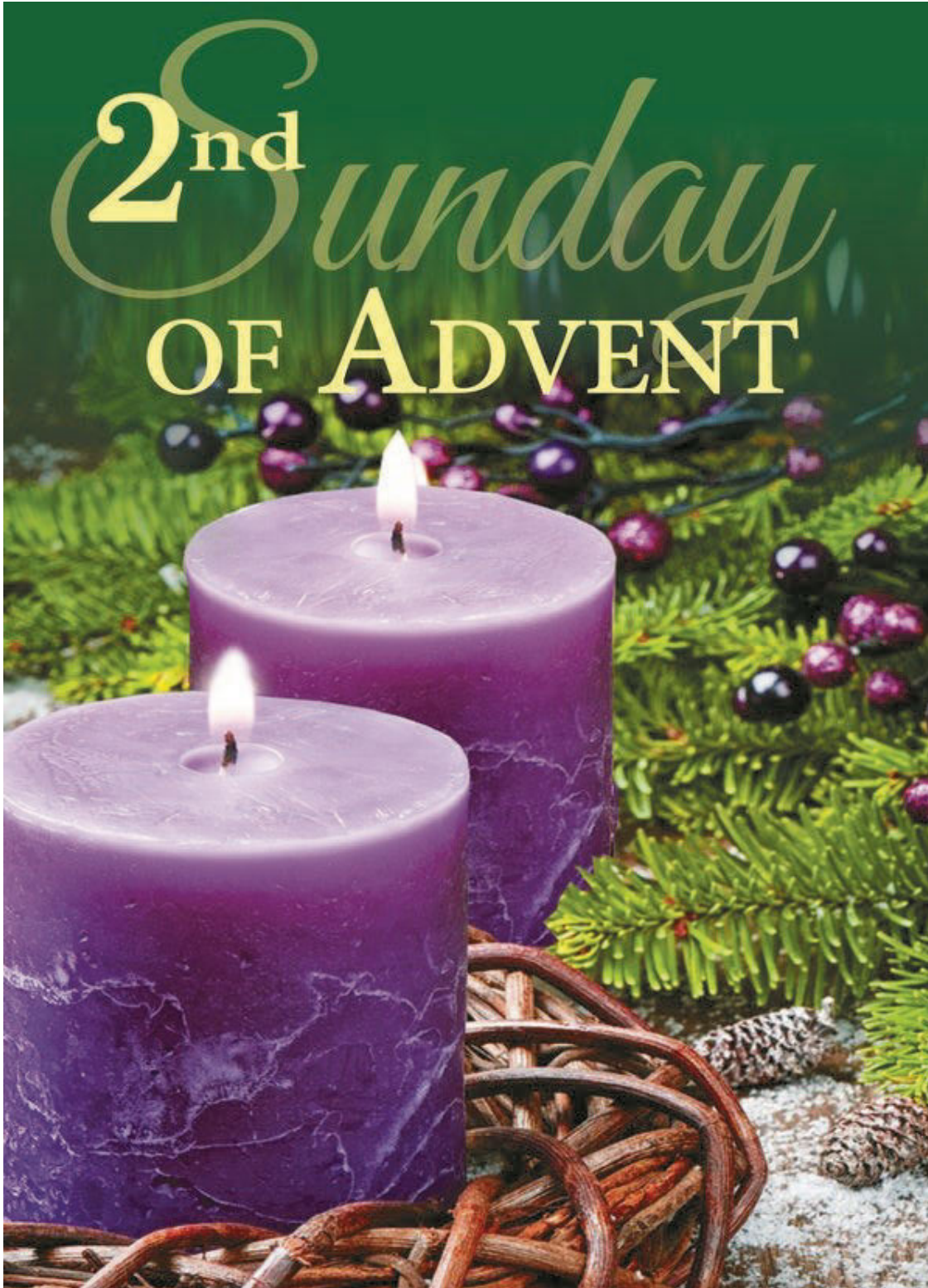


# St. Alexander Catholic Church

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



**Dec. 8, 2024**

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## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 9—<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></b> Loretta Perdae
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 10—<i>Our Lady of Loreto</i></b> The People of St. Alexander
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 11—<i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i></b> Renee Heinrick
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45am <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Dec. 12—<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i></b> The People of St. Alexander <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b> 8:45am	<b>Dec. 13—<i>St. Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr</i></b> Karen Macarski
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>Dec. 14—<i>St. John of the Cross, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</i></b> Therese & Hubert Klaus/Anne & Tom Jones/Brothers & Sisters of the DeRose Family/George Kudrna (10th Anniv.)/Darlene Kudrna/Danny Kudrna/Gene Niewoehner
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30am 10:30am 6:00pm	<b>Dec. 15—<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i></b> Karen Mocarski/Marcie Savala/Lenore & Ed Boyer & Family David Wyrobek Roberto Perez

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

<b>Bulletin</b>	<b>Article Due</b>
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

## Weekly Facility Schedule

<b>Mon. 12/9:</b>		
O.C.I.A.	Fr. Tuan Rm	6:00pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Church	6:00pm
Sons of Thunders Young Men’s Group	Library	6:30pm
Scout Troop 199 Meeting	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
<b>Tues. 12/10:</b>		
Legion of Mary	Fr. Tuan Rm	9:30am
Grandparents Club	Gathering Space	9:30am
Music—Chancel Choir practice	Church	1:00pm
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. 12/11:</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
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Sisters Rm	7:00pm
<b>Thurs. 12/12:</b>		
OCIA	Sisters Rm	10:00am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Party	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
<b>Sat. 12/14:</b>		
Giving Tree Pickup	Hall/Gym	8:30am
<b>Sun. 12/15:</b>		
Faith Formation—Breakfast w/Jesus	Church	5:00pm



## 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



## 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.

## Grandparents Club

Grandparents will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024 at 9:30am in the Gathering Space. All grandparents are welcome.



**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](http://RedCrossBlodd.org) and use sponsor code: StAlexanderVP or contact Joe Neilly at [joe.neilly@gmail.com](mailto:joe.neilly@gmail.com)



Scan to schedule an appointment

## Faith Formation participated in *Live the Love Mobile Pack for Feed My Starving Children* at Yorktown Mall Saturday, November 23 from 8:30 am - 10:30 am.



### Participants were:

- |                |                 |                   |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Ally Ranieri   | Caleb Eisner    | Anthony Ramirez   |
| Brandon Raines | Debra Gonzalez  | Nicholas Ramirez  |
| Mark Schramka  | Manny Gonzales  | Alexander Ramirez |
| Toni Giovenco  | Enrique Orizaba | Kathy Halloran    |
| Gabriel Eisner | Liam Krichbaum  |                   |



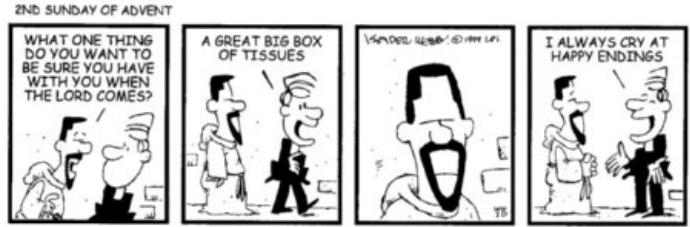
### The statistics for our morning packing session:

**Volunteers:** 133   **Boxes:** 204   **Meals:** 44,064   **Kids for a year:** 120

# 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'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE**  
**Saturday, February 22, 2025**  
**Cocktails: 6:00pm Dinner: 7:00pm**



- 4-course dinner with your choice of 3 entrees
- Dancing and live music by "CROOZIN"
- Cash Bar

Tickets will go on sale in December.  
**\$65 per person.**

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



Your gift cards for the Giving Tree are due back this weekend. There is a drop box in the Gathering Space. 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". Please contact Betty Martin (630) 346-0177 or Barbara Colby (630) 725-8425 with any questions or if special arrangements need to be made to pick up or drop off gift cards.

Also, we are asking for a small amount of your time and energy next Saturday, December 14th with pickup of the gift bags from the Giving Tree to our needy families. Please meet at the Hall at 9:00am to help. Thank you.



## 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**

## Parish News

### 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](mailto:ccochran@stalexanderparish.org)

**February 15-26, 2025:** Visiting Florence, Orvieto, Rome, Vatican City, Assisi, Siena, Tivoli, Subiaco, 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.



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**



### 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

## ST. ALEXANDER FINANCIAL REPORT Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2024

### Statement of Revenues & Expenses

	Actual			Next Year
	Church	Rel Ed	Total	Budget Total
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Sunday Collections	\$ 476,847		\$ 476,847	\$ 460,000
Other Collections	68,918		68,918	96,000
Fundraisers	1,505		1,505	1,500
Tuition, Fees and Endowment	-	15,380	15,380	14,000
Other Unrestricted Revenue	33,075		33,075	40,100
Bequests	50,620		50,620	
Rental Income	55,770		55,770	40,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 686,735</b>	<b>\$ 15,380</b>	<b>\$ 702,115</b>	<b>\$ 651,600</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 244,039	\$ 17,367	\$ 261,406	\$ 251,400
Fringe Benefits	64,133	5,665	69,798	74,620
Repairs & Maintenance	16,907	535	17,442	11,250
Services	52,693	7,337	60,030	76,475
Materials & Supplies	46,686	3,620	50,306	44,235
Insurance	29,971	7,493	37,464	37,500
Utilities	71,273	20,169	91,442	89,110
Curriculum Expenses		3,196	3,196	2,000
Diocesan Expenditures	40,762	-	40,762	42,260
Other Operating Expenses	3,523	822	4,345	1,750
Capital Expenditures	1,340	1,057	2,397	31,000
Subsidies to Other Parishes	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 571,327</b>	<b>\$ 67,260</b>	<b>\$ 638,587</b>	<b>\$ 661,600</b>
<b>Net Revenue - Expenses</b>				
Parish Investment To RE Education	\$ (51,880)		\$ -	\$ (53,000)
RE Education Transfer from Parish		\$ 51,880		\$ 53,000
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 63,528</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 63,528</b>	<b>\$ (10,000)</b>
<b>Restricted Donations/Expenditures</b>				
<b>Major Maintenance - Site Improvements</b>				
Donations	\$ 25,732		Byline Bank	\$ 122,309
Expenditures	(18,826)		Diocesan Savings	157,523
<b>Adoration/Altar</b>				
Donations	22,009		School Endowment	26,995
Expenditures	(34,416)		Accounts Payable	\$ 10,259
<b>YMCA</b>				
Donations	7,520		Prepaid Expense	\$ 1,196
Expenditures	(12,995)		<b>Restricted Fund Balance</b>	
<b>Flowers</b>				
Donations	3,608		Adoration	12,794
Expenditures	(3,608)		Major Maintenance	7,520
<b>Restricted Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (10,975)</b>			
<b>Total Surplus Operating &amp; Restricted</b>	<b>\$ 52,553</b>			

# 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, 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](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: 11/24/2024 .....\$6,736  
 Online Giving (WeShare) 11/20—11/27/2024 \$2,220  
 Weekly Goal..... \$8,654  
 YTD Actual Sunday Coll ..... \$168,788  
 YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....\$450,000  
 Major Maintenance 11/17/2024..... \$278  
 Major Maint. Online Giving 11/20—11/27/2024 \$35

*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:

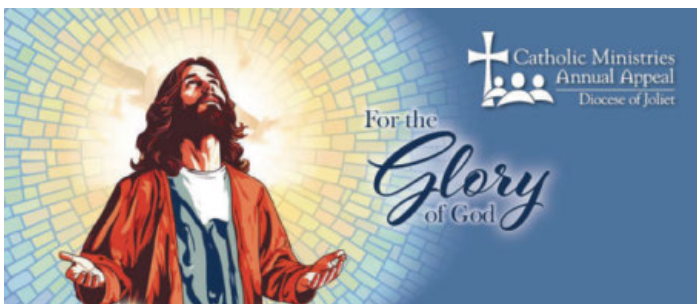
1. Registration helps you stay connected with the parish, builds community and helps the parish stay connected with you.
2. Other parishes (*including St. Alexander*) often request verification of a person’s status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, sacraments, etc., when that person has been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

## DONATE ONLINE TODAY! It’s Simple, Safe & Convenient

Scan QR code with your camera phone



You can also go to [www.stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com](http://www.stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com)



## The 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

### PLEDGE REPORT: Nov. 24, 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.*

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 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.

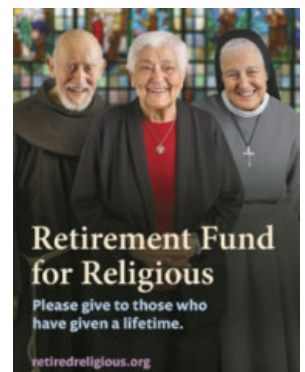
Please consider contributing when asked and giving what you are able. Above all, I ask for your prayers for God's continued blessings on all our women and men religious, who keep you in their prayers as well.

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

### 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



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



## 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

*Hope  
for the  
Holidays*  
JOHN ANGOTTI  
&  
FRIENDS  
IN CONCERT  
DECEMBER 14, 2024  
6:30 PM  
VISITATION  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ELMHURST, IL

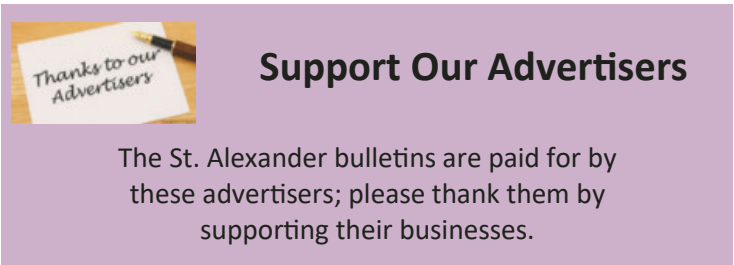
**Parish Center:** 630.833.7730  
**Office Hours:**  
 Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon  
 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.  
 4:30p.m.—7:30p.m.  
 Friday 9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.  
**Church Website:** www.stalexanderparish.org  
**Parish e-mail:** office@stalexanderparish.org  
**Bulletin e-mail:** bulletin@stalexanderparish.org  
**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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