

# St. Alexander Catholic Church

*LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU*

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



**Dec. 1, 2024**

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## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 2—Advent Weekday</b> Maria & Baronislaw Maka
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 3—Advent Weekday</b> Intention of Cynthia Brown
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 4—St. Francis Xavier, Priest</b> David Hawley
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 5—St. John Damascene, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Joseph Gilles (8th Anniversary)
<b>Friday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 6—St. Nicholas, Bishop</b> The People of St. Alexander Parish
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>Dec. 7—St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Ralph, Sr. & Camella DeRose/Marvin G. Jett/Joyce Maxse (6th Anniv.)/ Natalie Baker (17th Anniversary)/Urban Baker (63rd Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30am	<b>Dec. 8—Second Sunday of Advent</b> Rocco Joseph Claps (25th Anniversary)/Janice Maneoline/ Tony Debik
10:30am	Braun & Liss Families
6:00pm	People of St. Alexander Parish

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

Due to the holidays approaching, early bulletin deadlines are as follows:

Bulletin	Article Due
December 15	December 4
December 22	December 10
December 29	December 16
January 5, 2025	December 18



**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

### **No Reconciliation on Dec. 3rd.**

### 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

<b>Mon. 12/2:</b> O.C.I.A.	Fr. Tuan Rm	6:00pm
Sons of Thunders Young Men's Group	Library	6:30pm
Scout Troop 199 Meeting	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
Compassionate Friends	Multiple Rooms	7:00pm
CCW-Prayer Blankets	Gathering Space	7:00pm
<b>Tues. 12/3:</b> Legion of Mary	Fr. Tuan Rm	9:30am
Music—Chancel Choir practice	Church	1:00pm
Rental—ICGS basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:30pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball practice	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Church	6:00pm
Fishers of Men Prayer Group	Fr. Tuan Rm	6:30pm
<b>Wed. 12/4</b>		
Rental—Lions Volleyball practice	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Church	6:00pm
Music—Joystir Choir practice	Sisters Rm	6:45pm
Music—Witness Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm
Music—Spanish Choir practice	Fr. Tuan Rm	7:00pm
<b>Thurs. 12/5:</b>		
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Library	9:30am
O CIA	Sisters Rm	10:00am
CCW—Christmas Party	Gathering Space	7:00pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting	Fr. Tuan Rm	6:00pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Church	6:00pm
<b>Fri. 12/6:</b>		
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Church	6:00pm
<b>Sat. 12/7:</b>		
100th Anniv. ornament distribution	Gathering Space	after Mass
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Church	6:30pm
<b>Sun. 12/8:</b> Faith Form. Classes	Multiple Rms	8:30am
100th Anniv. ornament distribution	Gathering Space	after Masses
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Church	5:00pm

# Parish News



## CCW EVENTS

- All women of the parish are welcome to join the CCW, (following our 6:30 board meeting) on Thursday, December 5th in the gathering space for our **Christmas Party from 7pm—8:30pm**. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Bring a wrapped pair of Holiday socks for a gift exchange.
- CCW is hosting a St. Alexander family Christmas tree in the gathering space. Families can pick an ornament from the basket, decorate and color it, then hang it on the tree. You may put your last name on the back. The tree will be up on the weekend of December 7/8.



Thank you so much for your generosity in donating to St. Vincent de Paul Society this past November. We were able to provide Thanksgiving meals for more than 65 families in our area. With these donations, we are also able to continue to help the needy in our town with rental assistance, utility bills, and medication. We especially thank you for the turkeys and your overwhelming support. We helped 143 families in our last fiscal year. Thank you again. We couldn't do this without you.

## DECEMBER DINE AND DONATE December 2/3



Gulliver's Pizza and Pub  
17W517 Roosevelt Road  
Oak Brook Terrace  
630-691-1888

Dine in or Carry Out  
Mention St. Alexander when ordering  
and 20% will be donated to the Parish  
100th Anniversary celebration.

## Grandparents Club

Grandparents will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2024 at 9:30am in the Gathering Space. All grandparents are welcome.



## EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR Sunday, December 1st 2-3pm in the Church



As we enter into the season of Advent and start to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ at the Nativity, please join us for a special afternoon of healing and repentance in the Eucharist on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024 from 2-3pm at St. Alexander Church as we pray the **Litany of Healing and Repentance** before the Blessed Sacrament. This Litany was composed and prayed by Fr. Boniface Hicks OSB with 50,000 faithful Catholics at the Friday Evening Revival Session in Lucas Oil Stadium at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in the Summer of 2024. This is a great opportunity to let Jesus heal those places in our hearts that are ready for His healing love! Please join us for this powerful hour of prayer!

## Parish News

### DECEMBER PROJECT OUTREACH

Thank you for your continued support of the food pantry at the Outreach House in Lombard. Our suggested food items for December are **pastas and pasta sauces, cake mixes and frostings, and warm socks.** However, any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous consideration of the needy families in our area.

Linda Krause & Linda Lagon, Parish Council



### St. Alexander Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Tuesdays:** 5:00—6:00pm

**Saturdays:** 4:00—4:45pm

#### Additional/Extended Confession time:

**Tuesday, 12/10:** 5:00—7:00pm

**Friday, 12/13:** 5:30—6:30pm

**Tuesday, 12/17:** 5:00—7:00pm

**Friday, 12/20:** 5:30—6:30pm



*It is in Baptism that one is welcomed  
into a community of faith.*

*As a parish community,*

**"WE WELCOME YOU."**

! **Owen Charles** son of Kevin & Maureen

! Harper, nee Haneberg

! **Henry Marvin**, son of Stephen & Jenny

! McClearn, nee Sifrer

! **Michael Joseph, Jr.**, son of Michael &

! Michelle Saccameno, nee Bogdan

! **Michaela Jeanette**, daughter of Andrew &

! Samantha Godawa, nee Jourige

! **Kelly Esmeralda**, daughter of Jose Sanchez

! and Elizabeth Anguiano



The Giving Tree Ministry is incredibly grateful to all our parishioners at St. Alexander. Thank you so much for your generous contributions. There will be a drop box, like the one used for the Sunday collection, in the Gathering Space on November 30th and December 1st and then again on December 7th and 8th for your gifts. Please place the gift card in an envelope with the family number and recipient's name on the envelope. Additional Jewel, Target, and Walmart gift cards will be accepted if you were unable to use the "Sign Up Genius" to make your contribution. If you have questions, please contact Betty Martin at 630-346-0177 or Barbara Colby at 630-725-8425.



### Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Horario/Schedule in the Church

Tuesday/Martes, 12/3 @ 6:00pm

Wednesday/Miercoles, 12/4 @ 6:00pm

Thursday/Tueves, 12/5 @ 6:00pm

Friday/Viernes, 12/6 @ 6:00pm

Saturday/Sabada, 12/7 @ 6:30pm

Sunday/Domingo, 12/8 @ 5:00pm

Monday/Lunes, 12/9 @ 6:00pm

Tuesday/Martes, 12/10 @ 6:00pm

## Parish News

### St. John CCW Advent Morning of Reflection

All women of St. Alexander are invited to our  
**Women's Morning of Reflection**  
"Be Not Afraid"

Join us as we discover ways to make  
the holiday season more spiritually  
uplifting and meaningful.

Saturday, December 14th  
St. John the Apostle Library  
(330 N. Westmore Ave, Villa Park)  
8:00 Mass (optional)  
8:30 continental breakfast  
9:00 program  
Cost: \$5



Please contact Terry  
to register by 12/8:  
Text or call 630-235-2966  
Email: [tlb1004@att.net](mailto:tlb1004@att.net)

### EASTERN DUPAGE DEANERY

**St. Alexander Representative  
Needed for Eastern DuPage Deanery.**

We are looking for 1 or 2 people to volunteer to attend Eastern DuPage Deanery meetings as a representative of St. Alexander Parish. The Eastern DuPage Deanery meetings are held once a month at 7:00 p.m. from September through May. There are no summer meetings. This year, meetings are held at either Christ the King Parish in Lombard or Immaculate Conception Parish in Elmhurst. Duties would be to attend meetings and report back with notes to a Parish council representative. If you feel called to this important ministry, please call Sue Williams at 630-408-1242 or e-mail her at [sreedywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:sreedywilliams@gmail.com)



### 100th Anniversary News:



- ✦ Our 100th Anniversary Booklet was mailed to all parishioners in the early fall. Did you receive yours? If not, please take one from the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space.
- ✦ **LOOKING AHEAD:** We will be handing out commemorative 100th Anniversary Christmas ornaments before and after masses on **Dec. 7/8**. Please be sure you get yours! We ask that you take one ornament per family because we only have a limited supply.

### EVENTS:

1. **Dec. 7/8, 2024**—100th Anniversary Ornaments available
2. **Feb. 22, 2025**—Dinner Dance
3. **March 15, 2025**—Feed My Starving Children
4. **April 26, 2025**—Dorothy Stang Mass & Speaker
5. **May 3, 2025**—9am Mass for St. Alexander, Patron Saint
6. **May 17, 2025**—Living Rosary after 5pm Mass
7. **July 12, 2025**—Alumni Picnic
8. **Sept. 7, 2025**—St. Alexander Festival
9. **October 18/19, 2025**—Closing Mass Wknd.

## Faith Formation & Parish News

Director Faith Formation: [Kathy Halloran—stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.halloran@stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com)



All parishioners are invited to:

### **Breakfast with Jesus**

Sunday / December 15th

8:30am—10:30am

Beginning with 8:30am Mass in the Church

Nativity play 9:50am—10:20am

Take-home crafts

Le invitamos a:

### **Desayuno con Jesús**

Domingo / 15 de diciembre

8:30am—10:30am

Comenzando con la misa de 8:30 am en la Iglesia

Juego de Natividad 9:50am—10:20am

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# 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.

*Vocations are born in prayer  
and from prayer; and only  
through prayer can they  
persevere and bear fruit.*

-- Pope Francis

## 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.

## Rosebud Program

*"Please pray for the following who have  
requested prayers of CCW's Rosebud Program."*



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Mary and Brandon on the birth of their son, Joseph Brandon.

Stephanie & Mike due 11/2024

Eric & Melissa due 2/2025

### 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.



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.

**Maureen Donovan, Rita Grobe,  
Hannah Medow, Linda Morton,  
Jack Palek, Donna Sidor, and  
Susanne Strickland**

We continue to pray for all the names listed on  
our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit  
our website : [www.stalexanderparish.org](http://www.stalexanderparish.org)



## 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.



**Our Faithful Departed**  
**Robert Dollinger, Dolores  
Harder, Joanne Doyle**

# Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 11/17/2024 .....	\$4,957
Online Giving (WeShare) 11/13—11/19/2024	\$2,465
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$159,832
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$450,000
Major Maintenance 11/17/2024.....	\$90
Major Maint. Online Giving 11/3—11/19/2024	\$20

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.*

# 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 would like to walk with you.

### Benefits to registering as a Parishioner:

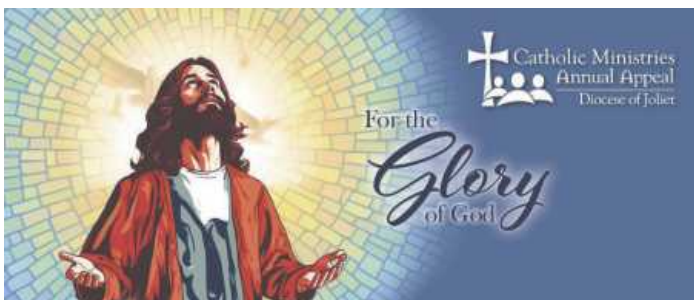
1. Registration helps you stay connected with the parish, builds community and helps the parish stay connected with you.
2. Other parishes (*including St. Alexander*) often request verification of a person’s status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, sacraments, etc., when that person has been 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.

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## The 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

### PLEDGE REPORT: Nov. 17, 2024

Thank you to all those who have made pledges. Please continue to make your **2024 CMAA** pledge payments . **Once** we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal:	\$46,500
Amount Pledged:	\$47,843
Amount Paid:	\$46,338
Remaining Balance:	\$1,505
Donor Count	217

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## 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.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] New Parishioner                      [ ] New Address

[ ] New Phone Number



## Deanery/Diocesan News

East south deanery of the Joliet Diocese CCW invites all women to attend our event.

### COME WARM YOUR HEART FOR THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS!

*Dec 11, 2024, at 6:30pm*

*St. Alexander Parish*

*Gathering Space*

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*Ice Cream,*

*Hot Chocolate and Jesus*

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### WHITE ELEPHANT CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE

Bring a wrapped gift (\$5 value) to join in. It should be a new, never used or gently used item. No broken items or used gift cards please. There will be extra gifts available to purchase for \$5 if you forget to bring one.

All women in your parish belong to the CCW. Please RSVP by Dec 6<sup>th</sup> to your CCW president Or to [lajccw@gmail.com](mailto:lajccw@gmail.com).



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the coming weeks, our parishes will take up the annual collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. This campaign is crucial, benefiting more than 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have been faithful servants within the Church, devoting their lives to service.

As I reflect on their ministry, I am grateful for the impact these women and men religious have had on our faith journeys. Their devoted service has impacted our (arch)diocese, inspiring and guiding us as we grow in faith.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities.

Your contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious play a vital role in providing necessary financial support. This support enables religious communities to care for their aging members while ensuring that the younger generation can carry forward the invaluable work of their elders.

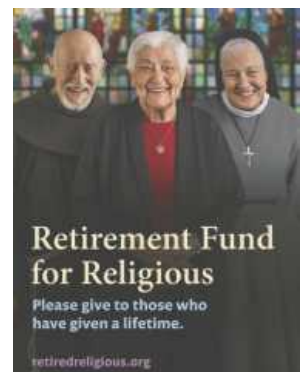
Please consider contributing when asked and giving what you are able. Above all, I ask for your prayers for God's continued blessings on all our women and men religious, who keep you in their prayers as well.

Together, let us support the many religious women and men who have made enormous contributions to our Church and to the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Ronald A. Hicks*

Most Reverend Ronald Hicks, Bishop of Joliet



## Deanery/Diocesan News

### Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow. Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit [dijoliet.org/cemeteries](http://dijoliet.org/cemeteries) for more details. *We're here to help!*

[www.onechoiceonlife.org](http://www.onechoiceonlife.org) | 630.701.6270

### 7 Hours of Confession

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

You are invited to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas.

The priests of the 15 parishes of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness of Sin.

**Saturday, December 14,  
from 8am until 3pm**

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

**All Catholics are invited to receive  
God's grace.**

Please come to St. Pius X Church  
10254 E. Madison Street, Lombard, IL  
630-627-4526



For more information, contact  
Deacon Mark Ranieri at  
[mranieri@stalexanderparish.org](mailto:mranieri@stalexanderparish.org)

**It only  
takes one  
encounter.**

#### GO WALK WITH ONE

Someone in your life is waiting for a moment that will change everything. God is ready to deliver, and he wants YOU to be a part of that story. This is your opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of someone you know and love. It only takes one encounter with Jesus to change their life forever.

You don't need to have all the answers—you just need to be present and walk with them. Grace will do the rest.

Scan the code to get started.

[eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one](http://eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one)



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Holidays*  
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&  
FRIENDS

IN CONCERT

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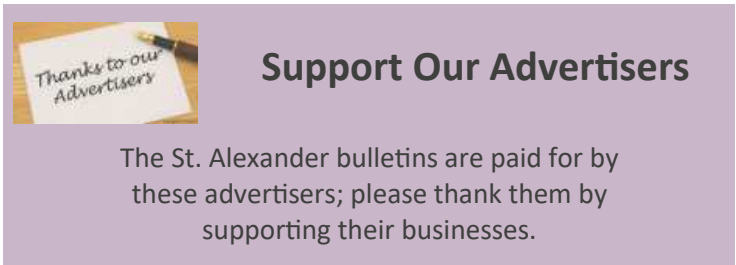
**Parish Center:** 630.833.7730  
**Office Hours:**  
 Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon  
 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.  
 4:30p.m.—7:30p.m.  
 Friday 9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.  
**Church Website:** www.stalexanderparish.org  
**Parish e-mail:** office@stalexanderparish.org  
**Bulletin e-mail:** bulletin@stalexanderparish.org  
**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.*  
 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. Johnus Cherunilath  
**Permanent Deacons:**  
 Christopher Cochran/Julio Jimenez/James Krueger/  
 Mark Ranieri, Jr./Matthew Tretina  
**Office Administrator:** Sue D’Alessandro  
**Parish Registrar:** Denise Rumchak  
**Music Coordinator:** Alexia Flores  
**Faith Formation:** 630.833.7730  
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**Director:** Kathy Halloran



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