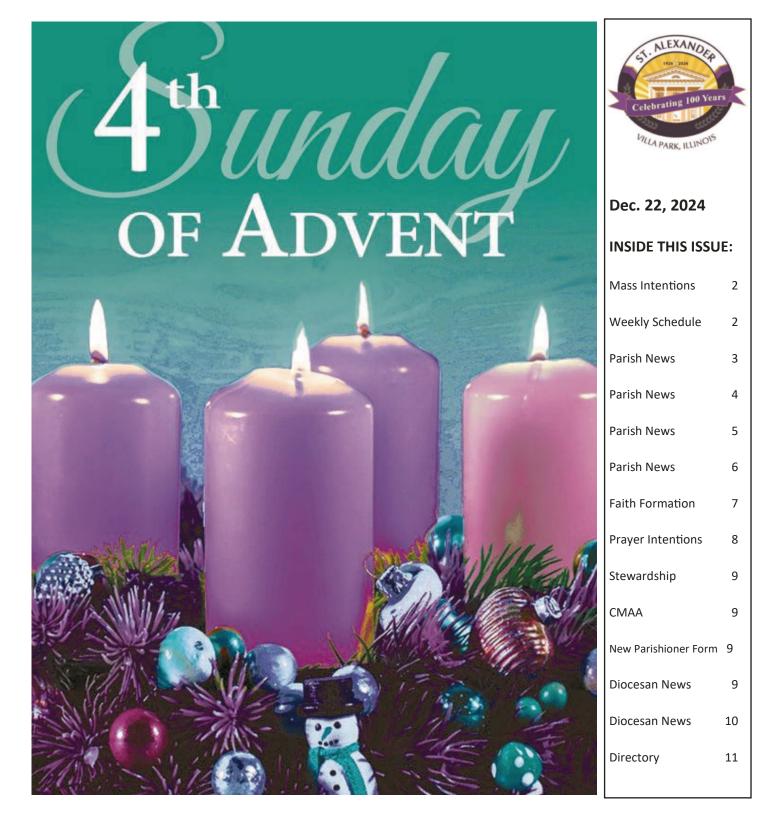
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# Mass Intentions

| Monday    | Dec. 23—St. John of Kanty, Priest                        |
|-----------|--|
| 8:45am    | Frank & Yolanda Gentile                                  |
| Tuesday   | Dec. 24—Christmas Eve                                    |
| 8:45am    | The People of St. Alexander Parish                       |
| 4:00pm    | Bob Morris/Marian Kurasz (30th Anniversary)/Bob Chandler |
| 6:30pm    | The People of St. Alexander Parish                       |
| Midnight  | The People of St. Alexander Parish                       |
| Wednesday | Dec. 25—The Nativity of Our Lord                         |
| 8:30am    | Helen & Don Liss/Harleen & Emil Fisher/Anne & Tom Jones/ |
|           | Helen & Chuck Maney/Jerry & Yolanda Lullo                |
| 10:30am   | Clare & William Stralko & Family                         |
| 6:00pm    | The People of St. Alexander Parish                       |
| Thursday  | Dec. 26—St. Stephen, The First Martyr                    |
| 8:45am    | Theodora & Herbert Zuleger                               |
| Friday    | Dec. 27—Advent Weekday                                   |
| 8:45am    | Marvin G. Jett   |
| Saturday  | Dec. 28—Advent Weekday                                   |
| 5:00pm    | Karen Jorn/Patrick Foley                                 |
| Sunday    | Dec. 29—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph          |
| 8:30am    | Gina Koyer/Robert Dollinger/Intention of Liz May         |
| 10:30am   | Intention of Marian and Peter Kurasz, Sr.                |
| 6:00pm    | James Biles  |
|           |  |

# Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 12/23:

Sons of Thunders Young Men's Group L Scout Troop 199 Meeting H

Library Hall/Gym 6:30pm 6:45pm

The Parish Office, Meeting Rooms and Hall/Gym will be closed December 24, 2024 through January 1, 2025 for the Holidays. The Office will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 9:00am.





### 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

# Parish News



Christmas greetings in the Lord to all,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and healthy. I want to send my Christmas blessings upon all of you. Keep Bishop Hicks in your prayers during this time of restructuring in our Diocese as he prepares to make a decision regarding St. Alexander and St. John the Apostle in March. May we make our presence and faith known to one another

over the newborn child in a manger, Our Savior Jesus Christ.

I thank all of those who have persevered in their faith through the challenges of this past year, whatever they may be. Our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is something that we can choose to carry with us throughout our life. In the goodness of God, we can offer prayers for loved ones who are not physically present to us. Just as Christ, entering into humanity, was an offering for people of all times and places, not just those who were present to Him. Let us not be discouraged, but rather, let us always be a people of hope, that we will not let the challenges of our world, of our life, slow us down to be a people of offering. Because that is the heart that the Christ-child shows us to have.

Again, a Blessed and Merry Christmas to you all. I continue to keep my parishes, my family of St. Alexander and St. John the Apostle in my thoughts and prayers.

With the blessings of our newborn Savior, Fr. Rosenbaum



# Parish News

# 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.





# 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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# Parish News

# ST. ALEXANDER COUNCIL OF

# **CCW EVENTS**

<u>Mental Health Awareness</u>—All parishioners are invited to attend a program regarding Mental Health Awareness on January 9, 2025 in the Gathering Space from 7-8:30pm. Our presenter is Elaine Jimenez. Please join us for this important topic.

**Communion Breakfast**—The CCW is inviting all women of the parish to our annual Communion Breakfast on **January 19, 2025** with inspirational talks from 3 speakers about the Eucharistic Conference. We will meet and eat from 9:30— 10:15. Please come join us after the 8:30am Mass. OR we will finish in enough time to attend 10:30 Mass if you prefer.

American Red Cross



### 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



Scan to schedule an appointment

# **EVENTS:**

1. Feb. 22, 2025—Dinner Dance



- 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.





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



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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.

- 23. Dcns Gary Wooley, Duane Wozek
- 24. Dcns. Ronald Yurcus, Robert Ziomek
- 25. Sr. M. Yvonne Weidner OSF, Sr. Vivian Whitehead OSF
- 26. Dcns. Guadalupe Villarreal, Francis Vonesh
- 27. Sr. M. Joan Clare Wisner OSF, Sr. Irene Yosick OSF
- 28. Fr. Gerald Cole, Fr. Karl Langsdorf SPS
- 29. Sr. Dolores Zemont OSF, Sr. M. Margaret Ann Zimmerman OSF
- 30. Sr. Lucille Adelmann OSF, Sr. Janet Tucci OSF
- 31. Sr. Dorothy Clare Zuleski OSF, Sr. Helen Zulka 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.

#### Patti Cain, Marge Caliendo, Hannah Medow, Linda Morton, Margaret Novak, Shirley Reese, John Rohrich, Donna Sidor, Carol Simler, 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

**Family and Friends** 

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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



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

The Adoration Chapel will be closed on: Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1, 2025. The Chapel will be open on 12/26/24 and 1/2/2025.

### **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 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

| Sunday Collection: 12/8/2024               | \$6,687 |
|--|---------|
| Online Giving (WeShare) 12/7–12/12/2024    | \$2,365 |
| Weekly Goal                                | \$8,654 |
| YTD Actual Sunday Coll\$1                  | 83,019  |
| YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks\$4           | 50,000  |
| Major Maintenance 12/8/2024                | \$316   |
| Major Maint. Online Giving 12/7–12/12/2024 | \$20    |

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.

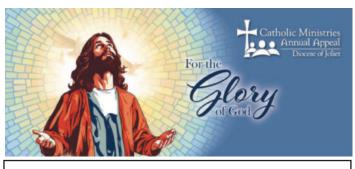
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### The 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

### PLEDGE REPORT: Dec. 8, 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:                       | \$48,629 |  |
| Amount Paid:                          | \$47,403 |  |
| Remaining Balance:                    | \$1,226  |  |
| Donor Count                           | 219      |  |
| 2024 Rebate                           | \$632    |  |
| 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

# Parish News



### 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. Marchewka |  | Vanessa Becerra      |                   |
| Elizabeth St. Louis  | Jim St. Louis                                      | Mr. & Mrs. Schmid    |                   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Fabis     |  |                      |                   |
| Mary Beth Stralko    | Clare & William Stralko<br>and Family              | Susan Connelly       |                   |
| MR. & Mrs. Parzygnat | Kanias Little Flower Shop                          | Mr. & Mrs. Dion      |                   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell  | Angie & Joe Voras                                  | Carolina Niewoehner  | Gene Niewoehner   |
| Juliana Zawlinski    |  | Mr. & Mrs. Kuhrau    |                   |
| Carolyn Meier        | Cece Meier/Lisa Garrow                             | Mr. & Mrs. Krichbaum |                   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Patterson |  | Sal Saporito         |                   |
| Thomas Crowe         |  | Pam Smith            | George Smith      |
| Adeline Skarnulis    | Louis/Nejman Girls/Mike &<br>Rose/Josephine & Bill | John Busnell         | Chris/Kathy/Gwenn |
| Genevieve Kemp       | Dick/Brian/Rich Kemp                               | Carmel Warren        | Warren Warren     |
| Margaret Vittorio    | Emil "Budd" Vittorio                               | Mr. & Mrs. Karges    |                   |
| Paul Maxse           | Joyce Maxse  | Elaine Heppe         | Larry Heppe       |
| Alfred Kosir         |  | Annmarie Baughman    |                   |



# Deanery/Diocesan News

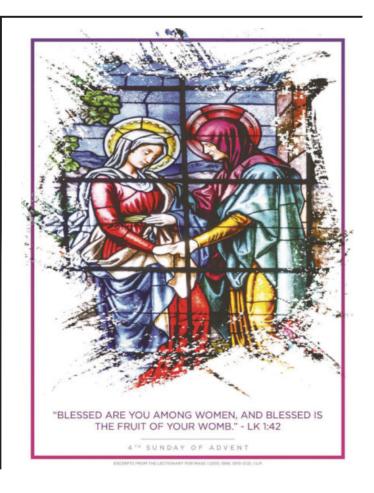
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| Falish Centel.              | 030.033.7730                   |  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Office Hours:               |                                |  |
| Monday-Thursday             | 9:00 a.m. — 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 |                                |  |

630 833 7730

#### 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

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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/Fr. Philip Danaher

#### **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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