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SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME.

JOHN 2:17

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March 3, 2024

Mass Intentions

Monday	Mar. 4—St. Casmir
8:45am	John Lilko
Tuesday	Mar. 5— <i>Lenten Weekday</i>
8:45am	Annabelle Catarcio
Wednesday	Mar. 6— <i>Lenten Weekday</i>
8:45am	Paul & Justine Makarevich
Thursday	Mar. 7—Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
8:45am	Eunice Ernest Heurta
Friday	Mar. 8—St. John of God, Religious
8:45am	Edwin J. Karges (36th Anniversary)
Saturday	Mar. 9—St. Frances of Rome, Religious
5:00pm	Brothers & Sisters of the DeRose Family/Int. John Haag
Sunday	Mar. 10— Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:30am	Jerry & Yolanda Lullo
10:30am	The People of St. Alexander Parish
6:00pm	The People of St. Alexander Parish



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



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

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

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 3/4:

O.C.I.A Scout Troop #199 Prayer Blankets	Fr. Tuan Room Hall/Gym Gathering Space	6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm
Tues. 3/5: Rental—Lions Volleyball Faith Formation Fundamentals Fisher's of Men Music—Chancel Choir Practice	Hall/Gym Library Fr. Tuan Room Church	5:45pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm
<u>Wed. 3/6:</u> Legion of Mary Rental—Lions Volleyball Music—Joystir Choir Practice Music—Spanish Choir Practice Music—Witness Choir Practice	Fr. Tuan Rm Hall/Gym Sister's Rm Library Church	9:00am 6:00pm 6:45pm 7:00pm 7:00pm
Thurs. 3/7: Mittens for Mary Knitting Group Rental—Lions Volleyball CCW Meeting Men's Cursillo Meeting Knights of Columbus	Sisters Rm Hall/Gym Sister's Rm Church/GS Fr. Tuan Rm	9:30am 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm
Fri. 3/8: KofC set up for St. Pat's dance Stations of the Cross	Hall/Gym Church	4:00pm 7:00pm
<u>Sat. 3/9:</u> KofC St. Pat's Dance	Hall/Gym	7:00pm
<u>Sun. 3/10:</u> Faith Formation Classes	Multiple Rooms	8:30am
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Parish News

ARE YOU ROMAN CATHOLIC? 7 Hours of Confession

When was the last time you received Reconciliation? Was it recently? In the past year?

The priests of the Eastern DuPage Deanery will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness of Sin!

Saturday, March 16, 2023 from 8am—3pm

There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in Polish and Spanish.

All are invited to receive God's grace.

Immaculate Conception Church 132 Arthur Street Elmhurst, IL 630-530-8515



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.



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 (<u>carolrose4MK@gmail.com</u>), Fran Gilles (<u>francesagilles@yahoo.com</u>), Pat Ivanauski (<u>leonpat1963@gmail.com</u>) or Daina K. (<u>dkojelis@yahoo.com</u>)

Parish News

Parish Council Corner (March, 2024)

Spring is around the corner, and lots has been happening at St. Alexander Parish.

Your 100th Anniversary Committee has been extremely busy making plans for our year of celebration.

Annmarie Baughman	Rae RuppSrch
Camille & John Bouckaert	Cathy Sewell
Roger Dooley	Pam Sifuentes
Jim Erlenbaugh	Sister Joan Shields
Vince Fabis	Mary Tomaso
Laurie Jochum	Cathy Skoda
Linda Krause	Joyce Splan
Liz Krueger	Sue Williams,
Denise & Jim Renken	Bob Stezowski

The members of this committee:

Please reach out to any of these people with your thoughts; you are always welcome to join our group. Right now, this committee is firming up the calendar of events for our year-long celebration, which starts in October, 2024. Besides our Dine and Donate events we have two major fundraisers planned, so mark your calendars now:

- Family Bowling, June 22, 2024, 1 4 pm at Wood Dale Lanes
- Kane County Cougars Baseball game, August 18, 1 pm game

These will be family friendly events, so please spread the word and invite your extended family and friends to join us. It is crucial for us to raise significant funds to put on the celebration we've planned, so please plan to join us. Watch the weekly bulletins and Flocknote for specific information about each event.

Your ideas, comments, and concerns are important to Parish Council. Please let us know what we can do to continue to improve this wonderful parish of ours.

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

Women's Lenten Morning of Reflection Sat., March 2nd @ 9:00AM—11:30am

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! Sponsored by CCW.



Parish News

MARCH DINE AND DONATE

VILLA PARK VFW BARK VFW

Fridays during Lent from 5:00— 8:00pm mention St. Alexander or present this article at the Villa Park VFW Fish Fry and \$2 per meal will be donated to St. Alexander Parish 100th Anniversary celebrations.





SATURDAY June 22, 2024

FAMILY EVENT

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

Fundraiser benefitting the 100th Anniversary Celebration



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

Connor James, son of Steven and Kelly Belknap, nee Sloyan.



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!

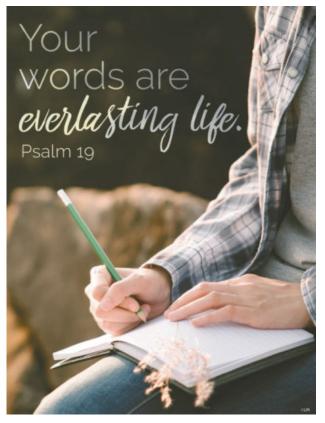


Join us for: National Eucharistic Revival Adoration Holy Hour



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





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



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



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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.

- 1. Brs. Charles Gregor, Peter Hannon, Thomas Harding, Thomas Hetland FSC
- 2. Dcns. Michael Fitzpatrick, Anthony Holmes, Andrew Jalove
- 3. St. Theresa Fix IHM, Sr. Monica Allamandola, Sr. Arlene Ashack IBVM
- 4. Fr. James Dougherty
- 5. Sr. Marietta Brummel, Sr. Lorna Hays IBVM
- 6. Sr. Ann Hyzy, Sr. Judy Illig IBVM
- 7. Fr. John Doyle, Fr. Stanley Drewniak
- 8. Fr. Robert Duda, Fr. Thomas Dunn
- 9. Dcns. Joseph Cuzzone, Donald Cyr, Joseph Dalpiaz
- 10. Dcns. Daniel Danahey, Daniel Defino, Steven DeSitter



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, Joyce Daly, Debbie Kosol, Sandra Krutz, Kirk McGobbin, Hannah Medow, Carol Nance, Jim Rohrich, 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, Jon Riley, Henry A. Ebeling V, Anna Reedy, George Smith, 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 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: 2/25/2024	\$4,576
Online Giving (WeShare) 2/21–2/27/2024	\$2,085
Weekly Goal	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks	450,000
Major Maintenance 2/25/2024	\$736
Major Maint. Online Giving 2/21–2/27/2024	\$55

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/DioceseofJoliet** 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.
- 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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Deanery/Diocesan News

HOLY GHOST CHURCH, 254 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale invites you to a Lenten Speaker Series.



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.

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Come Learn about the Life of St. Margaret of Castello

> Thursday, April 18 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. Margaret of Castello. Bom in 1287 in northern Italy to rich and powerful nobles, Margaret's birth was met with her parents' disgust and rejection, as she was born with numerous deformities. Eventually, out of fear of her discovery, Margaret's parents confined her to a cell connected to a church. It was here in the solitude of the mountains that she formed a profound and intimate relationship with God. She was later abandoned by her parents and left to fend for herself in a strange city. She would be taken in by beggars and then by various families. However, her holiness and deep love of God inspired and changed the hearts of those she encountered. She become a lay Dominican and served the sick and the imprisoned until her death at the age of thirtythree.

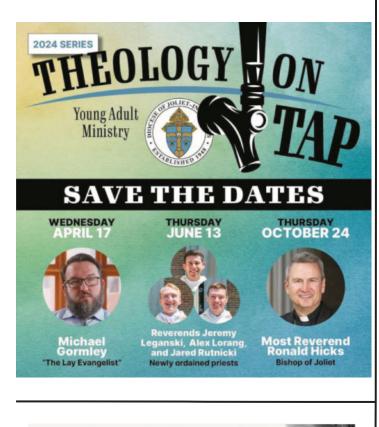
For more information and to RSVP, please visit <u>sspeterandpaul.net/cloud</u>



St. Peter Julian Eymard, known as "Apostle of the Eucharist," founded the Society of the **Blessed Sacrament** and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. He promoted perpetual adoration, inspired those estranged from the Church to return, and worked to educate all about Christ.

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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

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



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.

Mar. 2/3, 2024

Parish Center: Office Hours:	630.833.7730
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.
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

Office Administrator:	Sue D'Alessandro
Music Coordinator:	Gina Gabriel
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