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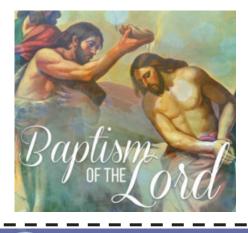
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and have come to do him homage.	″ - Mt 2:1-2	Directory	11

Mass Intentions	
Monday	Jan. 8 —The Baptism of the Lord
8:45am	Demetrio Mino
Tuesday	Jan. 9— <i>Weekday</i>
8:45am	Joe Slovick Family
Wednesday	Jan. 10— <i>Weekday</i>
8:45am	Brian Eshaghy
Thursday	Jan. 11— <i>Weekday</i>
8:45am	Lidia Saporito Johnson
Friday	Jan. 12—Weekday
8:45am	Russell Kinsella
Saturday	Jan. 13—Weekday
5:00pm	Marianne McKeague/Raymond Hughes/Brothers & Sister's
	of the DeRose Family
Sunday	Jan. 14—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am	People of St. Alexander
10:30am	Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo
6:00pm	People of St. Alexander Parish

Weekly Facility Schedule

<u>Mon. 1/8:</u> Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Altar Server Training	Church	5:00pm
O.C.I.A.	Fr. Tuan Rm	6:00pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	7:00pm
Compassionate Friends	Sister's Rm	7:00pm
<u>Tues. 1/9:</u> 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
Finance Council Meeting	Maguire Rm	7:00pm
Grandparent Ministry	Sister's Rm	7:00pm
Wed. 1/10:	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
St. Vincent de Paul	Sister's Rm	7:00pm
Thurs. 1/11: Rental—Pius Basketball Rental—Lions Volleyball Fri. 1/12:	Gym/Hall Gym/Hall	4:00pm 6:00pm
Rental—Tri-Town YMCA Sat. 1/13: Hospitality	Gym/Hall Gathering Space	All Day after 5pm Mass
Sun. 1/14: CCW Communion Breakfast	Fr. Tuan Rm	9:40am



Hospitality Sunday

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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

No confessions Tues. Jan. 9, 2024.

<u>St. John the Apostle:</u> Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm or by appointment 630-279-7404

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Parish News



A Message from Fr. Rosenbaum:

I am always thankful to be serving the generous hearts of St. John the Apostle and St. Alexander. I would like to thank those who sent me cards or gifts, I can never return the

abundant generosity of both parishes. Especially to those who helped out after the fire in the St. John the Apostle rectory/office. I want to take the time to thank all of those who decorated the church, inside and out, we had many hands assisting. If you would ever be interested in helping, please let me know. Thank you for the wonderful music during the Christmas season. Thank you to all who took on ministries of service throughout the Christmas season, letting others know that God still reaches out to them. Finally, a special thank-you to those who made offerings for the flowers donated many of the flowers in the church. And thank you, especially to all who made themselves present for the liturgies and offered the prayers of the Church. The presence of Christ and our presence is always the greatest "decoration" and "present" of the Christmas season. Thank you also to all of those who have participated from home.

I pray that you and your families will have a new calendar year filled with God's blessings, especially the blessing of the Mass. Just remember that as the world begins its' new calendar year of 2024, that we as Catholics already began our new liturgical year more than a month ago. We as Catholics are always ahead of the rest of the world and the rest of the world is always trying to catch up to us. Let us be faithful leaders in the world. Because Jesus Christ and His Church always keeps us ahead of the pace of the rest of the world. The Lord inspires us in our faith to face all the challenges of this life with His heart, toward the Eternal life for which we are all created.

With prayers and Blessings, Fr. Rosenbaum.

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!

& Music

Do you like to sing? Join one of our adult choirs. We also have a children's choir as well.

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

- 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.

Parish News

Please Welcome

Paul and Page Reedy Irene Marciniak

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

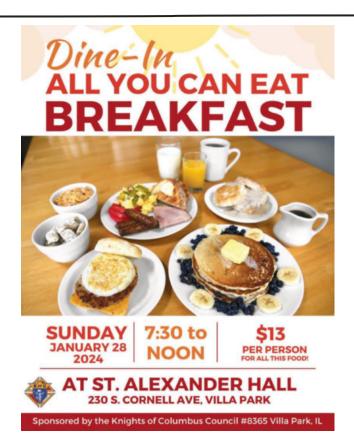


INTENTIONAL GRANDPARENTING



All Grandparents are invited to join the Grandparent Ministry that meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month in the Parish Center at 7:00pm. Next Meeting January 9th. Our focus this year is on being an *Intentional Grandparent.* Join us to watch a video series on Intentional Grandparenting from Legacy Coalition, followed by discussion, and coffee. Please help us be environmentally friendly and bring your own cup.

Questions? Please contact Ann Krueger at: marriageministry130@gmail.com



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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday:

Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/ Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

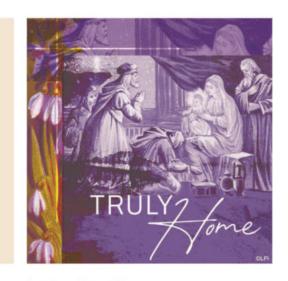
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17

Next 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



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, **"They were overjoyed at seeing the star."** This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

- Father John Muir

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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



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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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.



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Prayer Intentions





- 8. Fr. Tomy Chellakandathil C.M.I. Fr. Jose Kadukunnel C.M.I. Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal Mathai
- 9. C.M.I. Fr. Thomas Theneth C.M.I.
- 10. Fr. Jared Rutnicki
- 11. Sr. Camino Fernandez, Sr. Mary Grace Kuppe, Sr. Carmen Miravalles, Sr. Mary Villar OSA
- 12. Fr. Vernon Arseneau, Fr. Lee Bacchi
- 13. Fr. Raed Bader
- 14. Seminarian Jared Beltz
- 15. Seminarian Andrew Bogusz



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.

Pete Connelly, Bill Conroy, Reinelia Leiva, Hannah Medow, Mary Mullen, Carol Nance, Fr. John Ouper, Brianna Payne, Paloma, Jon Riley, James Rohrich, George Smith, 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

Demetrio Mino, Charles Baker, Michael Crosse, Jr., Ray Bacci, and Gene Niewoehner

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 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

Sunday Collection: 12/31/2023	\$5,894
Online Giving (WeShare) 12/21–12/31/2023	\$5,635
Weekly Goal	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll \$23	30,419
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks\$45	50,000
Major Maintenance 12/31/2023	\$583
Major Maint. Online Giving 12/21-12/31/2023	\$55

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



The 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

PLEDGE REPORT: Dec. 31, 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:	\$49,672
Amount Paid:	\$49,139
Remaining Balance:	\$533
Donor Count	227
2023 Rebate	\$1,707

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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:

City/Zip: _____

Phone: ____

[] New Parishioner [] New Address

[] New Phone Number

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Parish/Deanery/Diocesan News

BEFORMED () FEBRUARY 14 THROUGH MAY 13 2024 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fellowship Prayer Scripture Doin a small group and reignite your zeal for living the virtuous life!

Small Groups

SEASON 8 EUCHARISTI

REVIVAL

 Weekly content videos to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism

USCCB Eucharistic Revival material to be included in weekly emails!

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"

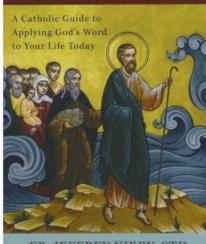
January 22, 2024 7:00pm Immaculate Conception Church 132 Arthur Street Elmhurst, IL 60126

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.

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE



R. JEFFREY KIRBY, STD

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, 202

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

The Epiphany of the Lord

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Jan. 6/7, 2024

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.

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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:

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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	
Faith Formation: E-mail: Director:	630.833.7730 stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com Kathy Halloran	



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