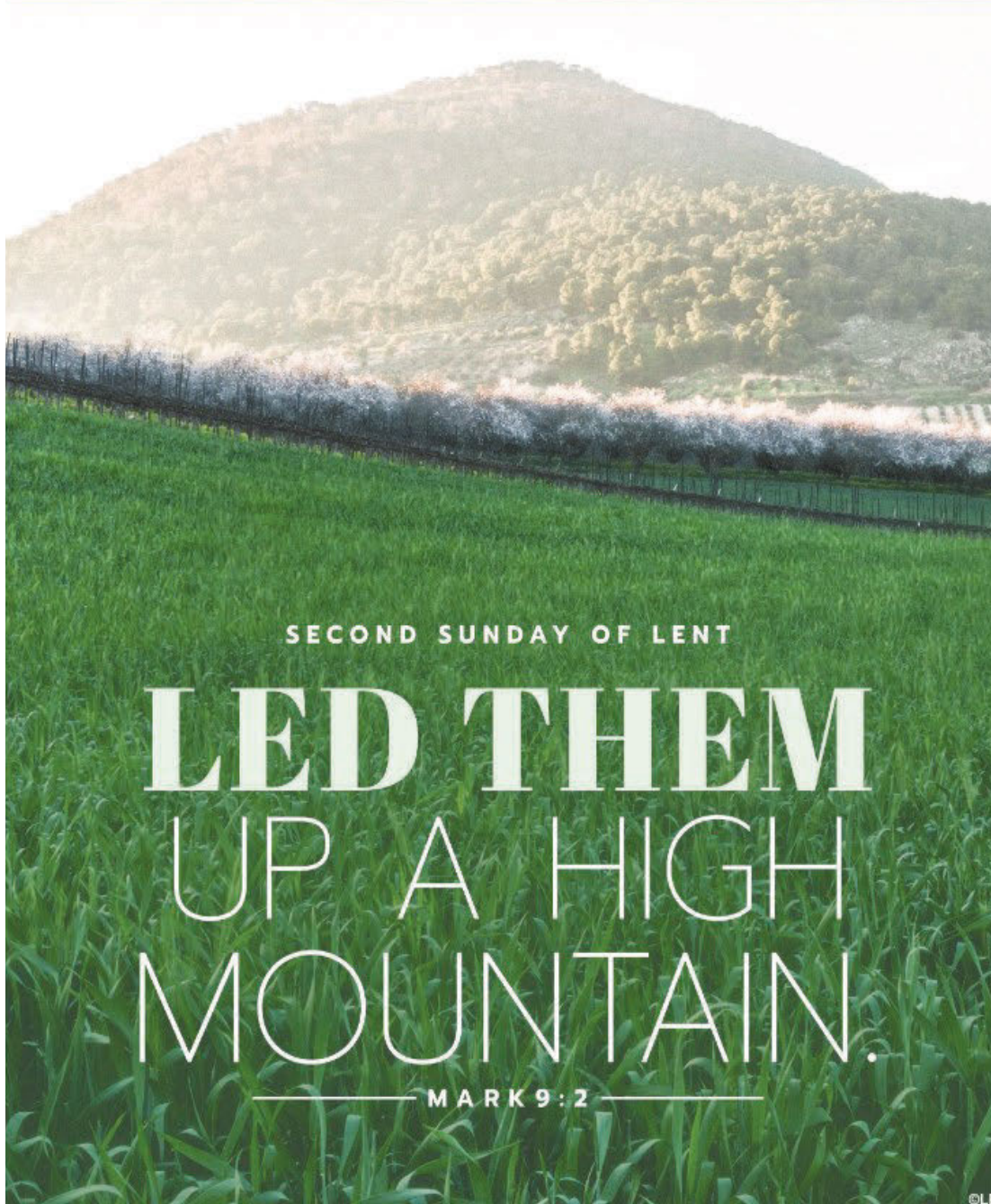


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Mass Intentions

Monday 8:45am	Feb. 26—Lenten Weekday Warren Warren
Tuesday 8:45am	Feb. 27—St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church Int. Michael Rood
Wednesday 8:45am	Feb. 28—Lenten Weekday Mae E. Karges (17 th Anniversary)
Thursday 8:45am	Feb. 29—Lenten Weekday Any & Mary Kocher
Friday 8:45am	Mar. 1—Lenten Weekday Deceased Members of Jim Vitus Family
Saturday 5:00pm	Mar. 2—Lenten Weekday Anne & Tom Jones/Ralph, Sr. & Camella DeRose/ Marvin G. Jett/Albert Batiz, Jr.
Sunday 8:30am 10:30am 6:00pm	Mar. 3— Third Sunday of Lent Joyce Maxse/Emmett McNamara (20 th Anniv.)/George Smith The People of St. Alexander Parish The People of St. Alexander Parish



Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent @ 7:00pm in the church.



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. 2/26:		
O.C.I.A	Fr. Tuan Room	6:00pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	7:00pm
Tues. 2/27:		
Rental—St. Pius Basketball	Hall/Gym	4:00pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
Fisher’s of Men	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Music—Chancel Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
Wed. 2/28:		
Legion of Mary	Fr. Tuan Rm	9:00am
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
Music—Youth Choir	Church	6:00pm
Music—Joystir Choir Practice	Sister’s Rm	6:45pm
Music—Spanish Choir Practice	Library	7:00pm
Music—Witness Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
Thurs. 2/29:		
Rental—Pius Basketball	Hall/Gym	4:00pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
Men’s Cursillo Meeting	Church/GS	6:30pm
Fri. 3/1:		
Rental—YMCA	Hall/Gym	6:30am
Stations of the Cross	Church	7:00pm
Sat. 3/2:		
CCW Women’s Reflection	Hall/Gym	9:00am
Sun. 3/3:		
Faith Formation Classes	Multiple Rooms	8:30am
Eucharistic Holy Hour	Church	2:00pm
Hospitality	Gathering Space	after 6pm 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

Eastern DuPage Deanery of the Joliet Diocese Liturgical Enrichment Day

Please register at
easterndupagedeanery.org



Saturday, March 2nd
Ascension of Our Lord Parish
1S314 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace

Mass will be celebrated from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
9:00 – 9:50 Check-in will continue with
Continental Breakfast

Mass Presider Fr. David Mowry
Presentation, Fr. David Mowry
10am-10:45am

"Reviving Our Hunger:

Why We Receive the Eucharist."

We desire to be known, to be loved,
and to belong.

Jesus satisfies those desires in the Eucharist"



Frances and John Schweih's Catholic Education Scholarship 2024-2025 School Year

The **Frances and John Schweih's 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.

Mittens for Mary Knitting Group



Are you addicted to yarn? Or would you like to be? "**Mittens for Mary**" invites all knitters and crocheters to join us in making hats, scarves, mittens and other things for those in need. If you don't know how to knit or crochet - no worries - we will teach you! We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month in the Sisters' Room, after the morning Mass (app. 9:30 am). We also welcome contributions from anyone who cannot attend meetings, but is willing to contribute their work. The projects go to the Franciscan Outreach Mission in Chicago. Any questions? Contact:

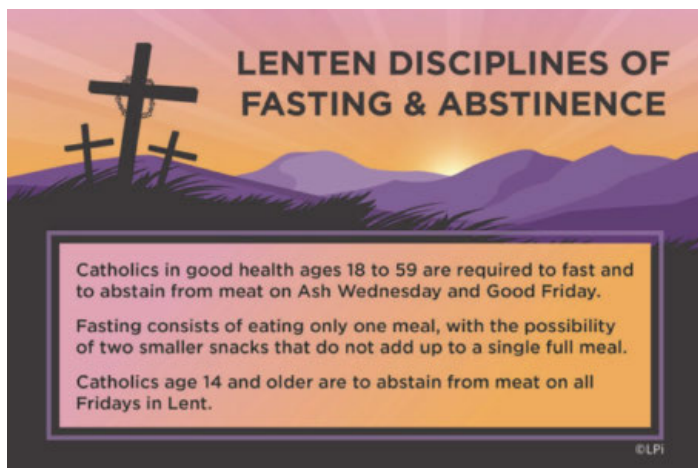
Carol Baker (carolrose4MK@gmail.com),
Fran Gilles (francesagilles@yahoo.com),
Pat Ivanauski (leonpat1963@gmail.com) or
Daina K. (dkojelis@yahoo.com)

St. Alexander Fishers of Men

Meets on Tuesdays 3 times a month
in the St. Alexander Fr. Tuan Room @ 6:30pm

The men's group gathers for prayer, fellowship, various outings, and occasional guest speakers. If you are interested or want more information, contact Ron D'Amico 630 279 8022

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 you. May God bless you all.

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

Women's Lenten Morning of Reflection

Sat., March 2nd @ 9:00AM—11:30am
 St. Alexander Parish Hall.
 Continental breakfast will be served.

Find your inner Mary while wearing Martha's apron

A morning to encourage and empower you, while offering some relaxing activities as we have a little fun.

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?

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 available on the table in the gathering space.

Join Us! Bring a friend!
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Parish News



We would like to thank everyone who recently donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society. This money allows us to continue to help our local neighbors with rental assistance, utility bills, medication, and food cards. We are totally funded by your generosity and through this generosity we have helped 16 families since January 1, 2024. Thank you so much!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who either dined-in or ordered carry-out at our Manny's Ale House fundraiser on February 4/5. We received a check for **\$247.56** which will go towards our 100th Anniversary celebrations.

SAVE the DATE



SATURDAY
June 22, 2024

FAMILY EVENT

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fundraiser benefitting the
100th Anniversary Celebration



It is in Baptism that one is welcomed into a community of faith. As a parish community,
"WE WELCOME YOU."

Miah Huerta, daughter of Juan Carlos and Iris Nuñez



Join us for:
National
Eucharistic Revival
Adoration Holy Hour



Sunday, March 3, 2024
2:00—3:00pm
In the church
Rosary, Music & Benediction

Faith Formation & Parish News

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



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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

St. Pat's and St. Joe's Dance

Sponsored by the Father John Barrett Knights of Columbus Council #8365

March 9, 2023 @ 7:00pm
St Alexander Parish Hall
\$15 per person/21 and over
Reserved Seating Available
Music by Crestline DJ
Corned Beef & Italian Beef meals for \$10

Carryout: Corned beef sandwiches to go from 5:00pm—7:00pm

Special Guests:

Dennehy-Mayer School of Irish Dance
Bagpipes & Drums of the Emerald Society

Sky High the Balloon Guy



Prayer Intentions



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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

- 26. Sr. Lucina Aguilera, Sr. Maria del Rocio G. Castillo,
Sr. Maria Teresa Gaytan, Sr. Maria Teresa
Gonzalez HJ
- 27. Dcns. William Crane, Michael Crowell, Daniel
Culloton, Gregory Cummins, Terry Cummiskey
- 28. Fr. William G. Dewan
- 29. Sr. Esperanza Herrera, Sr. Araceli Perez,
Sr. Judith Perez, Sr. Maria Romero Zavala HJ



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,
and Teri Sweeny**

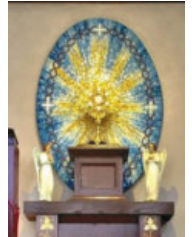
We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : www.stalexanderparish.org



**Our Faithful Departed,
Sandy Dollinger, Anna Reedy,
George Smith, Pam Griesbaum,
Bea Almassey & Fr. Donald Kocher**

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	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: 2/18/2024.....	\$12,880
Online Giving (WeShare) 2/14—2/20/2024	\$2,620
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$303,557
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$450,000
Major Maintenance 2/18/2024.....	\$115
Major Maint. Online Giving 2/14—2/20/2024	\$20

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.



Leap Into 2024 with Faith and Preparation
 As we embrace the leap year of 2024, we are gifted with an extra day—a perfect opportunity to reflect on our faith journey and plan for what lies ahead.

The Diocese of Joliet has partnered with FreeWill to offer a simple and free way for you to create your estate plan. This leap year, take the opportunity to ensure your values and faith will carry your legacy through decisions that will shape the future.

Visit FreeWill.com/DiocesefJoliet to start your estate planning today and kickstart your estate planning journey today!

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

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 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

2024 SERIES

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 17	THURSDAY JUNE 13	THURSDAY OCTOBER 24
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Most Reverend Ronald Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Women's Day of Reflection

The St. John the Apostle CCW invites all women of St. John the Apostle and St. Alexander to our

Women's Day of Reflection "40 Days Lead to 3 Holy Days"

Join us as we discover ways to make Lent and Easter more meaningful.

Saturday, March 9

8:00 Mass (optional)

8:30 continental breakfast

9:00 program

\$5 per person


Please contact Terry to register
630-235-2966 or tlb1004@att.net



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

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Spring Campaign
February 14th - March 24th



Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Spring 2024 *40 Days for Life* prayer vigil to end abortion.

Please consider committing to a specific hour of prayer at the Access Health abortion clinic in Downers Grove during the hours of 7AM to 7PM from February 14th to March 24th, and bring a friend. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove. Access Health abortion clinic is located at 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove.

PRAY TO END ABORTION

Volunteer Trip to the Northern Illinois Foodbank

In the spirit of Lenten charity, a volunteer trip to the Northern Illinois Foodbank has been arranged by the CCW of St. John the Apostle.

All parishioners aged 8 and older are invited to join us at the foodbank. We will be helping to sort and pack food for distribution to our hungry neighbors.

Saturday, March 16

9:00-12:00

273 Dearborn Court in Geneva, IL

The foodbank requires a list of participants prior to the event. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule the weekends of March 3rd and 10th. If you wish to attend, please register by the 10th.

All participants under the age of 18, must be accompanied by an adult. We will be working in a warehouse environment, so closed shoes are required (no sandals)

For more info or to register, contact Terry at tlb1004@att.net or text or call 630-235-2966.

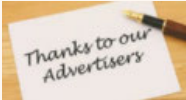
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Mass Schedule:
 Monday - Friday: 8:45 a.m.
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 6:00 p.m. (*Spanish Mass*)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. (Eng/Span)
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 4:45 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
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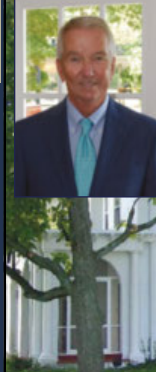
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