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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Mass Intentions

Monday	Feb. 12 — Weekday
8:45am	Int. Kathy Collins
Tuesday	Feb. 13— <i>Weekday</i>
8:45am	Deceased Members of Clark & DiPrima Families
Wednesday	Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday
8:45am	The People of St. Alexander Parish
6:00pm	Gilberta Gonzalez
Thursday	Feb. 15—Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8:45am	George & FeLuisa Bermoy
Friday	Feb. 16—Friday after Ash Wednesday
8:45am	Ralph D'Anza
Saturday	Feb. 17—Saturday after Ash Wednesday
5:00pm	Braun & Liss Families/Therese & Hubert Klaus/Theodora &
	Herbert Zuleger/Anne & Tom Jones/Pamela Griesbaum
Sunday	Feb. 18— First Sunday of Lent
8:30am	Jerry & Yolanda Lullo
10:30am	Martha Nausieda
6:00pm	The People of St. Alexander Parish



Blessing for Married Couples At ALL Masses February 10/11.



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 Mass2nd Weekend:5:00pm Mass3rd 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 on Tues., Feb. 13th.

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

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 2/12:

O.C.I.A.	Fr. Tuan	6:00pm
Scout Troop #199 Compassionate Friends	Hall/Gym Sister's Room	7:00pm 7:00pm
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Tues. 2/13: Rental—St. Pius Basketball Rental—Lions Volleyball Faith Formation Fundamentals Class Fisher's of Men	Gym/Hall Gym/Hall Library Fr. Tuan Room	4:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm
Grandparent's Ministry	Sister's Room	7:00pm
Music—Chancel Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
<u>Wed. 2/14:</u> Legion of Mary Rental—Lions Volleyball Music—Joystir Choir Practice Music—Spanish Choir Practice	Fr. Tuan Rm Gym/Hall Maguire Rm Library	9:00am 6:00pm 6:45pm 7:00pm
Thurs. 2/15: Mittens for Mary Knitting Group Rental—Pius Basketball Rental—Lions Volleyball Men's Cursillo Meeting CCW-Deanery Meeting CCW & Knights Gathering	Sister's Room Gym/Hall Gym/Hall Church/GS Sister's Room Fr. Tuan Room	9:30am 4:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 6:45pm 7:00pm
<u>Sun. 2/18:</u> Hospitality Faith Formation Classes	Gathering Space Multiple Rooms	after 8:30am Mass 8:30am

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout his pontificate, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has often spoken of the need for Christians to evangelize others through accompaniment. Through listening patiently, building trust, and being mindful of others' dignity, we can help one another encounter Christ's merciful love, especially those who suffer from emotional wounds, loneliness, and doubt. For Central and Eastern Europeans living in countries that experienced 70 years of communist oppression, the Church especially needs to accompany people to an encounter with Christ that is patient, understanding, and filled with hope instead of fear, anger, and anxiety.

In Slovakia, the Alexis Counseling Center has accompanied nearly 2,500 women and their loved ones with devotion. Since 2010, the center has provided counseling to women experiencing the anxieties of an unplanned pregnancy or the grief of pregnancy loss, as well as to their partners, family members, and friends. In addition to promoting psychological healing, the center also helps vulnerable women who have experienced miscarriages and abortions to find housing, material and financial assistance, and support groups.

In Albania, lay people are preparing for lay ministries as catechists and extraordinary ministers of Communion through a three-year study program that provides in-depth knowledge of the Gospel, the Church, and sacraments, liturgy, and spirituality. This formation program equips participants to be active, faith-filled agents of evangelization and accompaniment to those who desire to know Christ and the Church.



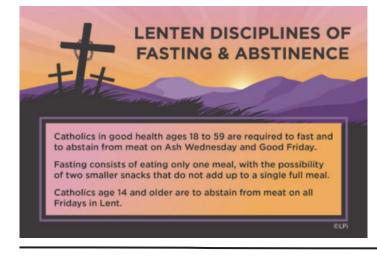
Ministries of accompaniment such as these are made possible with grant monies raised through the Ash Wednesday Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. When you participate in the collection, you help the Church in Slovakia, Albania, Ukraine and more than 24 other countries accompany people who still experience the hardships and wounds caused by communism. Your support for and promotion of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is crucial to the success of ministries that affirm the dignity of children, youth, and other vulnerable people and show them the love and mercy of Jesus.

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit <u>www.usccb.org/ccee</u>. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks Bishop of Joliet

Parish News



PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

It is 2024, and who would've thought we'd be hit with such harsh weather in January? Many thanks go to Rene and Jose, our custodians, for clearing our sidewalks, the walks in front of the school where the YMCA meets, and to Cutting Edge who plows our huge parking lots. Snow removal is in addition to the daily demands that Rene deals with. Our buildings are old, and with age comes the need for repair. When you see Rene, be sure you let him know how much we appreciate him.

Our hospitality after Masses is back and once again, Ruth Pusich continues to amaze us with her organization and her baking expertise. Thank you, Ruth, for all you do to make our gathering space one of comfort and congeniality. We are always looking for additional hands to help, so don't be shy. We need you!

Our efforts to prepare for our 100th anniversary celebration are well underway. A calendar of events has been developed, and we will be sharing that with you soon. In the meantime, we are earnestly working to raise money to fund our plans. You've been a big help with our Dine and Donate nights (set up by Joyce Splan and Cathy Sewell), and we ask that you continue to support these events.

Next month I will introduce you to the members of our 100th Anniversary Committee. At that time, we can be more specific about the help we will need to make our plans a reality.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with your thoughts, questions, and concerns. Parish Council is here to support <u>you.</u> May God bless you all.

Linda Krause, Parish Council President lindakra@gmail.com; 630-430-1898

Women's Lenten Morning of Reflection Saturday March 2nd @ 9:00AM—Parish Hall

What if you heard Jesus was coming to our area! Would you invite Him over to your home? How would you prepare for His visit? Would you do a massive spring cleaning? Would you spend hours planning and preparing a delicious meal? Would you invite others over to spend time with Him? These are all the necessary things His good friend Martha would be working on! But what about Mary? What would she be doing?

Let's gather together for a Morning of Reflection to find our inner Mary, while wearing Martha's apron. A continental breakfast (please bring your own cup) will begin our time together.

Afterwards we will self-evaluate our Lenten Promises to date, tweak or update our plans for the future and do a couple of hands-on activities. This morning is to encourage and empower you, while offering some relaxing activities as we have a little fun!

Our speaker and facilitator, Maureen Brennan, has written a Lenten daily outline to help guide you into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Unlike Mary, she will not model for you to sit on the floor at Jesus feet nor ask you to either!

Copies of the outline can be obtained from Ann Krueger.



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.

Parish News



Let's Journey Together Through Lent—2024



Ash Wednesday—February 14

Mass with Distribution of Ashes 8:45am and 6:00pm (bil)

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00pm in the Church

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm Saturdays from 4:00pm—4:45pm

Additional and Extended Reconciliation Days and Times: Fri. March 22, 5:00—6:30pm

Tues. March 26, 5:00-7:00pm

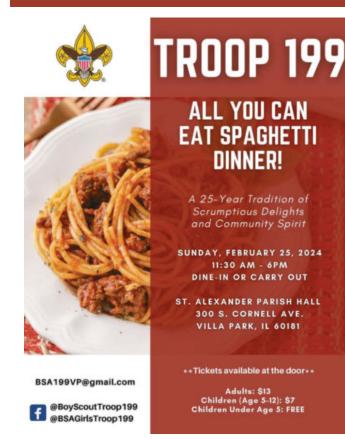
Women's Lenten Morning of Reflection Saturday, March 2 @ 9:00am in the Parish Hall

Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour Sunday, March 3 from 2:00—3:00pm in the Church

Adoration in the Chapel

130 S. Cornell Avenue Tues., 3:00—10:00pm, Wed., 3:00—9:00pm, and Thurs. 3:00—10:00pm Mondays in the Church from 3:00—4:00pm

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





Save The Date! **Joliet Youth Day** Sat., 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

The St. Alexander Confirmation candidates combined with St. Pius X in Lombard for a retreat on Sunday, January 28 from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The retreat was run by NET Ministries. NET Team 4 was comprised of 10 young

men and women ranging in age from 18-21. The theme of the retreat was Never Alone and the NET Team did an awesome job engaging our youth with large group presentations that included drama/skit, sharing personal testimonies, games, small group discussions and quiet prayer time in Adoration. Thank you to Laura May and St. Pius X for hosting the retreat and the NET Team Sunday - Tuesday. A special thank you to Dennis and Barbara Colby and John and Camille Bouckaert for hosting the girls Sunday and Monday night. Many thanks also to Kate Bousum leading a small group, Laurie Jochum for making soup for the team on Monday for lunch and Lucy Bednar for providing dinner for the boys Monday evening, Marlene Brennan for providing gluten free pizza, the Canale family for donating cookies and Luke Halloran for ordering and picking up the pizza for dinner on Sunday. Please keep our Confirmation candidates, their sponsors and NET Team 4 in your prayers as they continue their faith journey and ministry.









Prayer Intentions



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

- 12. Sr. Patricia Francis, Sr. Linette Howard, Sr. Mary Carr OP
- 13. Linda Andrejek, Patricia Haney, Frances Radencic, CONSVIRN
- 14. Sr. Dorothy Glaister, Sr. Loretta Glanz, Sr. Marilin Llanes OP
- 15. Fr. Santiago Corona

16. Fr. Mark Cote

- 17. Sr. Maryann Dosen, Sr. Mary Terese Giblin, Sr. M. Paula Nasenbeny SSFCR
- 18. Sr. Mary Francis Werner, Sr. Marjorie Westendorf SSFCR



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, Debbie Kosol, Sandra Krutz, Hannah Medow, Carol Nance, Jon Riley, Jim Rohrich, George Smith, Susanne Strickland, 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,

Anna Reedy, Gary Carhahan Pam Griesbaum & Jerry Spearman,

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

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)

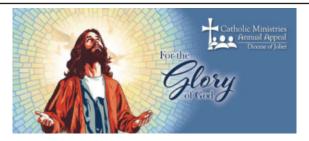
Recognizing the importance of praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life, the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is asking one family a month to pick up the Vocations Cross at Mass and pray for an increase of vocations that month.

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

Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 2/4/2024	\$7,742
Online Giving (WeShare) 1/31–2/6/2024	\$4,320
Weekly Goal	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$241,711
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks	5450,000
Major Maintenance 2/4/2024	\$75
Major Maint. Online Giving 1/31–2/6/2024	\$105

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.



The 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Pledge your gift to the CMAA!

This is commitment weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. The appeal is a beautiful way we can put our faith into action by supporting the mission and important ministries of the Diocese of Joliet.

This year's CMAA theme is *For the Glory of God*. Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a magnificent way to celebrate His glory. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with other parishes in the diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations. We could not foster these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. This is a diocese-wide effort.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, a wonderful re-gifting of sorts, that affords us the opportunity to invest in the needs of our own parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$46,500 goal. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today. Thank you in advance.

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: _____ I

[] 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 Jogues 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



PRAY TO END ABORTION

Men's Morning of Perspective

Join us on Saturday Feb. 17 to kick off vour Lenten Journey

Date:	Sat., 2/17/2024
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Time: 7am-1:30pm

Location: Parish Center of Sacred Heart Parish 114 S. Elizabeth Street, Lombard



Admission—Free Will offering Doors open at 7am -Light Breakfast: Pastries and Bacon

Inspiring Speakers!

- •7:30am: Our Creed/What We Believe—Fr. Matt Nathan
- •8:00am: Our Need for Reconciliation—Fr. Greg Alberts
- •8:30-9:15: Confession/Reconciliation & Adoration
- •9:15am: Holy Mass with Fr. Tom Dunn presiding
- •9:45am: Refreshments & Fellowship
- •10:15am: The True Presence in the Eucharist-Fr. Geary
- •11:00am: The Need for Vocations—Fr. Steve Borello
- 11:30am: Rosary for Vocations
- •11:45am: Lunch Break
- •12:30pm: Walk through the Mass—Fr. Rosenbaum
- 1:30pm: Conclusion and Dismissal



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> For more information, email: MenOfStPiusX@mail.com or text Jeff Werner 312-246-1096

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Feb. 10/11, 2024

630.833.7730

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

1:00 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

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Monday-Thursday

Friday

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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:

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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.

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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