

St. Alexander Catholic Church

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —

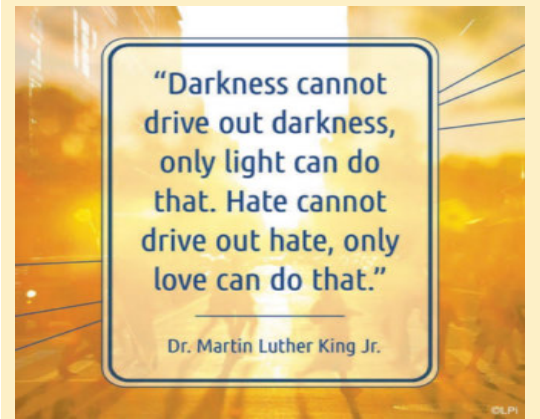


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Mass Intentions

Monday 9:00am	Jan. 15 — Weekday People of St. Alexander Parish
Tuesday 8:45am	Jan. 16 — Weekday Juan Jose Jimenez/St. John the Baptist, Winfield
Wednesday 8:45am	Jan. 17 — St. Anthony Abbott Int. John S. Welko Family
Thursday 8:45am	Jan. 18 — Weekday Tom Clark, Jr./St. Patrick Parish, Wilton Center
Friday 8:45am	Jan. 19 — Weekday Jack Luka
Saturday 5:00pm	Jan. 20 — Weekday Hubert & Therese Klaus/Anne & Tom Jones
Sunday 8:30am 10:30am 6:00pm	Jan. 21 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Emil Fischer/William Gorman Reginald Darley People of St. Alexander Parish



Hospitality Sunday

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

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 1/15:	CLOSED FOR MLK HOLIDAY		
Tues. 1/16:	Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
	Rental—Lions Volleyball	Gym/Hall	6:00pm
	Faith Formation Fundamentals	Library	6:00pm
	Fishers of Men	Fr. Tuan Rm	6:30pm
	Music—Chancel Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
	Parish Council	Sister’s Rm	7:00pm
Wed. 1/17:	Legion of Mary	Fr. Tuan Rm	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 Rm	6:45pm
	Music—Witness Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
	Music—Spanish Choir Practice	Library	7:00pm
Thurs. 1/18:	Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sister’s Room	9:30am
	Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
	Rental—Lions Volleyball	Gym/Hall	6:00pm
Sun. 1/21:	Faith Formation Classes	Multiple Rooms	8:30am
	Hospitality	Gathering Space	after 8:30 Mass



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
Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm
or by appointment 630-279-7404

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish News

COMMUNICATIONS:

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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

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Apostle, Villa Park



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Email and text Updates & announcements

**Council of Catholic Women (CCW)
Breakfast with Sister Joan Shields**

“Blessings”

ALL Women of the parish are invited to attend 8:30am or 10:30am mass and gather for a continental breakfast with our guest speaker: Sister Joan.

Sister Joan will speak to us between the masses approximately 9:45am to 10:10am about Blessings.

Father Tuan Room
Sunday, January 14, 2024
PLEASE JOIN US!



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SAVE THE DATE!

Our next Dine and Donate* will be Feb 4 & 5, All Day, at Manny's Ale House in Elmhurst .
Watch for an information flyer in future bulletins.

*Proceeds will go towards our 100th Anniversary celebrations.

Parish News

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Day

Daily Mass will be celebrated on Martin Luther King Day @ St. Alexander Church January 15, 2024—9:00am

The St. Alexander Parish Office will be closed on January 15, 2024.

Dine-In ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST



SUNDAY JANUARY 28 2024 7:30 to NOON \$13 PER PERSON FOR ALL THIS FOOD!



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You will make Christmas special for all our pregnant moms in need by your donations totaling \$1,375.00 in giftcards supporting Waterleaf Women's Center!

2023 Waterleaf Miracles



Thank you for helping us give the gifts of life, love, and hope in 2023!

Waterleaf Women's Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) pregnancy assistance and resource center, providing an array of comprehensive services. To learn more about Waterleaf, please visit us at Waterleaf.org, or visit our donor website at OneChoiceOneLife.com.

Your Donation's Lifetime Impact	
8,527	PATIENTS SERVED
7,444	PREGNANCY TESTS
8,468	ULTRASOUNDS
2,079	BIRTHS AND COUNTING

Parish News

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10
(8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,
10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

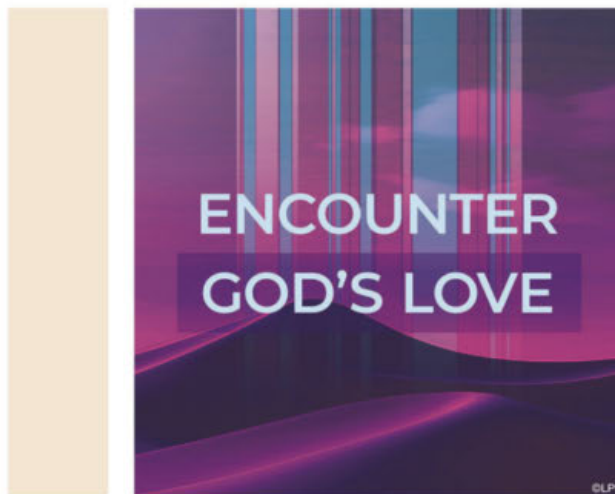
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

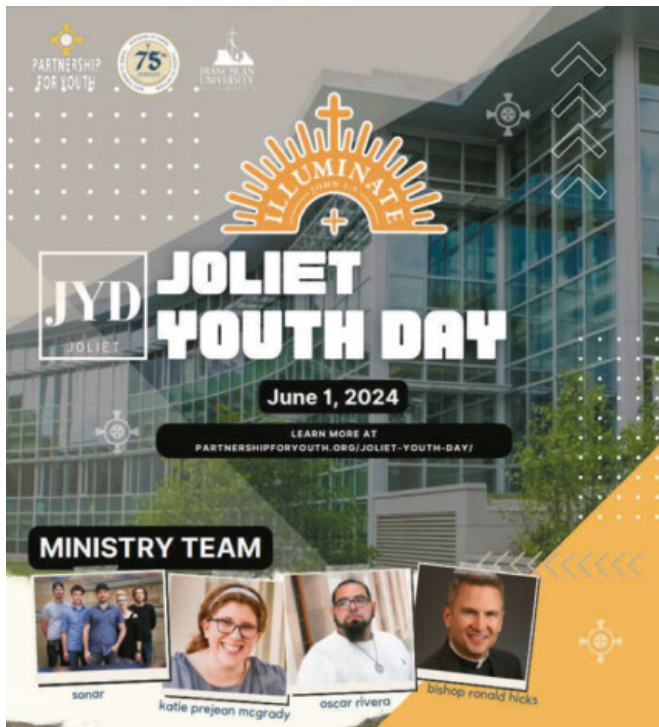
It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "**...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.**" Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives.* Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

Faith Formation & Parish News

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



Save The Date!
Joliet Youth Day
Saturday, June 1, 2024
9:00am - 5:00pm

This exciting, first-of-its-kind youth event will be held @ Lewis University, Romeoville. Bishop Hicks will be celebrating Mass at 4:00 pm.

This one day event is for current 7th - 12th graders. St. Alexander currently has 10 spots reserved.

Deacon Mark Ranieri and Kathy Halloran are attending and will Chaperone.

Interested in Attending? Questions?
 Please contact Kathy Halloran via e-mail stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com



American Red Cross



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

Prayer Intentions



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

- 15. Sr Judith Ann Heble, Sr. Irene Jasien, Sr. Lois Jean Jensik OSB
- 16. Dcns. Michael Barrett, Gary Bednar, and Ralph Bias
- 17. Sr. Helen Jilek, Sr. Christine Kouba OSB
- 18. Fr. John Balluff, Fr. Brad Baker
- 19. Monsignor James E. Burnett, Fr. Thomas Cargo
- 20. Sr. Alberta Kywela, Sr. Norbertha Mlowe, Sr. Margaret Mary Schima OSB
- 21. Dcns. Patrick Blaney, John Blumenstein, William Boucek, James Breen, David Brockman



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.

**Dominic Colontuano,
Pete Connelly, Carol Nance,
Jerry Spearman, Susanne Strickland,
Jon Riley, Hannah Medow,
George Smith, Teri Sweeny**

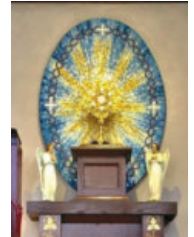
We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : www.stalexanderparish.org



Our Faithful Departed
Demetrio Mino, Charles Baker,
Michael W. Crosse, Ray Bacci,
Erik Gerhard, Melvin Imhoff

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
Anne & Rick due 7/2024

Special Intentions for:

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

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

Sunday Collection: 1/7/2024.....	\$6,647
Online Giving (WeShare) 1/1—1/8/2024	\$4,645
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$241,711
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$450,000
Major Maintenance 1/7/2024.....	\$145
Major Maint. Online Giving 1/1—1/8/2024	\$105

December 2023 Weekly Envelope Giving:
\$22,250

Christmas Collection: \$28,160

December 2023 Online Contributions

Sunday Collections	\$15,765
Major Maintenance	\$200
Miscellaneous	\$1,490

(Christmas Flowers, Faith Formation Tuition Assistance, Immaculate Conception, Religious Retirement, St. Vincent de Paul)

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.

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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Catholic Ministries Appeal



The 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference. This year’s CMAA theme is ***For the Glory of God***. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ’s Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own, but together through the appeal we can do so much more.

Our parish’s goal for the 2024 CMAA is **\$46,500**, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year’s annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!



Thank you to the following parishioners who donated towards our Christmas Flowers for the church. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

Parishioner

Ms. Alma Ang

Parishioner

Mr. Pollack & Ms. Cruywells

Parish/Deanery/Diocesan News



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FEBRUARY 14 THROUGH MAY 13 2024

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Scripture
- Small Groups
- Weekly content videos to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism

Join a small group and reignite your zeal for living the virtuous life!

USCCB Eucharistic Revival material to be included in weekly emails!

SEASON 8 EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 2ND!

On or after January 2nd, register by using the QR code above or go to <https://tinyurl.com/26xcx38a>

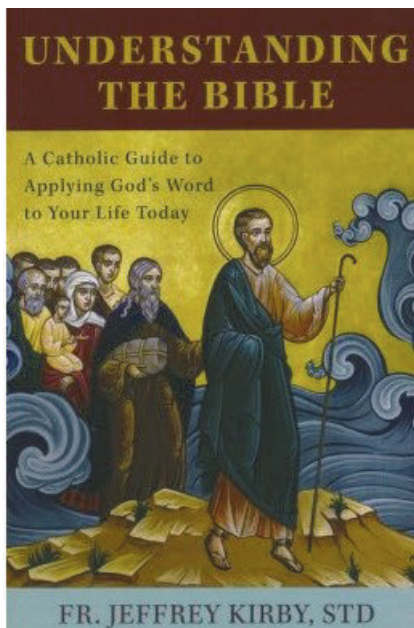
Eastern DuPage Deanery
 Join Us As We Welcome
Fr. Michael Pawlowicz
“Understanding the Structure of the Vatican”

January 22, 2024
 7:00pm
 Immaculate Conception Church
 132 Arthur Street
 Elmhurst, IL 60126

Priests, Deacons, staff, council members, and all parish leadership are encouraged to attend. All are welcome to join us for an engaging presentation!

Please go to easterndupagedeanery.org after December 1st to register.

A priest of the Diocese of Joliet, Fr. Michael is currently working in for the Apostolic Nunciature of Indonesia.



St. John the Apostle Adult Faith Formation Presents:
“Understanding the Bible: A Catholic Guide to Applying God’s Word to Your Life Today”

All parishioners of both St. John’s and St. Alexander’s are invited to join our weekly Bible study.

We will begin on **Monday January 22 at 7:00pm** in the library.

The book is available on Amazon for \$12.42.

We will be covering a few chapters each night.

Please read the first 2 chapters before the first class.

For more information, contact Terry @ 630-235-2966 or tlb1004@att.net


Parish/Deanery/Diocesan News

CCW Pro-Life Prayer Service Monday January 22nd at 6:00 St. John the Apostle Church

All parishioners of St. John and St. Alexander are invited to join us to pray for life:

- + Even though Roe v. Wade was overturned in 2022, the battle for life continues. Satan is just finding new ways to destroy life in our country and the world.
- + Beside abortion, there are many other ways in which life is being attacked:
 - + Hatred amongst our citizens
 - + Violence in our country
 - + Racism and bigotry
 - + The vulnerable being marginalized
 - + War
 - + Etc.

So, please join us on January 22nd as we pray for life as a parish family.



Come Learn about the Life of St. Isaac Jogues


Thursday, January 18, 2024
6:00 - Potluck Dinner
7:00 pm - Presentation

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Ministry Center Social Hall
36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville

Director of Catechesis and Evangelization, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. Isaac Jogues. Born to a prosperous family in France in 1609, his desire was to bring the Gospel far and wide as a Jesuit missionary. He first ministered among the Hurons in Canada. Fr. Jogues struggled to spread the Gospel in the New World. He bore much suffering and danger, and witnessed terrible torture. However, his zeal and love for souls would eventually bear fruit.

Fr. Jogues returned to France after being captured and tortured by the Mohawks. He eventually left France once more to again minister in the New World, where he was martyred. He was canonized in 1930, along with the seven other North American Martyrs.


For more information and to RSVP, please visit sspeterandpaul.net/cloud



Navajo Nation

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 its "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

Parish Center: 630.833.7730
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 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.
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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. — 4:45 p.m.

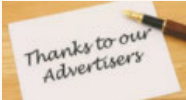
Sacrament of Baptism
Attendance at a pre-Baptismal class is required for both English and Spanish Baptisms. Pre-registration is necessary prior to class.

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month @ 12:15 p.m.

Spanish Baptisms:
 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.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
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/
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