St. Alexander Catholic Church

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU

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A LIGHT FOR REVELATION.

- LUKE 2:32

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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Mass Intentions

Monday	Feb. 3— <i>Weekday</i>
8:45am	Mary Egan
Tuesday	Feb. 4— <i>Weekday</i>
8:45am	Laurence Harvey (St. Alexander Graduate)
Wednesday	Feb. 5—St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
8:45am	Mary Warner
Thursday	Feb. 6—St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
8:45am	Maureen Oakley
Friday	Feb. 7— <i>Weekday</i>
8:45am	Kim Ebeling
Saturday	Feb. 8—St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM
5:00pm	Tom & Anne Jones/Hubert & Theresa Klaus/
	Lidia Saporito (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday	Feb. 9—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am	Michelle Frank/Intention of Christopher Frank & Family/
	Joyce Maxse
10:30am	Intention of John and Camille Bouchkaert
6:00pm	Deacon Peter Robsinson

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 2/3:

<u></u>
Rental—ICGS basketball practice
OCIA
Sons of Thunder Men's Group
Scout Troop #199
CCW—Prayer Blankets

Tues. 2/4:

Legion of Mary Music—Chancel Choir practice Rental—ICGS basketball practice Rental—Lions Volleyball practice Fishers of Men Prayer Group

Wed. 2/5:

Rental—Lions Volleyball Music—Joystir Choir Practice Music—Witness Choir Practice Music—Spanish Choir

Thurs. 2/6:

Mittens for Mary Knitting Group OCIA **Knights of Columbus** Rental—Lions Volleyball Practice Pilgrimage Meeting **CCW Board Meeting**

Sat. 2/8:

100th Anniv. sell dinner dance tix Hospitality

Sun. 2/9:

Faith Formation classes 100th Anniv. sell dinner dance tix

Hall/Gym Fr. Tuan Rm Library Hall/Gym **Gathering Space** 3:30pm

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Fr. Tuan Room Church Hall/Gym Hall/Gym Fr. Tuan Rm

Hall/Gvm Sisters Rm Church Fr. Tuan Rm

Library Sisters Rm Fr. Tuan Rm Hall/Gym **Gathering Space** Sisters Rm

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Gathering Space

after Mass Multiple Rooms 8:30am

after Masses

after Mass



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

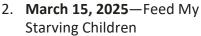
St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00-6:00pm Saturdays from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment 630-279-7404

Parish News

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.

BAGGED LUNCH MINISTRY

Last May we asked you for help with the Bagged Lunch Ministry program for Our Lady of Angels (OLA) Parish in Chicago. Organized by Jan Turner, this ministry provides lunch to needy, hungry individuals in the OLA community. Each lunch contains one sandwich, a drink, and a snack.

Your response to our call for help was amazing. Since May our weekly deliveries went from 118 lunches a week to an average of 150 lunches each week. That's <u>over 800</u> <u>additional lunches</u> that were delivered to OLA in Chicago, and their parishioners are deeply grateful for your help. Let's keep at it! Here's how to help:

- Register online at SignUpGenius.com. Search for janturner628@gmail.com to find the bagged lunch ministry.
- Decide how many lunches you will make. Each lunch needs a bag, a sandwich, a drink, and a snack.
- Make your lunches over the weekend.
- Deliver your lunches in a stackable box on Sunday evening between 7:00 and 8:00 pm to 628 Lilac Way, Lombard.

If you aren't good with the computer, just call or text me. I will register you.

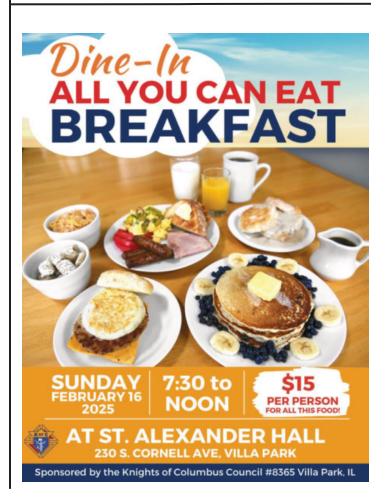
All of us, working together, can make a difference! Please consider helping, and thank you for your generosity.

Linda Krause lindakra@gmail.com 630-430-1898



Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

THANK YOU for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected **\$1,662** to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit *www.usccb.org/latin-america.* #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts online funds for this work—see *ussccb.igivecatholictogether.org.* Your gift makes a difference!



Parish News

ST. ALEXANDER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE Saturday, February 22, 2025



550 N. Shriners Drive | Addison, IL 60101 | 630.889.1400

- 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 through February 8/9. \$65 per person.

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

Also, you may contact Joyce Splan: 630-279-6470 joyce117@comcast.net or Vince Fabis: 630-858-1881 tabstrip6@aol.com for tickets or any questions you may have.

Name:

Phone:

Entrée: Prime Rib

Chicken Vesuvio Salmon

Name of Table you will be sitting with:



Feast of St. Blaise: **Blessing of the Throats** at Masses the Weekend of Feb. 1/2.



Blessing for Married Couples At ALL Masses February 8/9.

Volunteers needed at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Are you yearning to make a difference? We are seeking volunteers at the Addison store, 30 W. Lake St. The work includes hanging, sorting, folding and pulling clothing from the racks. If volunteering in the store is not appealing, we could use help to answer phones at the Glendale Heights office. Please consider a 4-hour shift on a recurring basis. Every effort made at St. Vincent de Paul helps work toward our mission to serve Jesus by helping community members in need. If you are interested, please contact Cathy R. at 630-293-9755 or email Cruzicka@svdpjolietstores.org.



Join us for: National Eucharistic Revival Adoration Holy Hour



Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025 2:00-3:00pm In the church **Rosary, Music & Benediction**

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Parish News



All Parishioners over 21 years of age are invited to attend Wine and Cheese Tasting With Meredith Meder from Full Circle Cheese February 13, 2025 7:00pm Gathering Space Cost: \$10.00 Reservations required by February 9th Sponsored by CCW

Reserve my spot Wine and Cheese Tasting February 13 7:00pm Gathering Space

\$10.00 is attached for my reservation Place in the CCW box at the Welcoming Desk You will receive a reminder text the day before the event.

Phone

NAME

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



It is in Baptism that one is welcomed into a community of faith. As a parish community, "WE WELCOME YOU."

Theresa Nicole, daughter of Robert and Nicole Stoltz, nee Zucchero
Maren Ann, daughter of Adam and Brooke Krey, nee Maurer
Arthur William, son of Arthur and Elizabeth Bernaciak, nee Eulitz



Almighty Father, in celebration of our Parish Centennial Year, we praise You for the many blessings You have abundantly granted St. Alexander Parish.

We offer heartfelt thanks to You Lord God, for all of those who founded our parish, those who tirelessly preserved our parish, and those who continue to engage in Your graces in our parish family.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, continue to strengthen us to do the Holy Works of the Church, and to support one another in faith, through our prayers, our presence and our perseverance. Guard and protect our hearts and lives in Your love and will.

Keep us holy, safe and healthy. Continue drawing new members into our parish to know of Your eternal love for them.

> Through Christ Our Lord, Amen. St. Alexander, pray for us.

Parish News

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 2, 2025

Sunday:

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday:

Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/ Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday:

Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday:

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/ Mk 6:1-6

Thursday:

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13

Friday:

Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/ Mk 6:14-29

Saturday:

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday:

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

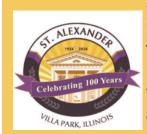
What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophecies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which **"the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed"** (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

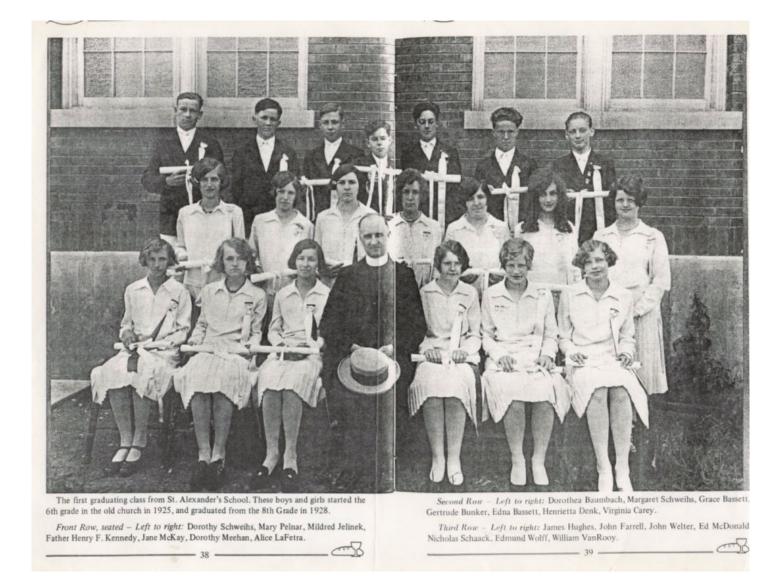
- Father John Muir

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



Did you know???

The first class of St. Alexander School. These boys and girls started the 6th grade in the old church in 1925 and graduated from 8th grade in 1928.



Prayer Intentions



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

- 1. Brs. Michael Fehrenbach, Christopher Ford, James Gaffney, Richard Geimer FSC.
- 2. Dcns Nick Cifonie, Gerald Christensen
- 3. Dcns. Dominic Cerrato, Anthony Clishem
- 4. Fr. Santos Castillo, Fr. Benjamin Chinnappan
- 5. Fr. Daniel Torson C.PP.S., Fr. Edward Howe C.R.
- 6. Sr. Maria Catherine Rethwisch, Sr. Marie Isaac Staub OP
- 7. Dcns. Ronald Brown, Rocco Busato, Michael Butz, Bruce Carlson, Robert Cassey, Arnulfo Cisneros
- 8. Fr. Shaun C. Cieslik, Fr. Santiago Corona
- 9. Fr. William J. Conway



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.

Christine Bazon, Lee Burton, Patti Cain, Marge Caliendo, Bruce Howat, Tom Grover, Alan Jones, Chuck Killian, Toni Kosydar, Alan Jones, Peter Maney, Mark Mason, Hannah Medow, Bonnie Haskins Moreland, Linda Morton, Margaret Novak, Shirley Reese, Donna Sidor, Alice Stek, Susanne Strickland, Joann Swan, Jane Tadelski, 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**



Our Faithful Departed

Kathleen Arbor and John Volatile

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.

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 Mary and Jared due in 5/2025

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.

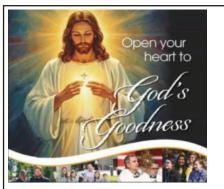
If you are interested, please contact Judy Emerson @ 630-620-1425 to sign up for the Vocations Cross.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 1/26/2025	\$8,688
Online Giving (WeShare) 1/22–1/27/2025	\$1,745
Weekly Goal	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll \$2	287,651
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks\$4	150,000
Major Maintenance 1/26/2025	\$296
Major Maint. Online Giving 1/22–1/27/2025	\$35

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.

*Please note: St. Alexander Fiscal Year is July 1—June 30.



The 2025 CATHOLIC **MINISTRIES** ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is **Open your heart to God's** goodness. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church as available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own.

Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is **\$48,200**, and 70% of any amount we reaise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

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: _____

How did you hear about St. Alexander?

[] New Parishioner [] New Address

[] New Phone Number

Deanery/Diocesan News

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS



On February 8-9, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with those who are in the Armed Forces, Police Service, and Security Officials. We all depend on these women and men to keep us safe and come to our aid when we are in trouble. We know they will be ready to do whatever is needed to shield us and help us to feel secure. Whenever you see one of these civil servants, do stop to thank them for their unselfish service to all people.

Mental Health Ministry Featured on the Pope's Prayer Network

We pray that mental health ministry becomes an integral ministry in the Church that is available in every Catholic parish and community.

We pray for the elimination of the stigma and discrimination that people living with a mental illness encounter.

Visit clicktopray.org or download the app in your preferred App Store. Visit the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network at www.popesprayer.va







Holy Hour for Vocations

Wednesday, February 5th at 7PM Hosted at St. Pius X Catholic Community 1025 E Madison St Lombard, IL 60148



Serra Club of DuPage County invites you to join us in an hour of Eucharistic exposition & adoration praying that more men would discern the priesthood and that more men & women would discern the religious life for the Diocese of Joliet.

Feb. 1/2, 2025

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.

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/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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