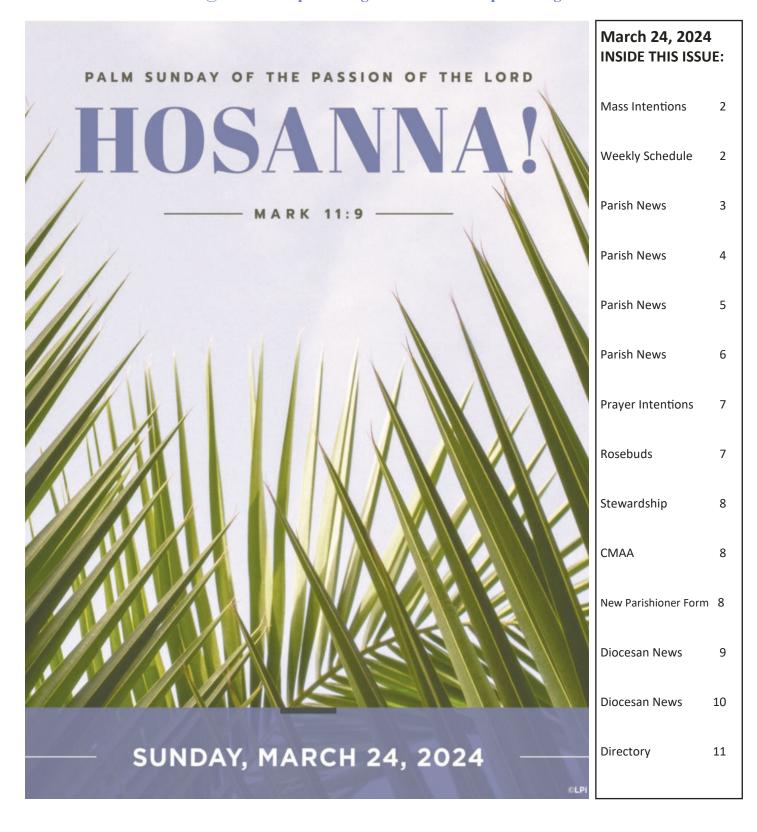
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The Mass book for

2025 will be open

starting the week

of April 15, 2024.

Mon. 3/25:

Music—Spanish Ministry Choir

Mass Intentions

Monday Mar. 25—Monday of Holy Week

8:45am Julie Dwyer

Tuesday Mar. 26—Tuesday of Holy Week

8:45am Int. Laurie Wallace

Wednesday Mar. 27—Wednesday of Holy Week

8:45am Jerry Spearman

Thursday
7:00pm Mass at St. Alexander
Friday Mar. 29—Good Friday

10:30am Good Friday Walk starting at St. Alexander 7:00pm Good Friday Service at St. John the Apostle

Saturday Mar. 30—Holy Saturday

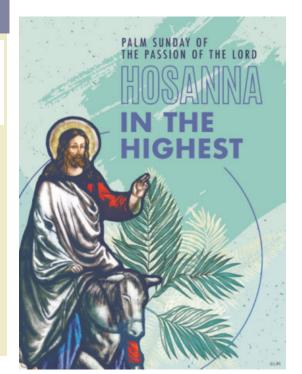
11:00am Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets at St. Alexander 8:00pm Easter Vigil Service at St. John the Apostle

Sunday Mar. 31—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 8:30am Frank Mallek/Anne & Tom Jones/Helen & Chuck Maney/

Jerry & Yolanda Lullo

10:30am Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo

12:30pm The People of St. Alexander Parish 6:00pm The People of St. Alexander Parish



Weekly Facility Schedule

Rental-YMCA Hall/Gym All Day O.C.I.A Fr. Tuan Rm 6:00pm Scout Troop #199 Hall/Gym 7:00pm Tues. 3/26: Rental-YMCA Hall/Gym All Day Fr. Tuan Rm 9:00am Legion of Mary Rental—Lions Volleyball Hall/Gym 5:45pm Wed. 3/27: Hall/Gym Rental-YMCA All Day Rental—Lions Volleyball Hall/Gym 6:00pm Practice for Holy Thursday Church/GS 6:00pm Music-Joystirs Sister's Room 6:45pm

Parish Office and meeting rooms will be closed at 1:00pm Holy Thursday, 3/28/24, through Easter Monday, 4/1/24.

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 9:00am.

Library

7:00pm





Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm or by appointment 630-833-7730

Extra/Extended Confession Times: Tuesday, 3/26, 5:00—7:00pm

St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm or by appointment 630-279-7404

Extra/Extended Confession Times: Monday, 3/25, 5:00—7:00pm



HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday @ St. Alexander Church:
Saturday, March 23 @ 5:00pm
Sunday, March 24 @ 8:30am, 10:30am
and Español @ 6:00pm

Holy Thursday, March 28 @ St. Alexander:
There will be no morning Mass on Holy Thursday.
Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00pm.
St. Alexander will be open until Midnight for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday, March 29 @ St. John the Apostle:

There will be no morning Mass on Good Friday.

Good Friday Walk: 10:30am @ St. Alexander
Bilingual Living Commemoration of the
Lord's Passion @ 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, March 30 @ St. John the Apostle:

There will be no confessions or 5:00pm Mass.

Blessing of the Food Baskets: 11:00am @ St. A's

Bilingual Easter Vigil Service & Mass

will begin 8:00pm @ St. John the Apostle

Easter Sunday, March 31 @ St. Alexander Church:
Mass will be celebrated @ 8:30am,
10:30am, 12:00pm and in Español @ 6:00pm



The Adoration Chapel will be closed on Holy Thursday, March 28.

There will be Adoration in the Church on Easter Monday, April 1st, from 3-4pm.



The Parish Office and meeting spaces will be CLOSED Holy Thursday, March 28

at 1pm thru Easter Monday, April 1. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 2 @ 9:00am.

HOLY THURSDAY ALTAR OF REPOSE



Pray with me, remain here with me, watch and pray.—Matthew 26:38

St. Alexander will remain open until 12:00 Midnight on Holy Thursday (March 28) for anyone who wishes to pray before the blessed sacrament.



Come and Join St. Alexander Church-

GOOD FRIDAY WALK

"Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus"

Stations of the Cross with a theme of Peace and Social Justice Starts in

St. Alexander Church at 10:30am, Friday, March 29, 2024. This is an outside event – slow paced walk of about 1-1/2 mile loop. Dress fit for the weather. This is a wonderful event for families. Strollers and wagons are welcome. Enjoy soup and bread in the gathering space afterwards.

Any questions, call Diane D'Amico @ 630-279-8022.



Pontifical Good Friday Collection Friday, March 29, 2024

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land are experiencing unique hardships in these challenging times. Many Christians depend on the pilgrimage industry to live. They could not work during the pandemic and now the war has stopped pilgrims from coming. The Christians are now less than 2% of the Holy Land population, down from 23% a century ago. With the war, many more are thinking about leaving.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of Christians. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.custodia.org and www.myfranciscan.org.

Donation Requests for Prison Ministry

The Prison Ministry will be collecting the following for the "2024 Mother's Day Project":

Mother's Day cards
Thinking of You cards
Blank note cards

Also needed are postage stamps and reams of colored paper (not construction paper).

All items must be dropped off at the Parish Office by April 3rd. **Thank you!** Pat Ivanauski (630-941-8592)

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?

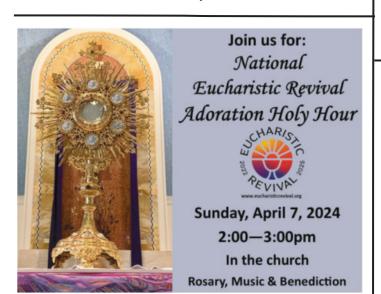
Contact:

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>)

MARCH DINE AND DONATE



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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Alexander's St. Vincent de Paul Conference serves anyone living within the boundaries of both St. John the Apostle and St. Alexander

parishes. We field calls and meet with clients seeking our help primarily for rental assistance, utility payments, and food. We are looking for people who could give us 1-2 days a month, Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

If you would like more information, please call Carre at 630-280-8296 or Collette at 630-947-2903.

SAVE the DATE



SATURDAY
June 22, 2024
FAMILY EVENT
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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."

Collette Noelle, daughter of Christopher and Ellen Brucher, nee Smialke.

Faith Formation & Parish News

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



PALM SUNDAY OCRS RICE MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus

this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the Parish Office or in the collection basket. To donate online: crsricebowl.org/





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Join us in answering the call to help others-give blood!

St Alexander Catholic Church **Blood Drive**

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Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. and use sponsor code: StAlexanderVP OR contact Al Foerster at foersteralvin@att.net



Scan to schedule an appointment



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

Knights of Columbus Fr. John Barrett Council #8365 **Catholic Education Scholarship**



The Knights of Columbus Fr. John Barrett Council #8635 is proud to participate in the effort to provide a meaningful Catholic education scholarship for families in need at St. Alexander's and St. John's parishes in Villa Park.

This scholarship will be awarded annually to one family in the amount of \$1,000. Families interested should be parishioners of either St. Alexander or St. John's parishes in Villa Park, fill out an application, as well as apply for aid at the Diocese of Joliet through FACTS Management (https:// factsmgt.com/). Applications for the Knights of Columbus Fr. John Barrett Council #8365 Catholic Education Scholarship are available in the Parish Office or on our website. **DEADLINE**: Please return completed applications Sue D'Alessandro in the Parish Office or email to office@stalexanderparish.org no later than May 1st.

Prayer Intentions



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

- 25. Abbott Austin Murphy
- 26. Sr. Kristiana Pucik, Sr. Beata Sawicka, Sr. Katarzyna Zaremba MChR
- 27. Dcns. Robert Fitt, Richard Ford, Patrick Forsythe
- 28. Fr. Hugh Fullmer, Fr. Martin Gabel
- Sr. Paulina Hernandez, Sr. Catalina Perez,
 Sr. Monica Rocha MSCGpe
- 30. Dcns. Dino Franch, John Freund
- 31. Fr. John Ronaldo Abulag

Pray for the Sick

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, Michelle Frank, Jamie Jones, Debbie Kosol, Sandra Krutz, Kirk McGubbin, Hannah Medow, Carol Nance, Jim Rohrich, Kelly Steciak, and Teri Sweeny, and Marty Swiertz

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,

John Ahearn, Judith Bass Fr. Hugh Fullmer Sandy Dollinger,

Eucharistic Adoration

The Adoration Chapel is open: Tuesday: 3:00pm—10:00pm Wednesday: 3:00pm—9:00pm Thursday: 3:00pm—10:00pm

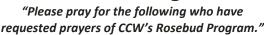


The Chapel is located in the Kennedy Center building North of the Church on Cornell Avenue.

The Adoration Chapel will be closed on Holy Thursday, March 28.

There will be Adoration in the Church on Easter Monday, April 1st from 3-4pm.

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 George & Patricia due 6/2024 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 Kristin & Tim

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: 3/17/2024	\$6,884
Online Giving (WeShare) 3/12-3/18/2024	\$2,380
Weekly Goal	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll\$3	343,883
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks\$4	50,000
Major Maintenance 3/17/2024	\$33
Major Maint. Online Giving 3/12—3/18/2024	\$20

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.



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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:
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Phone:
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Pictures from the Knights of Columbus St. Pat's Dinner Dance on March 9, 2024.









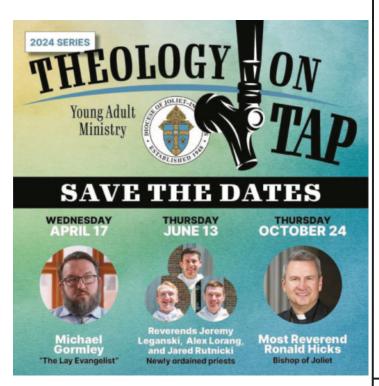




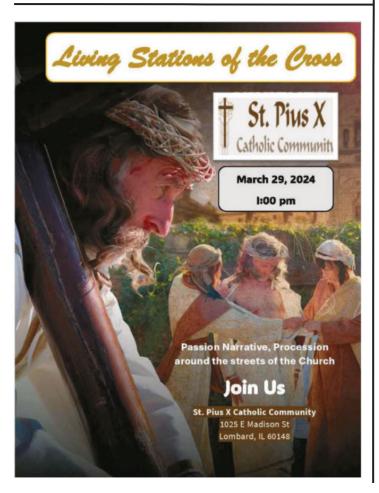




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1:00 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

Church Website:www.stalexanderparish.orgParish e-mail:office@stalexanderparish.orgBulletin 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:

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:

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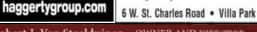
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