St. Alexander Catholic Church

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

EVERYONE WHO

BELONGS TO THE TRUTH LISTENS TO MYVOICE



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Mass Intentions

| Monday | Nov. 25—<i>Weekday</i> |
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| 8:45am | George Mushro (1st Anniversary) |
| Tuesday | Nov. 26— <i>Weekday</i> |
| 8:45am | Deceased Members of the Clark & DiPrima Families |
| Wednesday | Nov. 27—<i>Weekday</i> |
| 8:45am | Jerry Hughes |
| Thursday | Nov. 28—Weekday/Thanksgiving Day |
| 9:00am | Virginia Jimenez/Braun & Liss Families/Francis Campbell |
| Friday | Nov. 29— <i>Weekday</i> |
| 8:45am | Intention of Dolores Schmidt |
| Saturday 5:00pm | Nov. 30—<i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> Ted Pindelski/Helen & Chuck Maney/Jerry & Yolanda Lullo/ Intention of John Haag/Stanley Span |
| Sunday | Dec. 1—<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> |
| 8:30am | Nancy Patock/Michael Crosse/Marty Swiertz |
| 10:30am | Albert Batiz, Jr. (1st Anniversary) |

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Weekly Facility Schedule

<u>Mon. 11/25:</u>

| O.C.I.A. | Church | 6:00pm |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Sons of Thunders Young Men's Group | Library | 6:30pm |
| Scout Troop 199 Meeting | Hall/Gym | 6:45pm |
| <u>Tues. 11/26:</u> | | |
| Legion of Mary | Fr. Tuan Rm | 9:30a |

Wed. 11/27 CLOSE AT 1PM FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Thurs. & Fri. 11/28 and 11/129: CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

A Blessed Thanksgiving to you and your family.



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

| Bulletin | Article Due |
|-----------------|-------------|
| December 8 | November 25 |
| December 15 | December 4 |
| December 22 | December 10 |
| December 29 | December 16 |
| January 5, 2025 | December 18 |

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



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

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We may send you additional offers to use on your future visits to Gullivers.

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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 past 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

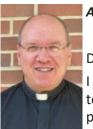




What better way to experience the spirit of Christmas and the joy of giving than with the Giving Tree Ministry. This year more than ever there is a great need in our community. The Giving Tree "Sign Up Genius" is now active. The Genius will be open from November 16th through November 23rd. Here is the link to sign up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/5080F44A4AE2FA1F85-52782859-giving

The recommended donation is a \$50 family gift card and a \$25 gift card for each individual child. Please consider signing up for one or two! Remember our motto, "No Tears at Christmas". For more information, please contact Betty Martin at 630-346-0177 or Barbara Colby at 630-725-8425.



A message from Fr. Rosenbaum......

Dear family in Christ, I just wanted to offer a quick thanks to God for all that we do for our parishes. Seeing more people come

back to our Masses continues to embolden my faith and encourages me in my offering as well. I thank all who have stepped up to roles of service. May the Lord continue to send His graces upon us and keep our hearts grounded in thanksgiving for His Eternal love for us. Continue to encourage those who have been away from the Mass, to come back to this offering every Sunday as the family into which Christ has brought and invited all of humanity. May God bless you and your families at this Thanksgiving time. I keep you all in my prayers, especially during this time of restructuring in our parishes.

With prayers and blessings, Fr. Rosenbaum.



Thanksgiving Day Mass November 28, 2024 9:00am @ St. Alexander

The Parish Center will close at 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 27 and will be closed on November 28 & 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Parish Center will reopen on Mon., 12/2 at 9:00am.

May this Thanksgiving be full of joy, peace and blessings from God. From Fr. Rosenbaum, Deacons and the Staff of St. Alexander.

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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!

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 <u>sreedywilliams@gmail.com</u>



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. Nov. 23, 2024—Sock Hop after 5pm Mass
- 2. Dec. 7/8, 2024—100th Anniversary Ornaments available
- 3. Feb. 22, 2025—Dinner Dance
- 4. March 15, 2025—Feed My Starving Children
- 5. April 26, 2025—Dorothy Stang Mass & Speaker
- 6. **May 3, 2025**—9am Mass for St. Alexander, Patron Saint
- 7. May 17, 2025—Living Rosary after 5pm Mass
- 8. July 12, 2025—Alumni Picnic
- 9. Sept. 7, 2025—St. Alexander Festival
- 10. October 18/19, 2025—Closing Mass Wknd.

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



Commemorating 75 Years of Catechesis, Evangelization and Service

Novena of Grace with St. Francis Xavier

From November 25 through December 3, members of our diocese will have the opportunity to participate in a nineday novena of prayer to St. Francis Xavier, the patron of the Diocese of Joliet.

DAY 1 NOVEMBER 25

Lord, each day you give me new life, new graces, new opportunities to feel your presence. Give me the gift of attentiveness to notice you in the people and your creation which surround my life; that I may grow in faith, and hope, and love. Amen.

DAY 2 NOVEMBER 26

Father, each day you show me the love of a parent for its child: watchful of my every step, eager for me to thrive; you delight in my happiness and console me in my sadness. May the constant love in which you enfold me give me the confidence to show that same love to friend and foe, family and stranger, alike. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Praying with Saint Francis Xavier The Novena of Grace

Visit diojoliet.org/75th for the full novena, which includes excerpts from the letters of St. Francis Xavier

DAY 3 NOVEMBER 27

Father, you speak to me in the silence and in the empty spaces of my life. Give me ears to hear your voice in stillness and in the gentle breeze; eyes to see your presence in things that seem so insignificant at the time. Free me from the relentless whirl of activity, from the obsessions which limit me and snatch away my freedom to answer your call. Like St Francis, may I too become a pilgrim, called to walk the path you set before me, wherever it may lead but always safe in the knowledge that Christ walks beside me unseen. Amen.

DAY 4 NOVEMBER 28

Lord, before I ever came into being you knew me and loved me. You have knit me together the way I am, and given me life and laughter, friends and the faces of kind strangers, and a world of wonder and new discovery. Grant me the freedom and the courage to discover you anew each day in the people I meet, in the places I go, in the sounds I hear and the things I see. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 5 NOVEMBER 29

Lord Jesus, it is so easy to be tempted as you were tempted in the desert; to make poor decisions for quick gains and satisfaction; to turn the wonderful gifts of your generosity towards unworthy and selfish ends. Give me, day by day, the same Spirit of strength with which you faced down those desert temptations of power, wealth and honour; that my desires and motives, my words and actions, may always be for the greater glory of God, my Lord. Amen.

DAY 6 NOVEMBER 30

Father, as I look back on this day, there are so many teeming thoughts, such a babble of words, and such a blur of activity, that it is difficult to see your gentle and faithful presence amid it all. Show yourself to me today, and every day. Amen.

DAY 7 DECEMBER 1

God our Father, praise to you! I am surrounded by so many good people, if only I take the time to notice: people who speak your word of compassion and kindness; people who act to give reality to your justice and reconciliation; people whose lives are good seed growing in rich soil. Give me, too, the grace to live in your Spirit, and to be your presence for those I meet as I go about the business of my day. Amen.

DAY 8 DECEMBER 2

Father, you are entire goodness and you are goodness for me. Creator of all things, who hold all things in being for me, give me faith in you and in myself, your creation. Amen.

DAY 9 DECEMBER 3

God our Father, as St Francis Xavier travelled to the ends of the earth, impelled by love of Christ and afire with his good news, give me the trust and the grace to base all that I do entirely on you, safe in the knowledge that you raise up the lowly and fill them with good things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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.

- 25.Sr. Margaret McGuckin OSF, Sr. Patricia Mitchell OSF, Sr. Mary Jean Morris OSF
- 26.Fr. Anthony Jacob OSB
- 27.Sr. Jo Anne Murphy OSF, Sr. Roberta Naegele OSF
- 28.Fr. Philip Timko OSB, Fr. Kenneth Zigmond OSB
- 29.Saul Garacia, Reyes Gonzalez, John Jensen, Charles Scott Parks (2025 Deacon Candidates
- 30.Sr. Albert Marie Papesh OSF, Sr. Maria Pesavento OSF, Sr. Phyllis Pitz OSF



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, Bill Ranieri 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**



Our Faithful Departed

Robert Dollinger, Dolores Harder, Joanne Doyle

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 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 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

Due to an early bulletin deadline, donations could not be reported at this time.

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You can also go to www.stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal For the

The 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

PLEDGE REPORT: Nov. 10, 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. | | |

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.

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

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 300 S Cornell Ave, Villa Park

ICE CREAM, HOT CHOCOLATE AND JESUS

Presented by Terry Bode

YOU CAN FURNISH HOPE!

Presented by Sharing Connections of Downers Grove



WHITE EXEPHANT CHRISTMAG EXCHANGE Bring a wrap 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 purchase for \$5 if you forget to bring one.

All women in your parish belong to the CCW. Please RSVP by Dec 6th to your CCW president <u>Or</u> to <u>lajccw@gmail.com</u>.

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 diojoliet.org/cemeteries** for more details. *We're here to help!*



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FRIENDS

IN CONCERT

DECEMBER 14, 2024

VISITATION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ELMHURST, IL

6:30 PM

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

Scan the code to get started

eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one



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To all in the Diocese of Joliet, As we conclude our anniversary celebration, you are cordially invited to join us at the

The Diocese of Joliet 75th Anniversary Jubilee Liturgy

Sunday, December 8, 2024 4pm Cathedral St. Raymond Nonnatus 604 N Raynor Ave Joliet, IL 60435

A reception will follow in the Joyce Center. Seating is VERY limited. Please respond on or before November 18th. by scanning the QR code

Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Nov. 23/24, 2024

| 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 **Church Website:** Parish e-mail: **Bulletin e-mail:**

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) |

9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

| Tuesday: | 5:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m.(Eng/Span) |
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| 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

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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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