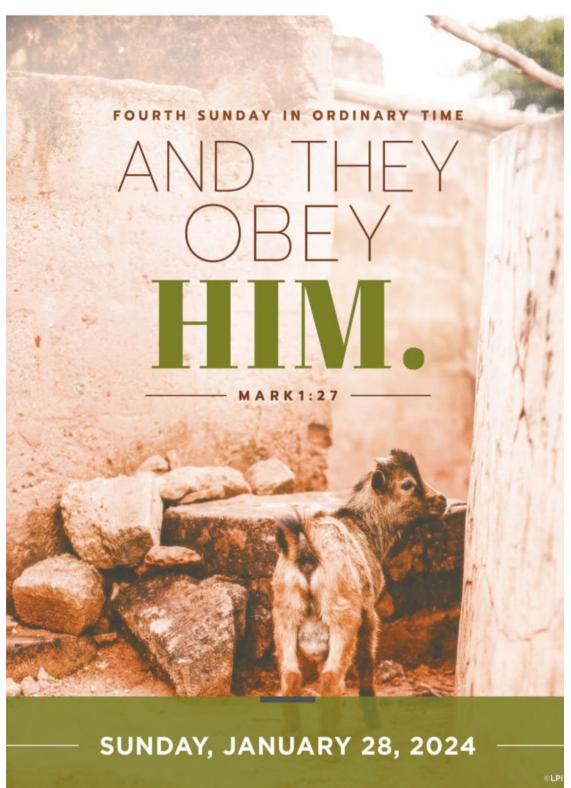
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Mass Intentions

MondayJan. 29 — Weekday8:45amInt. Adam Finney FamilyTuesdayJan. 30 — Weekday8:45amDemetrio Mino

Wednesday Jan. 31—St. John Bosco, Priest

8:45am Int. Hannah Medow **Thursday Feb. 1—Weekday**

8:45am People of St. Alexander Parish

Friday Feb. 2—The Presentation of the Lord

8:45am People of St. Alexander Parish
Saturday Feb. 3—St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr & St. Ansgar, Bishop, BVM

5:00pm Anne & Tom Jones/Ralph, Sr. & Camella DeRose/

Marvin G. Jett/Albert Batiz, Jr.

Sunday Feb. 4—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

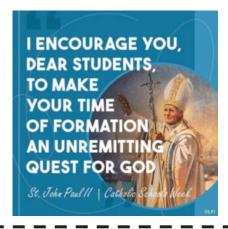
8:30am Joyce Maxse

10:30am People of St. Alexander Parish

6:00pm Gilberta Gonzalez

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 1/29:		
Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
O.C.I.A.	Fr. Tuan	6:00pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	7:00pm
100 th Anniversary Committee Mtg	Sister's Room	7:00pm
Tues. 1/30:		
Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Gym/Hall	6:00pm
Faith Formation Fundamentals Class	Library	6:00pm
Music—Chancel Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
Wed. 1/31:		
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
<u>Thurs. 2/1:</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
Council of Catholic Women (CCW)	Sister's Room	6:30pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm
Sat. 2/3:		
Scout Troop 199	Hall/Gym	5-8pm
Sun. 2/4:		
Faith Formation Classes	Multiple Rooms	8:30am
Eucharistic Holy Hour	Church	2:00—3:00pm
Hospitality	Gathering Space	after 6pm Mass



🗐 🔈 Hospita

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:

1 1st Weekend: 6:00pm Spanish Mass

1 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 revive 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!



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SAVE THE DATE!

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*Mention St. Alexander Fundraiser at the time of purchase and Manny's will donate 15% back to St. Alexander. Proceeds will go towards our 100th Anniversary celebrations.



Feast of St. Blaise: **Blessing of the Throats** at Masses the Weekend of Feb. 3/4.

Rosaries

There were several beautiful Rosaries left on the prayer table in the Gathering Space. If they were left by mistake, please contact Fran Sotir at 630-670-4309.

Parish News



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Frances and John Schweihs Catholic Education Scholarship 2024-2025 School Year

The Frances and John Schweihs Catholic Education Scholarship annual scholarship is intended to be a source of aid to families in need who desire to have the same strong Catholic Education that Fran and John sacrificed to have for their own children. Our parish is happy that John and Fran's family are helping to make this possible.

This scholarship will be awarded to a parish family annually in the amount of \$1,000. In addition to the application, families must apply for aid through the FACTS Management program of the Diocese of Joliet (https://factsmgt.com/).

Applications will be available on our website or in the Parish Office starting February 15, 2024. Please return them to the Parish Office, attention Sue D'Alessandro.





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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands.

The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are—not only in a geographical sense but also in the context of culture. Though the Gospel is unchanging, we have many ways to make it relevant to people of all cultural, ethnic, and linguistic backgrounds.

The countries of South America have diverse populations from Indigenous, African, European, and Asian ancestries, all with different cultural experiences. By welcoming and understanding people from so many backgrounds, the Church grows and continues its mission of making disciples of all peoples. In Brazil, the Brazilian Bishops' Conference organized visits and meetings to engage Afro-Brazilian Catholic leaders in discussing a variety of themes, including social pastoral ministry and the vision of Pope Francis. In Peru, missionaries working in the Peruvian Amazon bring the Gospel to the Ashaninka and Matsigenka communities of about 60,000 people.

Such encounters and engagement with the peoples of South America are made possible when Catholics in our diocese are generous to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your participation in the collection truly becomes a way to share your faith and support evangelization efforts among all peoples.



Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of January 28. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. The #iGiveCatholicTogether website (https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-latin-america) also accepts online funds for the collection. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

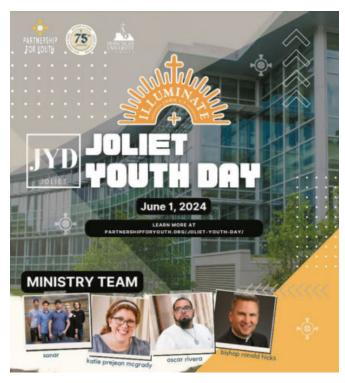
For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks Bishop of Joliet

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



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Prayer Intentions



Remember these men & women in your daily prayers— Priests, Deacons, Seminarians & Women and Men Religious in the Diocese of Joliet.

- 29. Fr. Daniel Bachner
- 30. Sr. Mary Bratrsovsky, Sr. Johanna Choi, Sr. JoAnne Form OSB
- 31. Sr. M. Anthony de Lourdes Veilleux, Sr. Libby Dahlstrom, Sr. Mary Martin O'CARM

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

Dominic Colontuano,
Pete Connelly, Carol Nance,
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,

Jerry Spearman, Dolores Brandimore, James Patterson, Ray Bacci,

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!

Lindsay & Dan on the birth of their daughter Blair Olivia. Jake & Diana on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Jean.

Patrick & Anna due 4/2024 An

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: 1/21/2024	\$7,508
Online Giving (WeShare) 1/17-1/23/2024	\$2,190
Weekly Goal	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll\$	241,711
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks\$4	450,000
Major Maintenance 1/21/2024	\$29
Major Maint. Online Giving 1/17—1/23/2024	\$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.
- 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:
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Phone:
[] New Parishioner[] New Address
[] New Phone Number

Deanery/Diocesan News

HOLY GHOST CHURCH, 254 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale invites you to a Lenten **Speaker Series.** Please note that the series begins on a Wednesday but the rest of the series will be on Tuesday nights at 7pm.

The Eucharist -The Pattern of Living 7pm in the Church Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024

Fr. Burke Masters will kick off our series centered on the Eucharist. Fr. Burke has a deep love for the Eucharist. Come and be inspired! Fr. Burke thought he was going to be a professional baseball player but God called him into the priesthood to make Disciples. He is currently the creator of BE FORMED, Pastor of St. Isaac Joques in Hinsdale and the Chaplain of the Chicago Cubs.



Mary and the Eucharist presented by Katie Choudhary at 7pm on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024 in Church Mary leads us to Christ. Katie will give witness to encounters she has had with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Katie Choudhary has been called to ministry in many ways in our Diocese. She was the coordinator of the BE FORMED series and currently a speaker for parish missions, days of reflection and a facilitator for Called and Gifted.



Encountering Christ in Prayer with **Susan Tutaj on Tuesday, March 5 at 7pm in Church**

Praying is talking and listening to God. We will explore the listening part of prayer which can lead to Contemplation. Part of the evening will be spent time in prayer.

Susan Tutaj has served as the Director of Religious Education in several parishes, is a Spiritual Director and is currently the Coordinator of Discipleship at Holy Ghost Church, Wood Dale.

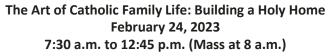


EXPLORING THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS

Dr. Mary Amore on Tuesday, March 12 at 7pm in Church. We will explore the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist through the lens of Faith, Forgiveness, Transformation and Discipleship. *Dr. Mary Amore holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Liturgy and Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union. She is the author of four books and currently serves as the full time Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries.*

Deanery/Diocesan News





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!

Register at: https://paradisusdei.ticketleap.com/joliet





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.orgParish e-mail:office@stalexanderparish.orgBulletin 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.—4:45p.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:

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:

Fr. Larry Brunette/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/ Rev. David Medow/Rev. Johnus Cherunilath

Permanent Deacons:

Christopher Cochran/Julio Jimenez/James Krueger/

Mark Ranieri, Jr./Matthew Tretina

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