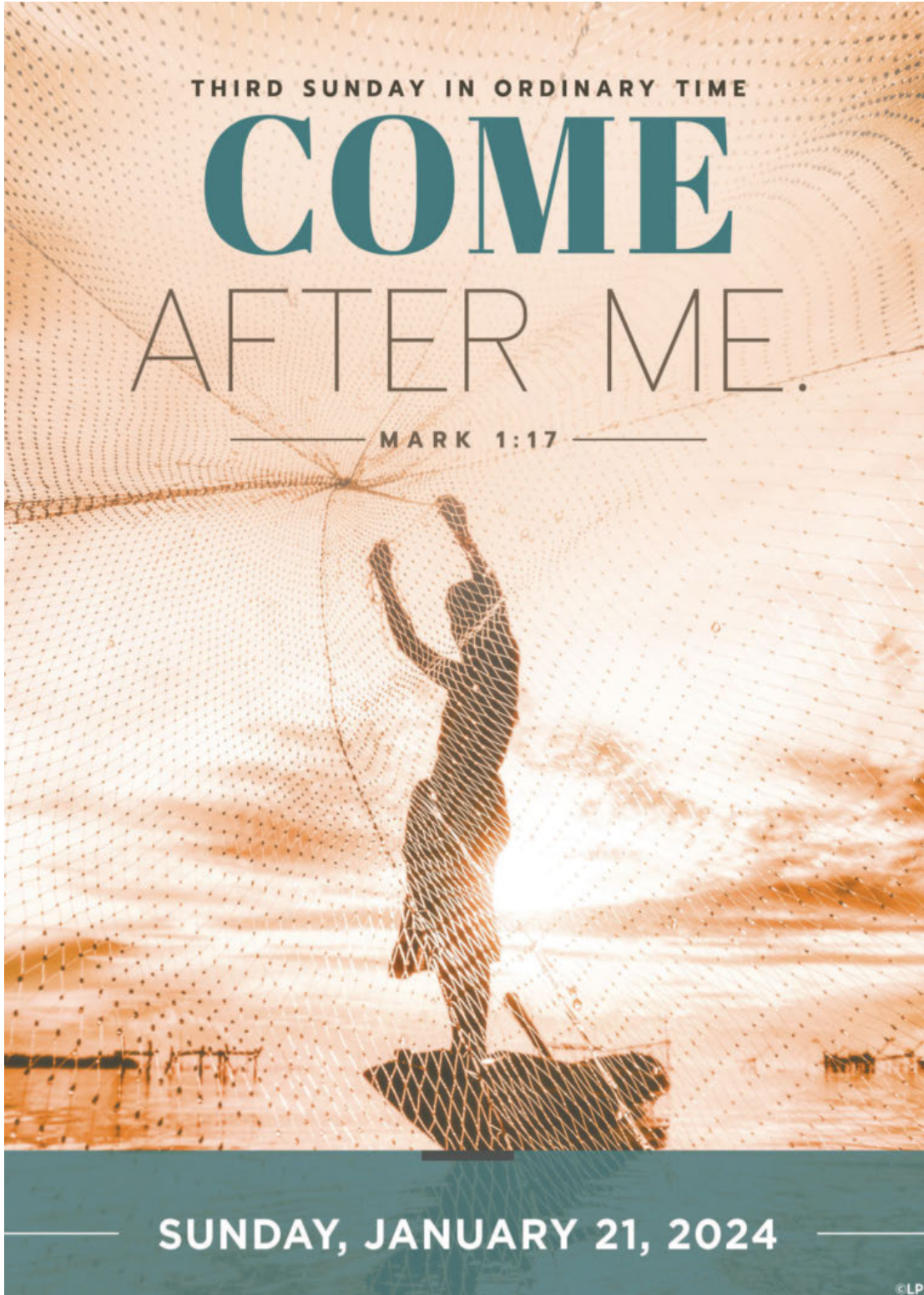


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Mass Intentions

Monday 8:45am	Jan. 22 —Weekday Int. Ricardo Huerta
Tuesday 8:45am	Jan. 23—Weekday Gary Walker Family
Wednesday 8:45am	Jan. 24—St. Francis de Sales Martha Hausieda
Thursday 8:45am	Jan. 25—Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Demetrio Mino
Friday 8:45am	Jan. 26—St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops Int. Jerry Spearman & Family
Saturday 5:00pm	Jan. 27—St. Angela Merici, Virgin BVM Angela Saporito/Josephine Santisi/Int. Helen Taylor
Sunday 8:30am 10:30am 6:00pm	Jan. 28—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Janny Mallek/Mae Karges (7th Anniversary) Int. Mari & Peter Kurasz, Sr. People of St. Alexander Parish



Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 1/22:			
Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall		4:00pm
O.C.I.A.	Fr. Tuan		6:00pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym		7:00pm
Tues. 1/23:			
Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall		4:00pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Gym/Hall		6:00pm
Music—Chancel Choir Practice	Church		7:00pm
Wed. 1/24:			
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
Knights of Columbus Meeting	Barrett Rm		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. 1/25:			
Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall		4:00pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Gym/Hall		6:00pm
Sat. 1/27:			
FF First Reconciliation Retreat	Hall/Fr. Tuan Rm		10:00am
FF First Reconciliation	Church/GS		12:00pm
Knights of Columbus (breakfast setup)	Hall/Gym		4:00pm
Sun. 1/28:			
Knights of Columbus Breakfast	Hall/Gym		7:30am—Noon
Faith Formation Classes	Multiple Rooms		8:30am

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



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

Parish News

St. Pius X Men's Group Presents
Men's Morning of Perspective
Answering the Call to Battle

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Sacred Heart Parish Center

114 S. Elizabeth Street

Lombard, IL 60148

Lent is a time to refocus our hearts and re-
 vive our love of the Lord and one another.

Please join the Men of St. Pius X, Sacred
 Heart, Christ the King and St. Alexander as
 we gather to begin our Lenten Journey.

Doors open at 7:00am for
Pastries & Bacon!

Program begins at 7:30am.

Concludes at 1:30pm

Hear inspiring speakers and discuss the
 importance of Reconciliation, the Holy
 Eucharist, our Creed and the need for
 Vocations. Explore the Mass in detail with
 Fr. Rosenbaum, Celebrate Reconciliation
 and the Holy Mass as brothers in Christ!

Lunch will be served.

**Admission is FREE! (a goodwill
 offering will be requested)**

All men are welcome! Bring a friend!



**Sign up now simply by scanning
 the QR Code to the left.**

Questions? email: MenOfStPiusX@mail.com
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- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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Parish News

Bishop Hicks' Column

January 2024

BENEFITS OF A PAPER CALENDAR IN THE DIGITAL AGE



IN AN ERA DOMINATED BY SMARTPHONES AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, the traditional paper calendar may seem like an antiquated relic from a bygone era. In 2011, I officially switched from my five-year calendar/planner, which sat with heavy prominence on my desk, to a digital

calendar that automatically syncs with my phone. Admittedly, the digital calendar is much more convenient and efficient, and once I made the move, I had no regrets. Yet, I still miss some of the nuances of using a paper calendar.

One thing I miss about writing an event down is the ability to impress my friends or family by telling them that I'm going to write down our appointment "in ink" — a nod to the importance and value of our upcoming gathering. I also miss the act of flipping through the pages of a physical calendar, as it evokes so many memories and emotions. Esthetically, a paper calendar — especially those that hang on the wall — also provides a wide array of styles to display, like artwork, in our homes and offices.

I am delighted that the Diocese of Joliet has partnered with Catholic Extension to publish a 2024 Anniversary Calendar for our 75th Jubilee. Catholic Extension, since 1905, has been effectively building up and strengthening Catholic faith communities in the United States, especially those in economically disadvantaged or geographically isolated areas.

As we mark our 75th anniversary, this calendar beautifully expresses a narrative woven together as a tapestry of a vibrant Catholic Community. It superbly highlights key milestones with historical photographs and anecdotes that chronicle our extraordinary history and evolution. Each month unfolds with an invitation to revisit moments of significance: from the establishment of the diocese to the growth of parishes to the contributions of the clergy, religious, and laity.

This calendar also bridges different generations. It connects those who have witnessed the diocese's transformative journey with the younger Catholics who may be fascinated to learn about their roots. At the same time, it encapsulates the collective memory of our diocese, fostering a sense of community and shared heritage. Graphically, the calendar allows us to see that the diocese is much larger than only our own parish experience.

Moreover, the calendar serves as a practical guide offering information on liturgical seasons, feast days, and holy days, along with reminding us about special liturgies, ordinations, and events. It also gives us the opportunity to remember former bishops and sets aside a specific date to pray for each of our parishes. By seamlessly integrating the sacred and the secular, our calendar becomes a daily and monthly companion, enhancing our connection to our faith, heritage, and the sense of belonging to God and each other.

Our calendar further highlights the contributions of individuals, movements, and organizations that have shaped and continue to shape our diocese. Through profiles, stories, and brief history lessons, it celebrates all those heroes, both popular and unsung, whose dedication, faith, and service embody the spirit of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Joliet.

The calendar's inclusion of key events, Masses, service opportunities, and milestones for the upcoming year not only keeps us informed but also invites active participation. It hopefully will inspire and motivate us to come together and contribute our time, talents, and gifts to ensure that our diocese remains strong and alive for generations to come.

These calendars are so beautiful and informative, serving as a keepsake for years to come. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the businesses, companies, and service providers who sponsored the 2024 Anniversary Calendar at their local parishes.

If you were not able to procure a calendar for yourself, please scan the QR code or go to this link to view it electronically: bit.ly/3tE94m0



Like so many of you, I will continue to use my digital calendar that syncs with my computer and smartphone. However, I will also proudly consult daily our paper calendar as a companion to navigating the folds of time in the digital age. By honoring the past, embracing the present, and hoping for the future, may we continue to pray for each other.

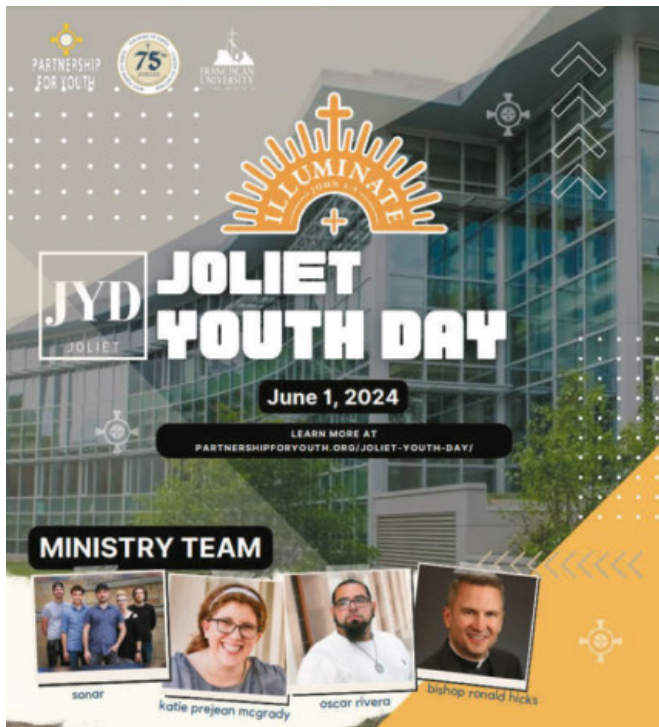
Happy New Year! And with every passing day and each monthly move to the next calendar page, may God bless you and yours.

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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.

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Prayer Intentions



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

- 22. Fr. Juan Carlos Pirir
- 23. Fr. Mark J. Bernhard, Fr. Max Behna, Fr. Peter Infanger
- 24. Sr. Hyacintha Nepala, Sr. Karen Nykiel, Sr. Victorine Shongwe, Sr. Celestine Shakungu OSB
- 25. Fr. Thomas Borkowski
- 26. Fr. Larry Brunette, Fr. Dong V. Bui
- 27. Sr. Mary DePaul Stava, Sr. Sharon Marie Stola, Sr. Susanne Thome, Sr. Regina Ann Weissmann OSB
- 28. Sr. M. Kathleen McLinden, Sr. Mary Raphael Schmitz, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Sheffer O’CARM



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**

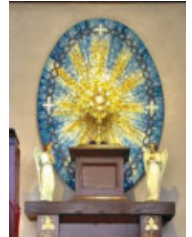
We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : www.stalexanderparish.org



**Our Faithful Departed,
Dolores Brandimore, James Patterson,
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)

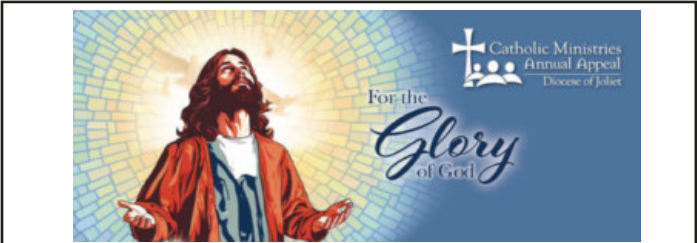
Recognizing the importance of praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life, the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is asking one family a month to pick up the Vocations Cross at Mass and pray for an increase of vocations that month.

If you are interested, please contact Judy Emerson @ 630-620-1425 to sign up for the Vocations Cross.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 1/14/2024.....	\$5,122
Online Giving (WeShare) 1/9—1/16/2024	\$2,765
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$241,711
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$450,000
Major Maintenance 1/14/2024.....	\$301
Major Maint. Online Giving 1/9—1/16/2024	\$20

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.



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!

Parishioner 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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Address: _____

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Deanery/Diocesan News

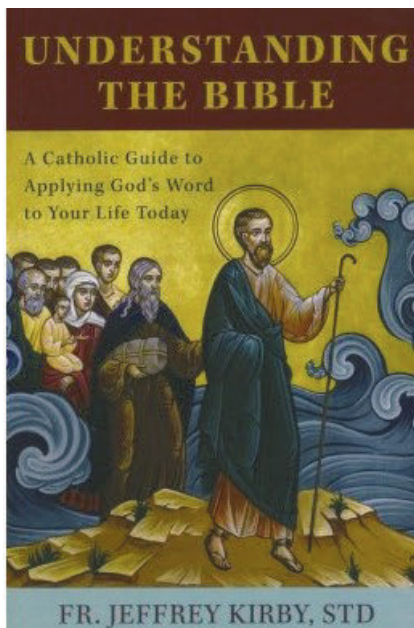
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Fr. Michael Pawlowicz
**“Understanding the
 Structure of the Vatican”**

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

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.

The Art of Catholic Family Life: Building a Holy Home February 24, 2023 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (Mass at 8 a.m.)

Saint Petronille Parish in the Parish Life Center
420 Glenwood Avenue, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Attend this free half-day retreat as we enter into the mystery of Nazareth. Encounter practical ways to transform your house into a holy home, sacred ground, a place to profoundly encounter God, a place of joyful service and loving sacrifice, a refuge and respite in the chaos of the world.

St. John Paul II saw that living a moral Christian family life in the current culture would take a heroic effort. He wrote, "The future of the world, and the Church, pass by way of the family." At Paradisus Dei, we have come to see that he did not just mean families in general, but your family, my family.

The Holy Father called Christian families to model their life on that of the Holy Family at Nazareth. Now more than ever, we need to learn the wisdom and art of authentic Catholic family life to navigate the challenges of the culture. Join us!

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- Josh and Michelle Kronenberger

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Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Tour the PreK - 8th grade classrooms
 - Meet current families
 - Talk with the Principal & teachers
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- Please RSVP

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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. (Eng/Span)
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

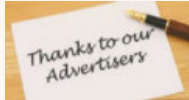
Sacrament of Baptism
Attendance at a pre-Baptismal class is required for both English and Spanish Baptisms. Pre-registration is necessary prior to class.

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
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