers and beans and chicken with stuffing. The reason for the change is because we are servicing smaller communities that serves the same casserole throughout the month. In order to give the facilities some variety we will be passing out two different recipes each month. When you pickup your tin we will give you a choice as long as we have both available. We thank you for your constant support of the Casserole Ministry. —Betty and Linda

### CASSEROLE MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2021

Date	Returned	Frozen Casserole
Sept. 11/12		Florentine Ravioli
Oct. 2/3		Burgers & Beans or Chicken & Stuffing

# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## September 2021 Prayer for Vocations

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

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
19. Fr. Richard Prodehl, Fr. Mario Quejadas



## Rosebud Program

*"Please pray for the following who have requested prayers of CCW's Rosebud Program."*

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Susan on the birth of her sons Levi William & Lincoln James.  
Theresa & Nick on the birth of their son Noah Nicholas.

- |                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Anthony & Beth due in 9/21.  | Tricia & Cameron due in 10/21. |
| Susan due in 9/21.           | Kelly & Jeremy due in 11/21.   |
| Alexia & Jorge due in 10/21. | Lindsay & Dan due in 12/21.    |
| Collette & Ben due in 10/21. | Lily & Tim due in 12/21.       |

### Special Intentions for:

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

**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.

Ed Driskell, Frank Rajase, Tom Criscione, Andy, Terry Baugh, Lorane Myers, Maggie Gannon, Maria Cruz, Jim Erlenbaugh, Kimmy Dikker, Corinne Principe, Keith Lapointe, Matt & Julie Guth, Lisa Krandal, Peter Parish, Sue Connelly, Matt Doyle, Bob Chandler, P.J. O'Connor, Karen Soukup, Eda Jett, Patricia Hendrickson, John Jarecki, Sue Duchek, Maureen Donovan, David Tracy, Frank Gill, Mark Boutin, Clare Stralko, Judith Hummert, Bernard (Gene) Niewoehner, John Zydek, Walter Dittmer, Mary Ellen Erlenbaugh, Fr. Arthur Maher, Owen Kingsbury, Matt Guth, Ryan Randal, Anthony Castrogivanni, Judy (McArdle) Heikes, Steve Ferguson, Ruben (Dwyer) Stortzum, Eleanor Burton, James Rohrich, Bob Connell, Emily Bertucci, Saul Ayala, Celia Suared, Ryan Randall, Linda Toaddy, Gene & Joy Gassensmith, Prinda Fabis, Haily Wilson Peyre, Jerry Riley, Charles Brown, Joseph DiBella, Gracey DiBella, Barbara Doyle, Don Hosek, Diane Knudtson, Chrissy Kulinski, Scott Liaison, Jerry Riley, Jon Riley, Fr. John Sebahar, Allen Sterwalt, Pat Ivanauski, Ray Orsolini, Nick Jones, Marge Greene, Amon McArdle, Gary Spearman and all those sick from COVID

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)

*"For it is in GIVING that we RECEIVE."*

*- St. Francis of Assisi*

## Names on the Prayers for the Sick and Deceased lists read at Mass.

**Please note:** names on the sick list that are read at Mass will remain on the list for 4 weeks. If you would like the name of a loved one kept on the prayers of the sick past 4 weeks, please call the office. This new policy will start the weekend of September 18/19.

Names on the Deceased List read at Mass will be kept on for 2 weeks.

*Thank you.*



## Our Faithfully Departed

Altha Grider, Jean Renken, Carole Sitkowski  
Michael Komperda and For those who died from COVID-19

# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 09/05/2021.....	\$6,887
Online Giving (WeShare) 08/30/21—09/6/21	\$4,297
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$89,572
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—51 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 09/05/2021.....	\$175
Online Giving (WeShare) 08/30/21—09/6/21	\$105

**August 2021 Weekly Envelope Giving:**  
**\$24,873**

**Online Contributions (August 2021)**

Sunday Collections .....	\$13,225
Major Maintenance .....	\$380
Miscellaneous .....	\$712

*(Adoration, Assumption, Catholic Charities,  
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**Thank you for your continued financial support of St. Alexander!**

# 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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**PLEDGE REPORT: Sept. 5, 2021**

Please continue to make your **2021 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>\$42,100</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$43,500</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$41,884</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,616</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>218</b>

**Thank you for your continued support.**



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**Mass Schedule:**  
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 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.  
 (English and Spanish)

**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 @ 1:00 p.m.  
**Spanish Baptisms:**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 1:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
 Arrangements must be made **AT LEAST SIX (6)** months in advance before making other arrangements.

**Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**  
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 3:00pm-8:00pm  
**Pastor:** Reverend Mark Rosenbaum  
**Mass Assistants:**  
 Rev. David Dillon/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/  
 Rev. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/  
 Rev. Danny Soriano/Rev. Johnus  
**Permanent Deacons:**  
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 James Krueger/Matthew Tretina  
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**Office Administrator:** Sue D’Alessandro  
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