

# St. Alexander Catholic Church

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## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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the ears of the deaf be cleared;  
then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

SEPTEMBER

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 9:00a.m.	<b>Sept. 6—Weekday/Labor Day</b> Marie Johnson
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 7—Weekday</b> In Thanksgiving for & To our Deacons: Chris Cochran, Matt Tretina, Julio Jimenez, James Krueger
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> John Preuss
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 9—St. Peter Claver, Priest</b> Maria Maffia
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Sept. 10—Weekday</b> Jose Plomantes
12:30pm	Trigueros/Valdes Wedding
3:00pm	Pollack/Cruywells Wedding
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>Sept. 11—Weekday</b> Frank Mantia/Barbara Esposito/Marvin G. Jett/Tom & Anne Jones/Chuck & Helen Maney/John Curtin/Barbara Murray
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>Sept. 12—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Michael & Angeline Fanello/Nicholas & Mary Kurasz/ Carson Smith/Carol Maltese
10:30a.m.	Mary Meenaghan
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—Deacon Larry Migliorato

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).  
**Second Reading** — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Mon. 9/6:</b>	<b>CLOSED FOR LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Tues. 9/7:</b>		
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm
<b>Wed. 9/8:</b>		
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Sister's Room	6:30pm
<b>Thurs. 9/9:</b>		
Rental-Men's Volleyball	Hall/Gym	7:00pm
<b>Fri. 9/10:</b>		
Wedding	Church/GS	12:30pm
Wedding	Church/GS	3:00pm



*It is in Baptism that one is welcomed into a community of faith. As a parish community, "WE WELCOME YOU."*

**Jace Mejía**, son of Katherin Rubi Mejía Figueroa

**Jayden Mejía**, son of Katherin Rubi Mejía Figueroa



## Reconciliation

### St. Alexander:

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

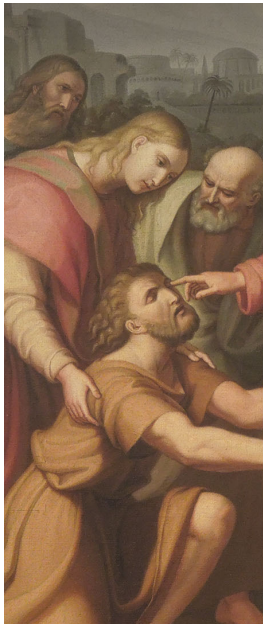
**No confessions on 9/7/2021.**

### St. John the Apostle:

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



# Gospel Reflection



## THEN WILL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED

the ears of the deaf be cleared;  
then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

### GOD LIFTS US UP

Our readings this Sunday describe God’s work of liberation for those who are vulnerable. Isaiah portrays the coming of God in terms of the healing of the blind, the deaf, and the lame. James notes that God chooses the poor to be rich in faith. In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf person who has a speech impediment. The readings remind us of the acute struggles of the disabled, the excluded, and the poor. In the last year and a half, the pandemic has reminded us that we are all vulnerable, that illness and death are near us always. Today we hear that God’s presence is revealed when God lifts us up, and when we join God to lift each other up. Our care for others, especially those in greatest need, can be our grateful response to God’s healing of us in our own vulnerability.

### BLESSING FOR ALL

The story of the deaf man related in today’s Gospel is one of several descriptions of extraordinary healings in this part of Mark’s Gospel. Mark leads readers to understand that in Jesus, God is fulfilling the divine promises prophesied by Isaiah: “the ears of the deaf (will) be cleared . . . the tongue of the mute will sing.” When the deaf can hear and the mute can sing, this sign of the coming of God means that the gifts of sight and hearing are now available, not only for the individuals involved, but for their families and the whole community around them.

There is a “ripple effect” of blessing extending well beyond individual healing. Those isolated by deafness and speech impediments could now fully participate in common life. With their inclusion, the community itself receives healing. In the Gospels, salvation is always inclusive and wholistic. God brings blessing to one small part of creation, so to extend blessing to all of creation.

### BOTH LOVE AND CRITIQUE

For those who first heard today’s passage from the letter of James, it probably struck a nerve. James challenged the local church’s treatment of the poor as compared to the rich. It might strike a nerve for us too, because we live in a society where the wealthy are very much privileged, and the honoring of wealth is deeply ingrained in our cultural value system. James warns the church not to imitate the class distinctions made in the broader society. The Gospel proclaims that we are all equally God’s children.

The church typically lives in a particular place and within a dominant culture. The church is always called upon to reflect upon its faithfulness to the Gospel, discerning whether it absorbs cultural values and attitudes that conflict with the Gospel. The church is called to love and nourish the culture, and at the same time to speak in critique of its idolatries. These challenges continue in our own parish communities, here and now.

### TODAY’S READINGS

- Isaiah 35:4–7a
- Psalms 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10
- James 2:1–5
- Mark 7:31–37

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## PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



**Labor Day Mass,  
Monday, September 6  
St. Alexander @ 9:00am**

**St. Alexander & St. John will have a  
combined 9:00am Mass on Labor Day,  
Monday, Sept. 6, 2021 @ St. A's.  
Hope you will join us!**



**The Parish Office  
will be closed on  
Labor Day, Monday,  
September 6.**



**Have You Received All  
Your Sacraments?**

Are you still looking to be Confirmed or make your First Communion? Do you want to join the Catholic church?

Our information sessions start in September. Along with receiving the sacraments, you will grow in your understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith.

Call the parish office (630-833-7730) or email Deacon Matt at: [mtretina@stalexanderparish.org](mailto:mtretina@stalexanderparish.org)



### 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 News

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

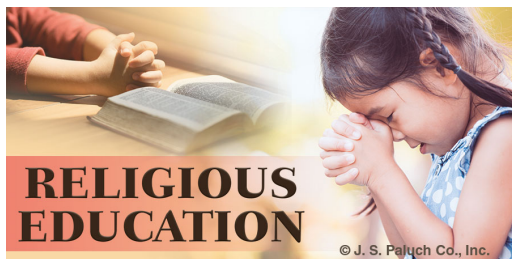
Dear Parents:

St. Alexander's Faith Formation program is an ongoing invitation to the life-long journey of relationship, love and service to our God, His message and His people. This journey is family centered with special attention to our children grades K through 8th, inclusive of the sacraments of Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

As we begin a new journey for this year, we have been preparing and want the communication between families and the Faith Formation program to be open and consistent, being available to your suggestions and needs. We will strive to model and extend the joy and love of our God in every lesson to our children and families. All lessons will begin with prayer. In addition, another goal is to provide parent, child and catechist faith sharing experiences along the way.

Along with Fr. Rosenbaum, we are excited to begin the journey and look forward to serving you and your family with the Good News of Jesus as we grow in faith.

Love, Kathy



**CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>!**

**Grades K-5, Sundays 9:00—10:15am**

**Grades 6-8, Sundays 4:30—5:45pm**

**Faith Formation (RE) Registration  
available on our website**

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



Our national memory will keep this day holy for generations to come, as we remember the innocent dead. Our memories of the

attack on our nation are intertwined with memories of how we human beings are natural symbol-makers. In one parish, as a candlelight vigil ended, the assembly, without being instructed, took their candles and stood shoulder to shoulder, down the steps and along the city streets for a quarter mile. Slowly, people came out of their houses bearing tapers and candles. In the first hours of crisis, we stood vigil, we prayed from the heart, and we celebrated the human ability to draw light out of terrible darkness.

Stories of that terrible day necessarily drift to tales of heroism, courage, dignity, faith, solidarity, hope, community. The church learned long ago through hard experience that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Perhaps the victims of 9/11 have gifts to bring that we are only just discovering as believers in a just and loving God. They are teaching us still, and today is a day for lighting candles at the table and being silent for a moment before the abundance of God's gifts. Today reminds us that we are capable of acts of indescribable beauty even in the face of great evil.

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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

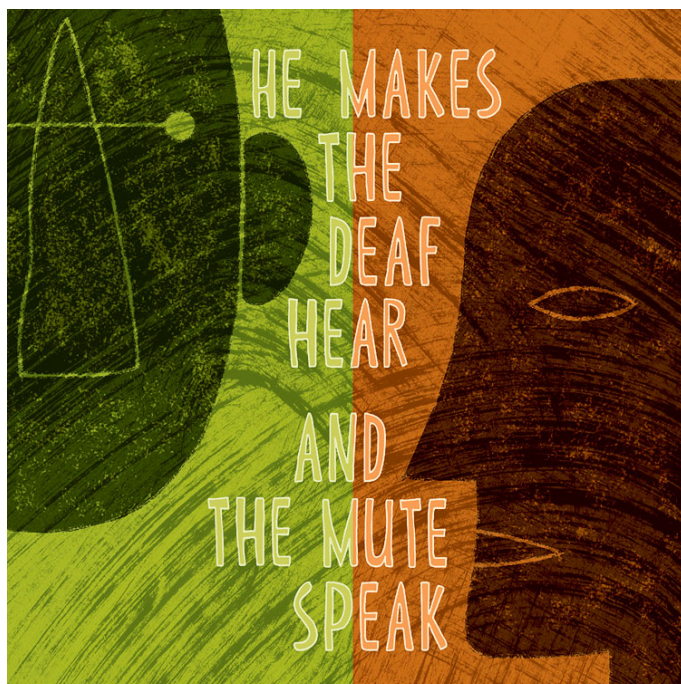
(One form per person is required; however, you can put multiple forms and payments in one envelope.)

### 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 *(see page 6 for details)*
- **Sat. 10/23 @ after 5pm Mass**—Reverence for Life Rosary & Memorial Luminary Lighting
- **Thurs. 11/18 @ 7:00pm**—Movie Night to watch "Unbreakable"
- **Thurs. 12/16 @ 7:00pm**—Ornament Therapy.



# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## September 2021 Prayer for Vocations

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

6. Fr. Michael Pawlowicz, Fr. Michael Pennock
7. Sr. Sandra Duma OSF, Sr. M. Dominic Dybel OSF, Sr. M. Margaret Anne Floto OSF
8. Dcns. Rigoberto Padilla, Thomas Paluch, Lindsey Parsons, Leonard Penkala, Michael Perkins
9. Sr. Mary Therese Forst OSF, Sr. M. Debrah Funfsinn OSF
10. Sr. Mary Elizabeth Imler OSF, Sr. Norma Janssen OSF, Sr. Olive Kabaguma OSF
11. Sr. Karen Marie Lanigan OSF, Sr. Colleen Loehmer OSF, Sr. Theresa Diane Lopez OSF
12. Fr. John Phan, Fr. Grzegorz Podwysocki

## Rosebud Program

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



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Theresa & Nick on the birth of their son Noah Nicholas.

Anthony & Beth due in 9/21.  
Susan due in 9/21.  
Alexia & Jorge due in 10/21.  
Collette & Ben due in 10/21.

Tricia & Cameron due in 10/21.  
Kelly & Jeremy due in 11/21.  
Lindsay & Dan due in 12/21.  
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.**


 PLEASE PRAY *for* 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, 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)

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*“You did it for me.”*  
-Matthew 25:40

**St. Teresa of Calcutta**  
Albanian nun who founded the Missionaries of Charity and devoted her life to serving the poorest of the poor in Calcutta, India

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September 5

## 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**  
Helen Gourley, Alexander (John) Kogut, and those who died from COVID-19,

# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 08/29/2021.....	\$6,715
Online Giving (WeShare) 08/23/21—08/29/21	\$1,567
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$46,814
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—51 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 08/29/2021.....	\$55
Online Giving (WeShare) 08/23/21—08/29/21	\$35

*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.



**PLEDGE REPORT: Aug. 22, 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>\$43,400</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$41,447</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,953</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>218</b>

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## 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

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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.  
 (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  
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