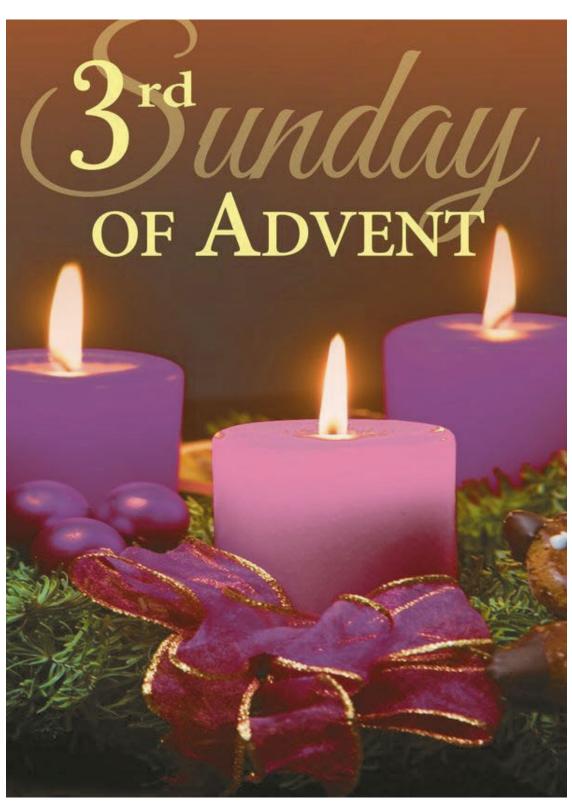
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# Mass Intentions

Monday Dec. 16—Advent Weekday

8:45am James Biles

Tuesday Dec. 17—Advent Weekday

8:45am Solorro Pardo

Wednesday Dec. 18—Advent Weekday

8:45am Frank Gill

Thursday Dec. 19—Advent Weekday

8:45am The People of St. Alexander Parish

Friday Dec. 20—Advent Weekday

8:45am Deceased Members of the Clark & DiPrima Families

Saturday Dec. 21—Advent Weekday 5:00pm Gay Lynn Finke/Patrick Foley

Sunday Dec. 22—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am Intention of Susanne Strickland/Intention of Liz Max/

Bill Gibson/Gregory & Ronald Wyrobek

10:30am Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo

6:00pm James Biles

# Weekly Facility Schedule

#### Mon. 12/16: O.C.I.A. 6:00pm Fr. Tuan Rm 6:30pm Sons of Thunders Young Men's Group Library Scout Troop 199 Meeting Hall/Gym 6:45pm **CCW-Prayer Blankets Gathering Space** 7:00pm Tues. 12/17: 9:30am Legion of Mary Fr. Tuan Rm Rental—ICGS basketball practice Hall/Gym 3:30pm Rental—Lions Volleyball practice Hall/Gvm 6:00pm Fishers of Men Prayer Group Fr. Tuan Rm 6:30pm Music—Chancel Choir practice Church 7:00pm Wed. 12/18: Rental—Lions Volleyball practice Hall/Gym 6:00pm Sisters Rm Music—Joystir Choir practice 6:45pm Church Music—Witness Choir Practice 7:00pm Music—Spanish Choir practice Fr. Tuan Rm 7:00pm Thurs. 12/19: Mittens for Mary Knitting Group Library 9:30am **OCIA** Sisters Rm 10:00am Rental—Lions Volleyball Practice Hall/Gym 6:00pm









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#### **EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:**

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

BulletinArticle DueDecember 29December 16January 5, 2025December 18



## **Hospitality Sunday**

The Hospitality Group has taken the month of December off.

They wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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



For more information, contact Deacon Mark Ranieri at 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







## In Service to One, In Service to All.

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

#### St. Alexander Catholic Church Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Father John Barrett Council #8365 300 S. Cornell Ave., Villa Park, IL

> Tuesday, January 7, 2025 12:00pm to 5:00pm

For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlodd.org and use sponsor code: StAlexanderVP or contact Joe Neilly at joe.neilly@gmail.com



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St. Alexander
Advent Sacrament
of Reconciliation

**Tuesdays:** 5:00—6:00pm **Saturdays:** 4:00—4:45pm

#### **Additional/Extended Confession time:**

**Tuesday, 12/17:** 5:00—7:00pm **Friday, 12/20:** 5:30—6:30pm



The Mittens for Mary Knitting Group
Has provided Baby Mittens for any
babies at St. A's Parish! Just pick
them up at Masses December 14/15 in
the Gathering Space
Mittens and any donations collected
will be given to the babies at
Waterleaf Women's Pregnancy Center
Walking with Mom's in Need

# ST. ALEXANDER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

Saturday, February 22, 2025 Cocktails: 6:00pm Dinner: 7:00pm



- 4-course dinner with your choice of 3 entrees (Prime Rib, Chicken Vesuvio and Salmon)
- Music by "CROOZIN" for dancing and listening
- Cash Bar

Tickets available after Masses in December, January, thru Feb. 15. \$65 per person.

Seating will be tables of 10. Start getting your table together if you have a group you want to sit with.

want to *****	sit with. **********
Name:_	
Phone: _	
Entrée:	Prime Rib
	Chicken Vesuvio
	Salmon
Name of	Table you will be sitting with:

#### **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

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#### YouTube Channel:

St. Alexander and St. John the Apostle, Villa Park



**Text STALEXANDER to 84576** to sign up for Email and text Updates & announcements



# St. Alexander Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Eve Masses (There will be morning Mass at 8:45am. However, this does not count towards your Christmas Obligation) 4:00pm, 6:30pm, and 12:00 Midnight

(Christmas caroling will begin at 11:15pm)

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Day Masses 8:30am, 10:30am and 6:00pm in Spanish

Wed., January 1, 2025—Mary the Mother of God

(Holy day of obligation)

9:00am (bilingual)

# St. John the Apostle Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Eve Masses 5:00pm and 10:00pm

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Day Masses 9:00am, 11:00am and 12:30pm in Spanish

Wed., January 1, 2025—Mary the Mother of God

(Holy day of obligation)
Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024 @ 7pm
Wednesday, January 1, 2025 @ 11:00am (bil)



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

# **EVENTS:**



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

# PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

There is still time to register for the pilgrimage to Rome with Deacon Chris Cochran.

Contact Deacon Chris at:

ccochran@stalexanderparish.org

**February 15-26, 2025**: Visiting Florence, Orvieto, Rome, Vatican City, Assisi, Siena, Tivoli, Subaiaco, Monte Casino

\$3,900 includes airfare Chicago to Rome and back. A/C bus transfers, 10 nights in 4 star hotels, all entrance fees, English speaking guide, Masses, 2 meals per day, with 2 chances for general audience with Pope Francis.





# Faith Formation & Parish News

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

Photos from the 100th Anniversary Sock Hop held on November 23, 2024. Thank you to the committee for all the work on this wonderful event! Photo credits: Elaine Jimenez and Sue D'Alessandro



Thank you to our volunteers who helped sand the tops of the pews before we applied a new stain. We really appreciate all their help and the pews look great!

Photo credit: Joe Neilly









# **Prayer Intentions**



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

16. Fr. Thomas Logue

#### 17. Pope Francis

18. Dcns. Joseph Urso, Glenn Vanek, Joseph Verdico, Herbert Waldron

#### 19. Seminarian Christ Oyoo Otieno

- Dcns. Randy Waring, Charles Woods, Robert Wallace
- 21. Sr. Helen Vahling OSF, Sr. Rita Vahling OSF
- 22. Seminarian Johnathan Hernandez



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, Hannah Medow, Linda Morton, Jack Palek, Shirley Reese, Donna Sidor, Susanne Strickland, Joann Swan, and Mary Warner

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
Rita Grobe

## **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!**

Mike & Stephanie on the birth of their daughter, Anya Marie.

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.



# 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.

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# Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 12/1/2024	\$9,696
Online Giving (WeShare) 11/28-12/6/2024	\$4,535
Weekly Goal	. \$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll\$	183,019
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks\$	450,000
Major Maintenance 12/1/2024	\$88
Major Maint. Online Giving 11/28—12/6/202	4 \$125

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# The 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

## PLEDGE REPORT: Dec. 1, 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: \$48,225
Amount Paid: \$46,788
Remaining Balance: \$1,437
Donor Count 217
.....2024 Rebate \$201

Thank you for your continued support.

# **Parishioner Registration**

Dec. 14/15, 2024

#### 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.
- 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



# Thank you to the following parishioners who donated towards our Christmas Flowers for the church. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

(More will be posted in future bulletins.)

<u>Parishioner</u>	In Memory/Honor	<u>Parishioner</u>	In Memory/Honor
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hay		Mr. & Mrs. Wallace	
Mr. & Mrs. Tauchen			Noreen Sobaski/Fred Koester
Mr. & Mrs. Dooley		Mr. Thomas Sobaski	Salome Sobaski/John Sobaski
Mr. & Mrs. Heneghan	Robert Kretzev	Mr. & Mrs. Cuzzone	
Mr. & Mrs. Jiemenez			
Mr. & Mrs. Hayes	Hayes & Halae Families	Mr. & Mrs Haag	John Haag/Nima Haag, Helen Taylor/Frank Mantia
Mr. & Mrs. Bailey		Ms. Jean Babicz	Babicz Family
Mrs. Helen Wendorf		Wist scall Basic2	McGintz Family
Mr. & Mrs. Silva Mrs. Vandergrift	Jackie Silva Jay, Carie, Andrew, Sandy,	Mr. & Mrs. Alan Jones	Tom & Anne Jones Chuck & Helen Maney
· ·	Steve and Aggie	Mr. & Mrs. Baker	Natalie Baker and Paul Tadelski
Mrs. Maria Pasquale		Mr. & Mrs. Miller	
Mrs. Judith Travnicek Mr. & Mrs. Bluemel			Lee Fleisleber/George & Eula
Mr. & Mrs. John Korbus		Mrs. Jean Fleisleber	Kucero/Chuck Fleisleber/ Jean Fleisleber
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Ivanauski		Mr. & Dr. Brian Meehan	Tom & Anne Jones Francis & Therese Meehan
Mr. & Mrs James Schmit		Mr. & Mrs. Martens	Ann & Mickey Sangiacomo
Ms. Judy Emerson	Jack & Betty Lane	Mr. & Mrs. Isidoro	
	Ted & Julie Pindelski	Mr. & Mrs. Lagon	
Mr. & Mrs. Pindelski	Ralph& Helen D'Anza MaryJo Hanrahan	Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell	
Mrs. Pamela Baldwin	Kenneth Konapacz Frances Johnacki	Mr. & Mrs. Jajko	Jo Kochevar/All Jajko Deceased/ Rose
	Casmir Hojnacki	Mr. & Mrs. Loresch	Mrs. Pat Carrao
Mr. & Mrs. Roycroft	Jacobs & Roycroft Families	Mrs. Annamarie Campbell	Campbell & Zuchel Families
Ms. Susan Kroeger		Mrs. Frances Gilles	Joseph Gilles
	•	IVII 3. I TUTICCS CITICS	Joseph Gines

# Deanery/Diocesan News

#### OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025



On Sunday, December 29, throughout the world Catholics will gather at their Cathedral Churches to celebrate the opening of the Jubilee Year 2025.

The Diocese of Joliet will celebrate the opening of this Jubilee Year at the 10:30 am Mass on December 29, at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. Everyone is invited to this very special Mass as a worldwide celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025 begins. This will be a very special time for the Church and plans have been made to celebrate this Jubilee Year throughout the Diocese. In the coming weeks, we will be sharing with you these important days, times and places where we will gather to continue our celebration of the Jubilee Year.

# 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



**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

**E-mail:** stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com

**Director:** Kathy Halloran



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