

# St. Alexander Catholic Church

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Mark 9:41

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## Twenty-sixth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

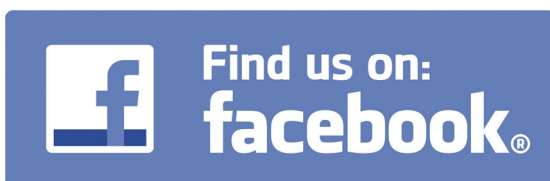
## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 27—St. Vincent de Paul</b> Int. of Maureen Oakley & Family
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 28—St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b> Altha Grider
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 29—Sts. Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, Archangels</b> For All Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 30—St. Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Catherine Norris
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Oct. 1—St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Int. of Ann Campbell
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>Oct. 2—The Holy Guardian Angels</b> Ralph, Sr. Carmella DeRose/Tom & Anne Jones/Int. Terry & Greg Maher (39 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)/Teresa Liza Elizabeth/Jimmie Moffet/Michael Komperda
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>Oct. 3—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Altha Grider/Int. John Terkowitzsch Family/ Int. Virginia Piescineski Family/People of St. Alexander Parish
10:30a.m.	John Polnik
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—Carmen Perez Galindo/Pedro Morales Jimenez

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Mon. 9/27:</b>		
Scout Troop #199 Meeting	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm
<b>Tues. 9/28:</b>		
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm
Spanish Ministry-Family & Marriage	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
<b>Thurs. 9/30:</b>		
Cub Scout Pack Meeting-#122	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Rental-Men's Volleyball	Hall/Gym	8:00pm
<b>Sun. 10/3:</b>		
Faith Formation (K-5th grade)	Hall/Gym	9:00am
Pet Blessing	Mary Statue	12:00pm
Faith Formation (6-8th grade)	Hall/Gym	4:30pm

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Saint Alexander Villa Park Illinois

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

**Psalm** — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

**Second Reading** — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]



## 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

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## THE FREEDOM OF GOD

Today’s readings remind us that God is free: God acts as God wills regardless of what human beings might expect. In the reading from Numbers, God’s spirit enters two men, Eldad and Medad, even though they had not been with the others who had received the spirit of God. And in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus endorses an unknown exorcist, who did God’s work in the name of Jesus but was not officially sanctioned by the disciples. That God’s spirit is shared widely does not threaten Moses or Jesus. They celebrate the notion that God’s spirit blows where it wills. Moses was shaping the people of Israel, and Jesus similarly was shaping the community of disciples, to encounter a radically free God who doesn’t fit their preconceptions. This encounter, when received with humility, widens their vision and deepens their faith. God continues to shape the Church similarly today, to open us up to God’s freedom.

## LOOK WITHIN

A wrestling match of sorts takes place in this section of Mark’s Gospel. Jesus tries mightily to describe what it will mean to be his followers, and the disciples try mightily to avoid the subject. They point to an outsider, and the dangers he poses. Jesus turns the tables and asks his disciples to look within themselves: how are they a danger to Jesus and his work? Jesus uses graphic language, invoking self-amputation, to underscore his point.

Sometimes our most difficult obstacles lie deep within. Like our hands and feet, some attitudes and habits are deeply a part of us, and their removal would be traumatic for us. Yet we know that some beliefs (such as idolatries based on race, wealth, or gender) or behaviors (such as addictions) seriously harm ourselves and many others. We need a prayerful, non-neurotic watchfulness about our inner life. When necessary, we need a fierce resistance to anything that places us or others in danger.

## UNITY IN CHRIST

Jesus, in today’s Gospel from Mark, says “whoever is not against us is for us.” Mark was speaking to his own Christian community. From its beginnings, there were tensions in the Church about who speaks for Jesus. Jesus himself always called for unity of heart and a diversity of expression as a sign of the truth of the Gospel. It is no secret that in Christian history and continuing today, divisions have seriously damaged the message and cause of Christ.

In our own time and place, cultural and political divisions have reduced our ability to solve problems and to live together in a just and peaceful society. Perhaps this is a time for Christians to step up, to remember that our unity in Christ is far deeper than the differences that we perceive. We are called to reach out and listen to each other, to honor each other as members of the Body of Christ. Christians can lead the way, and show everyone watching how it’s done.

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- Numbers 11:25–29
- Psalms 19:8, 10, 12–13, 14
- James 5:1–6
- Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

## 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.

### Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry Donations Resume

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of 9 St. Alexander couples, we will resume taking food donations to the food pantry every week at the First United Methodist Church in Lombard. The food pantry serves about 120 families per week and has been in operation for 40 years.

The items most in need are:

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Hearty soups
- Canned meals (chili, beef stew, etc.)
- Pasta and pasta sauce



Donations can be dropped off in the boxes by the doors coming into the church. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

If you have any further questions, please contact:  
Bob Baker @ 630-833-0089

### CCW UPCOMING EVENTS



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

- **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, RSVP**)



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. Names will be published once a month.

- 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 Lapso (*grandson of Clara Fiedler*)  
Cameron Littleson (*son of Ann & Scott Littleson and son-in-law of Greg and Terry Maher*)  
Adam Montana (*Son of Christine & Dennis Montana and big brother of Jeremy Montana*)  
John Mikita (*nephew of Frank Gill*)  
Adam Monroe (*grandson of Judy Emerson*)  
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*)  
Greg Wyrobek, Sgt. 1st Class (*son of Renee Wyrobek*)  
Kimmy Zimmerman (*niece of Clara Fiedler*)

# Faith Formation News and Parish/Diocesan News

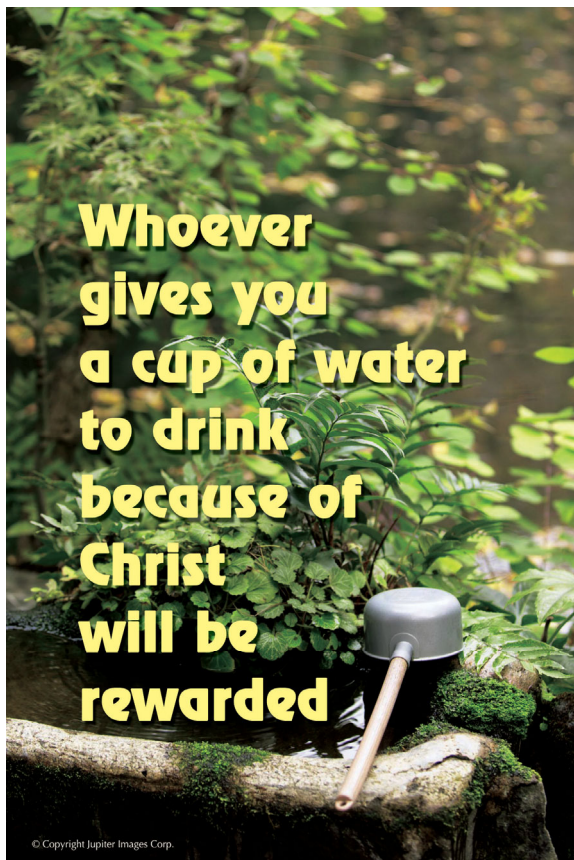
Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—[khalloran@x-town.com](mailto:khalloran@x-town.com)

## FEAST OF FAITH The Lord's Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great “Amen,” the acclamation of assent by the assembly. Then the Communion rite begins with the Lord’s Prayer. We pray this prayer in many contexts, both inside and outside the Church’s liturgy. Here, in the context of the Mass, the Lord’s Prayer is profoundly eucharistic. When we ask for our “daily bread,” we are asking for the gift of the Eucharist. When we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others, we are seeking forgiveness and purity of heart before we approach the altar to receive the sacrament of the Lord’s Body and Blood—“so that what is holy may, in fact, be given to those who are holy” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 81).

At Mass, a prayer for peace is inserted between the prayer and the doxology. In this prayer, called the embolism, the Church asks God for freedom—freedom from sin and all anxiety and distress. We are living in an in-between time; even as we rejoice in Christ’s presence, we await his coming in joyful hope.

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## 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

#### 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)

#### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

**RAFFLE: WIN \$3000, \$1000, or 2 -\$500**

Drawing 2pm - also Split the Pot

**1025 E. Madison, Lombard**

**630-627-4526**

## PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

Blessing of the Pets



In honor of  
St. Francis of Assisi

### Annual Pet Blessing

**Sunday, October 3 @ NOON**

Outside the Parish Office near the Mary Statue

### CASSEROLE MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2021

Date

Returned

Oct. 2/3

Frozen Casserole

Burgers & Beans or Chicken & Stuffing

Contact Betty St. Louis (bettyst.louis@comcast.net) if you would like to make a casserole for the shelters.



## Fall 2021 Alpha: The Marriage Course!



### 7 weeks of date experiences to enrich and explore your marriage!

The 7 weeks of The Marriage Course are designed to help strengthen relationships, keep the spark alive, and keep couples connected. Over the 7 sessions, the course covers: Strengthening the Connection, The Art of Communication, Resolving Conflict, The Power of Forgiveness, The Impact of Family, Good Sex, and Love in Action.

Sponsored by The Marriage Ministry Team for the Eastern DuPage Deanery of the Diocese of Joliet is offering

3 online sessions to choose from; each 7 weeks long presented virtually via Zoom:

**Fridays at 8:00pm starting September 24th, 2021**

**\*Thursdays at 8:00pm starting September 30th, 2021**

**\*Wednesdays at 7:00pm starting October 6th, 2021**

Use this link to register online! There is no cost for this program!

<https://forms.gle/RcUq1EgeiB536wu76>

You must register 24 hours before your first session to receive the Zoom link.

Questions?! Reach the Team at: [easterndupagemem@gmail.com](mailto:easterndupagemem@gmail.com)

# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## September 2021 Prayer for Vocations

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

- 27. Fr. Larry Janezic O.F.M., Fr. Michael Jennrich O.F.M., Fr. Herbert Jones O.F.M.
- 28. Sr. Josephine Mulcahey OSF, Sr. Francis Therese Ortega OSF
- 29. Bishop Ronald Hicks**
- 30. Sr. Cristina Soyao OSF, Sr. Elaine Teders OSF, Sr. Kim Marie Wolf OSF
- 1. Br. Lawrence Fidelus O.CARM., Br. Dominic Saganich O.CARM., Br. Edward Marc Arambasich OFM
- 2. Richard McCowan, Douglas McIlvaine, (Deacon Candidates)
- 3. Sr. Lucille Krippel OSF, Sr. Kathy Salewski, OSF, Sr. Janice Keenan OSF, Sr. Louise K. Bernier OSF

## 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.

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Anthony & Beth 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.     |
| Tricia & Cameron due in 10/21. |                              |

### 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.

**Saul Ayala, Emily Bertucci, Charles Brown, Bob Chandler, Garcey DiBella, Walter Dittmer, Matt Boyle, Prinda Fabis, Pat Ivanauski, Joy and Gene Gassensmith, Frank Gill, Marge Green, Judy (McAardle) Heikes, Armon McArdle, Nick Jones, Diane Knudtson, Chrissy Kulinski, Ray Orsolini, Hailey Wilson Peyer, Jerry Riley, Jon Riley, James Rohrich, Gary Spearman, Allan Sterwalt, Karen Soukup, Linda Toaddy, Judy Travnicek, Marie Demke, Barb Doyle, Clare Stralko, 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)

## Holy Ghost Church in Wood Dale

Presents

### What Does It Mean To Be Catholic Today?

### A Fall Parish Mission With Fr. Tom McCarthy\*

**Sunday, October 10 @ 4:30PM**

Prayer -

- ✦ Is it worth it? Does God listen to me?
- ✦ Answered or unanswered prayers—which do I believe in?

**Monday, October 11 @ 7:00pm**

The Family of Faith—

- ✦ Do I consider my Parish a Family?
- ✦ How do I build up my family of faith?
- ✦ I want to belong—how do I do it?

**Both presentations will be held at Holy Ghost Church, 254 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale, IL 60191**



\*Fr. Tom McCarthy is a popular parish mission presenter and retreat director. He was ordained in the Augustinian Order. He served over 21 years at St. Rita High School as their school chaplain, then as president, president/principal and finally as chairman of the board. Currently, he serves the Augustinians as their Vocations Director.



## Our Faithfully Departed

**Carol Mary Sitowski, Michael Komperda and For those who died from COVID-19**

# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 09/19/2021.....	\$4,523
Online Giving (WeShare) 09/14/21—09/20/21	\$2,157
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$104,134
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—51 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 09/19/2021.....	\$25
Online Giving (WeShare) 09/14/21—09/20/21	\$20

*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.

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## Welcome to St. Alexander!

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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. 19, 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>\$43,950</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$42,569</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,381</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>218</b>

*Thank you for your continued support.*



**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.  
 (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:**  
 John Boyle, Emeritus/Christopher Cochran/Julio Jimenez  
 James Krueger/Matthew Tretina

**Music Coordinator:** Alexia Garcia  
**Office Administrator:** Sue D’Alessandro

**Parish Registrar:** Rita Matthews

**Faith Formation:** 630.833-7730  
**E-mail:** khalloran@x-town.com  
**Director:** Kathy Halloran



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