

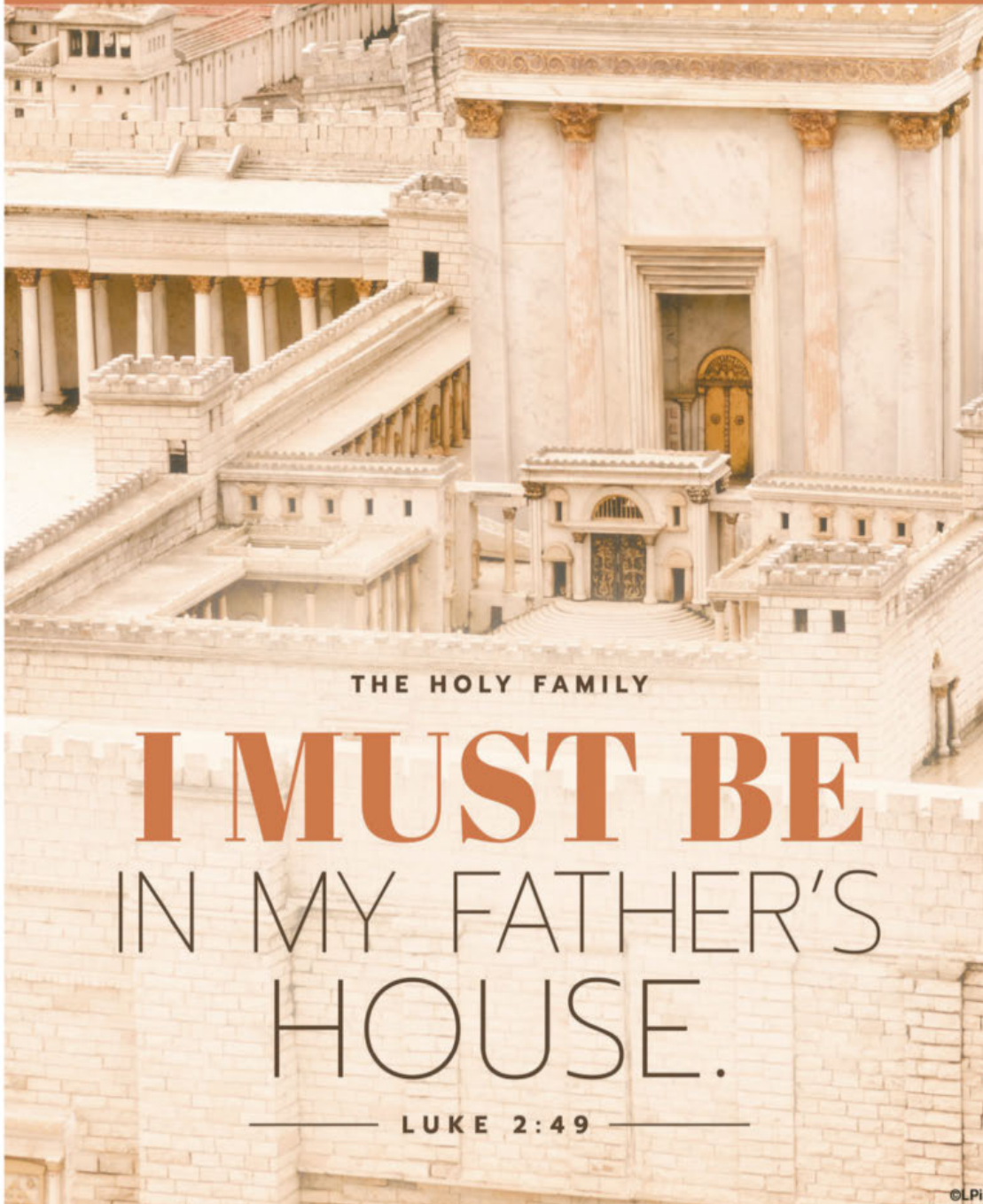
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024



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**I MUST BE
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Dec. 29, 2024

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Mass Intentions

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| Monday 8:45am | Dec. 30—Sixth Day with in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Intention of Andrew Rood |
| Tuesday 8:45am | Dec. 31—Seventh Day with in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Frank, Alice and David Paulin |
| Wednesday 9:00am | Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Luis Jimenez |
| Thursday 8:45am | Jan. 2—Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church June Pfeiffer (3rd Anniversary) |
| Friday 8:45am | Jan. 3—Christmas Weekday Marty Swiertz |
| Saturday 5:00pm | Jan. 4—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Braun & Liss Families/Jerry & Yolanda Lullo/Tom & Anne Jones/ James Patterson |
| Sunday 8:30am 10:30am 6:00pm | Jan. 5—Epiphany of the Lord Clare Stralko (3rd Anniversary)/Mary Mokry The People of St. Alexander Parish Alexander Nesterak |



Hospitality Sunday

The Hospitality Group has taken the month of December off.

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

Weekly Facility Schedule

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.

Thurs. 1/2:

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| Mittens for Mary Knitting Group | Library | 9:30am |
| Knights of Columbus Meeting | Fr. Tuan Room | 6:00pm |
| Rental—Lions Volleyball Practice | Hall/Gym | 6:00pm |

Sat. 1/4:

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| 100th Anniv. Sell dinner dance tix | Gathering Space | after Mass |
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Sun. 1/5:

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| Faith Formation classes | Multiple Rooms | 8:30am |
| 100th Anniv. Sell dinner dance tix | Gathering Space | after Masses |
| Eucharistic Holy Hour | Church | 2-3pm |
| Spanish Ministry | Gathering Space | 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



Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, January 1, 2025
9:00am (bil)

Parish News



Join us for:
National
Eucharistic Revival
Adoration Holy Hour



Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025
 2:00—3:00pm
 In the church
 Rosary, Music & Benediction

Giving Tree Donations

The Giving Tree Ministry would like to thank everyone who made this year a success. A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus. With their donation this year, we made our goal. We would like to thank the Parish Office Staff for their help and our angels who helped out on the day of pickup. The need was great this year, but because of St. Alexander's parishioners, there will be "No Tears for Christmas".

Thank you, Betty and Barbara.

Pictures from Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on December 12, 2024. Photo credit: Elaine Jimenez



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.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Entrée: Prime Rib _____

Chicken Vesuvio _____

Salmon _____

Name of Table you will be sitting with:

JANUARY 2025 PROJECT OUTREACH

Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry at the Outreach House!

As we head into January 2025, we ask that you bring in **MACARONI AND CHEESE, RICES, AND HYGIENE ITEMS SUCH AS SHAMPOO, SOAPS, COMBS AND BRUSHES.** You are not limited to our suggestions, though. Anything you drop off is a help!

Thank you for your support of those less fortunate in our community. Together, we can make a difference!

Linda Krause & Linda Lagon

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Parish News



CCW EVENTS

Mental Health Awareness—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.



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

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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.

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Faith Formation & Parish News

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

Faith Formation held their **Breakfast with Jesus** on Sunday, December 15, 2024. Kathy Halloran, Director of Faith Formation, would like to thank Father Rosenbaum for the opening prayer, and the catechists: Marlene Brennan, Jen Krichbaum, Denise Hancock, Laurie Jochum, Rhonda Kollman, Toni Giovenco. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with singing, Jeannean Strickland, Laurie Wallace and Reyna Romo, the students, parents and extended family that came and participated. Photo credits: Laurie Jochum and Linda Krause.



Prayer Intentions



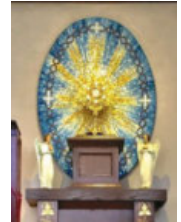
PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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

1. Bishop Dennis Spies
2. Brs. Kenneth Arnold, John Blease,
Thomas Dupré, Chris Englert FSC
3. Dcns. Eric Alvarez, Fred Ban, James Batis,
Stephen Boffa
4. Sr. Maria Alejandra Pardo Rodriguez HMD
5. Fr. Ryan Adorjan, Fr. James Antiporek

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:

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| 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.

**Patti Cain, Marge Caliendo,
 Hannah Medow, Linda Morton,
 Margaret Novak, Shirley Reese,
 Donna Sidor, Carol Simler,
 Susanne Strickland,
 Joann Swan, and Dan Weber**

We continue to pray for all the names listed on
our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit
our website : 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
**Mary Warner and
 John Rohrich**

Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 12/15/2024\$8,668
 Online Giving (WeShare) 12/13—12/17/2024 \$2,400
 Weekly Goal.....\$8,654
 YTD Actual Sunday Coll\$194,087
 YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....\$450,000
 Major Maintenance 12/15/2024..... \$21
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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:

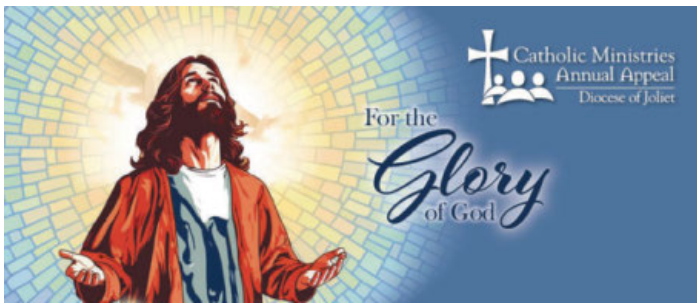
1. Registration helps you stay connected with the parish, builds community and helps the parish stay connected with you.
2. Other parishes (*including St. Alexander*) often request verification of a person’s status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, sacraments, etc., when that person has been asked to be a **Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor**. Without registration, no such verification can be made.
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PLEDGE REPORT: Dec. 15, 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.

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| Parish Goal: | \$46,500 |
| Amount Pledged: | \$50,529 |
| Amount Paid: | \$49,500 |
| Remaining Balance: | \$1,029 |
| Donor Count | 222 |
|2024 Rebate | \$2,100 |

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

[] New Parishioner [] New Address

[] New Phone Number

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.

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

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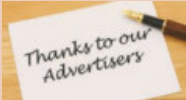
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Office Hours:
 Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon
 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
 4:30p.m.—7:30p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.
Church Website: www.stalexanderparish.org
Parish e-mail: office@stalexanderparish.org
Bulletin e-mail: bulletin@stalexanderparish.org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