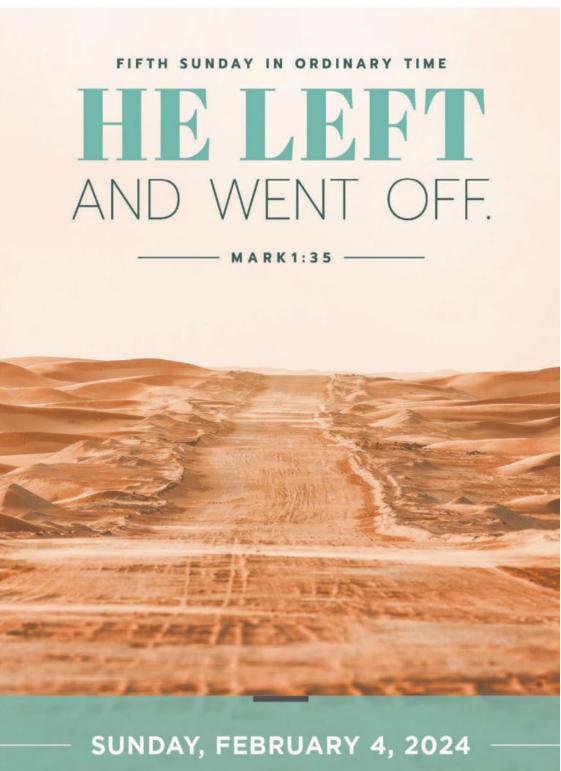
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## Mass Intentions

Monday Feb. 5 — St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:45am Int. John E. Walko

Tuesday Feb. 6—St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:45am Int. Hannah Medow Wednesday Feb. 7—Weekday

8:45am Theodora & Herbert Zuleges

Thursday Feb. 8—St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:45am Glen & Yolanda Joy Bermejo

**Friday Feb. 9**—*Weekday* 8:45am Maxina Diaz DaCosta

Saturday Feb. 10—St. Scholastica, Virgin

5:00pm For the sick of St. Alexander Parish/Brothers & Sisters

of the DeRose Family

Sunday Feb. 11—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

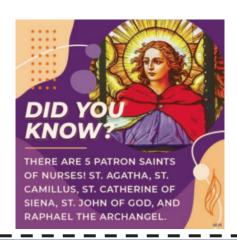
8:30am Raymond Bacci/Jerry Spearman

10:30am Lidia Saporita Johnston

6:00pm The People of St. Alexander Parish

## Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 2/5:		
Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
O.C.I.A.	Fr. Tuan	6:00pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	7:00pm
CCW-Prayer Blankets	Gathering Space	7:00pm
Tues. 2/6:		
Knights Blood Drive	Fr. Tuan Room	Noon—5pm
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. 2/7:		
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
Thurs. 2/8:		
Rental—Pius Basketball	Gym/Hall	4:00pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Gym/Hall	6:00pm
<u>Fri. 2/9:</u>		
Wedding Rehearsal	Church/GS	5:00pm
Sat. 2/10:		
Thomas/Thieme Wedding	Church/GS	2:00pm
Hospitality	Gathering Space	after 5pm Mass
Sun. 2/11:		
Faith Formation Classes	Multiple Rooms	8:30am



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#### **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

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

#### 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:lindakra@gmail.com">lindakra@gmail.com</a>; 630-430-1898

### **Ambit Energy Fundraiser**

January Check from Ambit \$146.50
2024 Total: \$146.50
Total Raised Since 2009: \$26,793.25
Families Participating: 44
Accounts (Gas and Electricity): 71

Thank you, David and Cathy Ahrens, for participating since November 24, 2010! Ambit will continue guaranteed. savings on gas and electricity for current fundraiser participants, but is not accepting new participants. Kathy Gilroy (630) 202-3836.



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Our next **Dine and Donate\***will be Sunday, Feb 4 & Monday,
Feb. 5, All Day, at Manny's Ale
House in Elmhurst.

11:00am to 10:00pm each day.

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



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



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

## 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.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

## BULLETIN, FLOCKNOTE MARQUEE SIGN and SOCIAL MEDIA



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*.

## Parish News

## Worship & Meditation

#### Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

#### Sunday:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

#### Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/ Mk 6:53-56

#### Tuesday:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

#### Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/ Mk 7:14-23

#### Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

#### Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

#### Saturday:

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

#### **Next Sunday:**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



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## Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

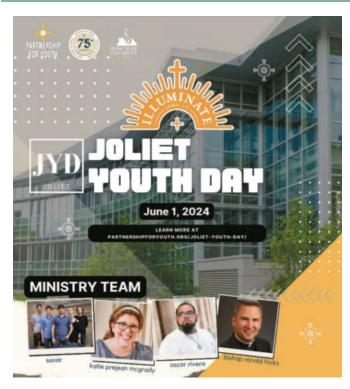
Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

- Father John Muir

## 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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## Tuesday, February 6, 2024 Noon—5:00pm

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Scan to schedule an appointment

## **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.

## Prayer Intentions



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

- Brs. Michael Fehrenbach, Christopher Ford, James Gaffney, Richard Geimer FSC
- 2. Deacons Nick Cifonie, Frank Ciscato
- Sr. M. Catherine Rice, Sr. Rose Dominic Daily, Sr. Anna Cecilia Kuhn OP
- 4. Fr. Santos Castillo, Fr. Benjamin Chinnappan
- 5. Fr. Daniel Torson C.PP.S, Fr. Edward Howe C.R.
- 6. Sr. Maria Catherine Rethwisch, Sr. Marie Isaac Staub OP
- Dcns. Ronald Brown, Rocco Busato, Michael Butz, Bruce Carlson, Robert Cassey
- 8. Fr. Shaun E. Cieslik
- 9. Fr. Robert Coleman, Fr. William J. Conway
- Dcns., Dominic Cerrato, Arturo Chacon, Lorenzo Chaidez, John Chan, Gerald Christensen, Arnulfo Cisneros
- 11. Dcns., William Ciston, Raymond Clark, Anthony Clishem, Gregory Clodi, **Christopher Cochran**



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,
Hannah Medow, Carol Nance,
Jon Riley, 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,

Pam Griesbaum, Gary Carnahan, Jerry Spearman, Dolores Brandimore, James Patterson,

#### **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)

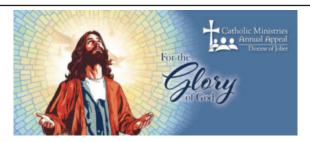
Recognizing the importance of praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life, the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is asking one family a month to pick up the Vocations Cross at Mass and pray for an increase of vocations that month.

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

## Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 1/28/2024	\$5,084
Online Giving (WeShare) 1/24-1/30/2024	\$2,015
Weekly Goal	. \$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll\$	241,711
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks\$	450,000
Major Maintenance 1/28/2024	\$355
Major Maint. Online Giving 1/24-1/30/2024	\$55

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.



## The 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

#### Your gift to CMAA makes an impact!

The opening report for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin reflects how we, as Christians, are called to serve those in need For the Glory of God.

Through the CMAA, we show generosity toward the most vulnerable members of our community. We also benefit, as a parish, from the many ministries the CMAA supports, that touch our own lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners. Ministries that include vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation.

Our parish's goal for the **2024 CMAA** is \$46,500. The diocese will return 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal to us, to be used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you received in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

## 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.
- 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 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** 

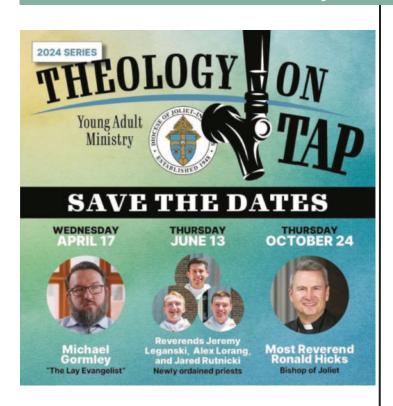
Praying is talking and listening to God. We will explore the listening part of prayer which can lead to Contemplation. Part of the evening will be spent time in prayer. Susan Tutaj has served as the Director of Religious Education in several parishes, is a Spiritual Director and is currently the Coordinator 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





## Men's Morning of Perspective

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

Date: Sat., 2/17/2024

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

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

**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
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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.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month @ 12:15 p.m.

**Spanish Baptisms:** 

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Office Administrator: Sue D'Alessandro
Music Coordinator: Gina Gabriel
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**Faith Formation:** 630.833.7730

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**Director:** Kathy Halloran



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