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Mass Intentions

Monday 8:45am	Dec. 18—Advent Weekday Frank Gill
Tuesday 8:45am	Dec. 19— Advent Weekday Betty Greco
Wednesday 8:45am	Dec. 20— Advent Weekday James Cincinelli
Thursday 8:45am	Dec. 21—St. Peter Canisus, Priest & Doctor of the Church Arthur Simms, Sr.
Friday 8:45am	Dec. 22—Advent Weekday Deceased Members of the Clark & DiPrima Families
Saturday 5:00pm	Dec. 23—St. John of Kanty, Priest Yolanda & Francis Gentile/Angela Saporito & Josephine Santisi
Sunday 4:00pm	Dec. 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve Bob Morris/Bob Chandler/Laddie & Jeane Koutsky/ Schaber & Maher Families
6:30pm Midnight	Francis M. Campbell People of St. Alexander Parish

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 12/18:

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Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Altar Server Training	Church	5:00pm
0.C.I.A.	Church/GS	6:00pm
Scout Troop 199	Gym/Hall	7:00pm
CCW Prayer Blankets	Gathering Space	7:00pm
<u>Tues. 12/19:</u>		
Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Gym/Hall	6:00pm
Fishers of Men	Sister's Room	6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
<u>Wed. 12/20:</u>		
Legion of Mary	Fr. Tuan Room	9:00am
Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Gym/Hall	6:00pm
Music—Youth Choir	Church	6:00pm
Music—Joystir Choir Practice	Maguire Room	6:45pm
Music—Witness Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
Music—Spanish Choir Practice	Library	7:00pm
<u>Thurs. 12/21:</u>		
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sister's Room	9:30am
Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Gym/Hall	6:00pm

The Parish Office and facilities will be closed December 25, 2023 through January 1, 2024. They will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The Hospitality Committee is taking the month of December off. Therefore, no hospitality will be served after Masses during the month of December.

The committee wishes everyone a blessed Advent/Christmas season and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



You are all invited for hospitality and fellowship!!! Parish Council will host hospitality 3 times a month at one of the Masses. Hospitality is a time for all parishioners to get together in a casual setting with friends and just to "visit". All are invited to bring a favorite comfort food to share with friends after Mass.

Here is the schedule:

1st Weekend: 6:00pm Spanish Mass
2nd Weekend: 5:00pm Mass
3rd Weekend: 8:30 & 10:30am Mass



Reconciliation

<u>St. Alexander:</u> 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 Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm or by appointment 630-279-7404

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Parish News

COMMUNICATIONS: BULLETIN, FLOCKNOTE MARQUEE SIGN and SOCIAL MEDIA



Please submit your request in **written** form (either in an email or with an attached document) to the following email: **bulletin@stalexanderparish.org** Indicate if you want the info in the bulletin, Flocknote, marquee sign, social media or all four (please note: the marquee is limited so it would be a shortened version). Requests must be made by **NOON Nine Days** before the weekend you would like it to start. Please indicate start and end dates. Also, give a contact name and number. *Thank you. Due to the holidays, there are early bulletin deadlines*



St. Alexander Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays: 5:00—6:00pm **Saturdays:** 4:00—4:45pm

Additional/Extended Confession time:

Tuesday, 12/19: 5:00—7:00pm Friday, 12/22: 5:30—6:30pm

St. Alexander Council of Catholic Women decorated a Christmas Tree on the Prairie Path across the street from St. Alexander Church.



Parish News



Thank you to the following parishioners who donated towards our Christmas Flowers for the church. We greatly appreciate your generosity. (More will be posted in future bulletins.)

Parishioner	In Honor/Memory	Parishioner	In Honor/Memory
Mr. & Mrs. Krill	Lou Krill	Juliana Zawilinski	
Mr. & Mrs. O'Sullivan		Sal Saporito	
Mr. & Mrs. Lagon			Lools, Rose & Mike,
Genevieve Kemp	Dick, Brian, Rich Kemp	Adeline Skarnulis	Josephine & Bill
Matha Schulltz	Colette Dooley-Robertson	Carol Nash	John E. Nash/Arthur Lane/Pearl Lane/Philip Nash/Nora Nash
Dennis Robertson	Mary Ann Robertson Delores Dooley	Mr. & Mrs. Nanna	
Magdalena Jean	Daniel & Piedad Torres, Sr.	Joyce Dillon	
Alfred Kosir	Eleanore & John Kosir	Thomas Crowe	
Timothy Marchewka	Bruno & Caroline Marchewka	Mr. & Mrs. Vanco	
Jane Mingesz	Mingesz Family Cannon-Lynch Family	Frances Gilles	Joe Gilles
Mr. & Mrs. Fabis		Carolyn Meier	
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell		Judith Travnicek	
Mr. & Mrs. Karges		Donna Sidor	John & Frances Sidor
Dcn & Mrs. Jimenez	All members of St. Alexander who died in 2023.	Mr. & Mrs. Hodges	
Mr. & Mrs. Castrogiovanni	Mary & William McMahon Ann & Tory Castrogiovanni	Mr. & Mrs. Pindelski	
Mr. & Mrs. Schmid	Victoria Placzek, Arlene Placzek & Helen Ludwikowski	Annamarie Campbell	Campbell & Zuchel Families
Mr. & Mrs. Martens	Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo	Mr. & Mrs. Roycroft	Jacobs Family Roycroft Family
Darlene Kudrna	George & Danny Kudrna	Mr. & Mrs. Niewoehner	
Sheila Frieri		Maria Pasquale	
Mr. & Mrs. Liebe		Mr. & Mrs. Crilly	
Jean Babicz	Babicz's	Wir. & Wirs. Critiy	J. Vandergrift/S&H Husenica/
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell	Angie & Joe Voras	Mr. & Mrs. Vandergrift	V,C,R. Vandergrift/A. Husenica
Mr. & Mrs. Parzygnat		Susan Kroeger	

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Blood Drive Dates for 2024

Plan your blood donations for 2024 now! The Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph the Worker have five blood donation dates scheduled for 2024. All are 8 weeks or more apart so if you donate whole blood, you will be eligible for all five drives. Signups for the first three are now open. Scan the QR code or use the web link to schedule your time now.

Tuesday, February 06, 2024 at St Alexander https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/ drive-results? zipSponsor=StAlexanderVP
Tuesday, April 09, 2024 at St Alexander https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/ drive-results? zipSponsor=StAlexanderVP
Tuesday June 11, 2024 at St John the Apostle https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/ drive-results? zipSponsor=VillaParkStJohn
Tuesday August 13, 2024 St Alexander
Tuesday October 15, 2024 St Alexander

St. Alexander Christmas Mass Schedules

To fulfill the Sunday Obligation, there will be Mass on Saturday, December 23 at 5:00pm and Sunday, December 24 at 8:30am & 10:30am. There will be no 6:00pm Spanish Mass on 12/24.

Sunday, December 24th—Christmas Eve Masses 4:00pm, 6:30pm, and 12:00 Midnight (Christmas caroling will begin at 11:15pm) Monday, December 25th—Christmas Day Masses 8:30am, 10:30am and 6:00pm in Spanish January 1, 2023—Mary the Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation for 2023) Monday, January 1, 2024: 9:00am

St. John the Apostle Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24th—Christmas Eve Masses 5:00pm and 10:00pm Monday, December 25th—Christmas Day Masses 9:00am, 11:00am and 12:30pm

Thank you

Christmas Card Project

Thank you for all the Christmas cards and stamps donated for the Prison Ministry. There were over 500 Christmas cards donated. Your time and donation are greatly appreciated.

God Bless You, Pat Ivanauski

Faith Formation & Parish News Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

Due to the upcoming holidays, bulletin items must be submitted early. Please submit to **bulletin@stalexanderparish.org**. Thank you.

<u>Submit by Noon:</u> Dec. 18 Dec. 20 Publication Date: Dec. 31 Jan. 7, 2024



Make this Christmas special for Pregnant Moms in Need at Waterleaf Pregnancy Center. Buy a gift card or donate and receive a baby stocking Christmas decoration and prayer card.

See the "Tree for Life Table" in the Gathering Space at masses December 2/3, December 9/10 and December 16/17. Thank you

Walking with Moms in Need Dianne D'Amico 630-333-8947

Parish Council Corner

I'd like to thank you for your kindness as I recovered from my knee accident this fall. As I look back on these last several weeks I am so grateful for each and everyone of you. This parish is one of deep, loving kindness. You all care so very much for one another, and I felt the depth of that love personally. Thank you.

I spent my teaching career working with middle school students, and through them I realized that the holidays aren't as "jolly and happy" as we'd like to think. It was a huge struggle for many of those kids just to get through a time that was supposed to be a joyful one. That realization was a profound learning experience for me and has affected how I approach the Christmas season.

As we embrace this season of Advent, I implore you to take a few minutes to look around the pews when you attend mass. Who is missing? What faces are usually near you, but haven't been around these last few weeks? Who is suffering? Who needs you? Just a phone call, a note, a smiling face, or a surprise visit could make the difference for someone who is suffering. Please remember those around you whose lives are not going well. Reach out; you will be deeply rewarded.

May God bless you during this wonderful season of the birth of our Lord.

Linda Krause, Parish Council President

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Prayer Intentions



- 18. Dcns. Joseph Urso, Glenn Vanek, Joseph Verdico, Herbert Waldron, Robert Wallace
- 19. Dcns. Randy Waring, Douglas Wells, Charles Woods
- 20. Sr. Janet Tucci OSF
- 21. Sr. Helen Vahling OSF, Sr. Rita Vahling OSF
- 22. Seminarian Jonathan Hernandez and Seminarian Colin McGarel
- 23. Dcns. Gary Wooley, Duane Wozek
- 24. Dcns. Ronald Yurcus, Robert Ziomek



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. If someone can be taken off this sick list, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

Charles Baker, Pete Connelly, Bill Conroy, Marissa Fairbanks, Sandra Krutz, Reinelia Leiva, Mary Mullen, Fr. John Ouper, Brianna Payne, Paloma, John Rich, Jr., James Rohrich, Jerry Spearman, Fr. Daniel Stempora, Susanne Strickland, Deacon Herb Waldron, those affected by the conflicts in Ukraine & Israel

We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : **www.stalexanderparish.org**



Our Faithful Departed

Ray Bacci, Sally Sommers, Carlos Austria, Gene Niewoehner, Mary Flynn

Eucharistic Adoration

The Adoration Chapel is open: Tuesday: 3:00pm—10:00pm, Wednesday: 3:00pm—9:00pm, Thursday: 3:00pm—10:00pm.



The Chapel is located in the Kennedy Center building North of the Church on Cornell Avenue.

Adoration is also available in the Church on Mondays from 3-4pm.

Rosebud Program

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Lori & Fred on the birth of their son Lucas Frederick. Anthony & Beth on the birth of their daughter Lucille Lake. Katie & Joh non the birth of their son Jack.

Lindsay & Dan due in 1/2024 Diana & Jake due in 1/2024 Patrick & Anna due 4/2024

Special Intentions for:

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

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

Due to an early bulletin deadline, donations could not be reported.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander parish.



The 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

PLEDGE REPORT: Dec. 3, 2023

Thank you to all those who have made pledges. Please continue to make your **2023 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:	\$46,700
Amount Pledged:	\$47,802
Amount Paid:	\$47,016
Remaining Balance:	\$786
Donor Count	224
2023 Rebate	\$221

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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.
- 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.

Name: ___

Address:____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: ____

[] New Parishioner [] New Address

[] New Phone Number

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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 or call the Parish Office @ 630-833-7730. Names will be published once a month.

Tony Amore (son of Joe and Betty) **Jenna Bishop** (daughter of Ed & Annette Bishop) 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) **Saverio D'Alessandro** (son of Sue & Tom D'Alessandro) **Dustin Hayes** (grandson of Kevin & Mary O'Connor) **Daniel Hogan** (son of Ed & Annette Bishop) **Eric Iftner** (brother of Megan Iftner) **Cameron Littleson** (son of Ann & Scott Littleson 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) **Weston Renken** (nephew of Jim & Denise Renken) Luke Russell (son of Annmarie Baughman) Luc Stanicek (nephew of Mary Flynn)

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Two of our choirs, *Joystir and Chancel*, are looking for an accompanist.

- Joystir Choir meets for practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and sings for the Mass on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. The Masses are every first and third weekend of the month. Joystir Choir group is also seeking a guitarist and singers to join
- Chancel Choir meets for practice on Tuesday at 7:00p.m and sings every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

The piano accompanist is paid a stipend for both rehearsal and Masses played.

Interested? Please contact Music Director Gina Gabriel at ggabriel@stalexanderparish.org.

Also, anyone who likes to sing, is welcome to join either one of these choirs.



Information Meeting January 17, 2024

Mission Trip June 1 to 14, 2024



The Diocese of Joliet will return to Navajo Nation for a two-week mission focused on construction and outreach from June 1 to 14, 2024.

The Diocese of Joliet has been putting faith into action—through intentional service and solidarity with the poor—in Chinle, Arizona, for 20 years.

The Office of Mission is seeking parishioners (18+) willing to help local area families with light construction work. No experience is necessary, but a heart willing to serve is required! Missionaries stay on the campus of Our Lady of Fatima, and the trip will include a pilgrimage to New Mexico's Loretto Chapel and it's "miraculous staircase."

An informational meeting on the mission trip will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill (16555 Weber Road).

Questions? Alex Buldak Mission Lead abuldak@dioceseofjoliet.org (815) 221-6256

Dec. 16/17, 2023

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Parish Center:	630.833.7730
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.
Saturdav:	5:00 p.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:

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3rd Sunday of the month @ 3:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00pm—10:00pm Wednesday from 3:00pm—9:00pm		
Pastor:	Reverend Mark Rosenbaum	
Mass Assistants: Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/Rev. David Medow/ Rev. Johnus Cherunilath		
Permanent Deacons: Christopher Cochran/Julio Jimenez/James Krueger/ Mark Ranieri, Jr./Matthew Tretina		
Office Administrator:	Sue D'Alessandro	
Music Coordinator:	Gina Gabriel	
Parish Registrar:	Rita Matthews	
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