


St. Alexander Catholic Church

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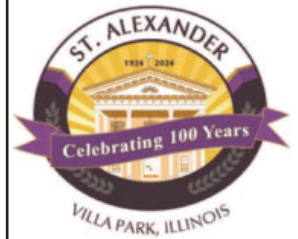
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FILL THE JARS WITH WATER.

— JOHN 2:7 —

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

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Jan. 19, 2025

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Mass Intentions

Monday 8:45am	Jan. 20—St. Fabian; Pope & Martyr/St Sebastian, Martyr The People of St. Alexander Parish
Tuesday 8:45am	Jan. 21—St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr The People of St. Alexander Parish
Wednesday 8:45am	Jan. 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Ralph Marriott
Thursday 8:45am	Jan. 23—St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin Int. of Ricardo Huerta
Friday 8:45am	Jan. 24—St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Martha Navsieda
Saturday 5:00pm	Jan. 25—Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle Tom & Anne Jones/Dan Conroy
Sunday 8:30am 10:30am	Jan. 26—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Gary Carnahan/Francis J. Frank/Kim Ebeling The People of St. Alexander Parish



Hospitality Sunday

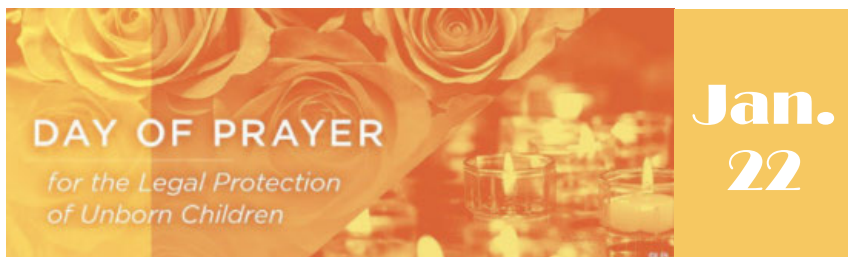
You are all invited for hospitality and fellowship!!! Parish Council will host hospitality 3 times a month at one of the Masses. Hospitality is a time for all parishioners to get together in a casual setting with friends and just to “visit”. All are invited to bring a favorite comfort food to share with 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

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 1/20:	CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY		
Tues. 1/21:			
Legion of Mary	Fr. Tuan Room	9:00am	
Rental-ICGS basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:30pm	
Music—Chancel Choir Practice	Church	1:00pm	
Rental—Lions Volleyball practice	Hall/Gym	6:00pm	
Fishers of Men group	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm	
Wed. 1/22:			
Music—Chance choir practice	Church	2:45pm	
Rental—Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	6:00pm	
Music—Witness Choir Practice	Church	7:00pm	
Music—Spanish Choir	Fr. Tuan Rm	7:00pm	
Thurs. 1/23:			
Rental—ICGS basketball practice	Hall/Gym	3:30pm	
Rental—Lions Volleyball Practice	Hall/Gym	6:00pm	
100th Anniversary Planning Mtg.	Sisters Rm	7:00pm	
Sat. 1/25:			
Faith Formation Reconciliation Retreat	Multiple Rms	10:00am	
100th Anniv. Sell dinner dance tix	Gathering Space	after Mass	
Sun. 1/26:			
Faith Formation classes	Multiple Rooms	8:30am	
100th Anniv. Sell dinner dance tix	Gathering Space	after Masses	



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



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 over 800 additional lunches 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](https://www.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

Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands.

Through the Collection for the Church in Latin America, Catholics in the United States can express a closer unity with and love for their brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the Caribbean islands. This unity was fully expressed in autumn 2024, when Catholics from around the world gathered for an International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, to celebrate the country's 150th anniversary of its consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Using funds received from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Archdiocese of Quito welcomed thousands from around the world—including a delegation of Catholics from the United States led by Bishop Andrew Cozzens—to pray together, encounter the love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and share their faith. When you participate in the collection at your parish, you support special events such as the Eucharistic Congress as well as the ongoing work of forming catechists, supporting vocations to priesthood and religious life, and implementing family ministries throughout Latin America.

Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of January 25-26, 2025. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. The [#iGiveCatholicTogether](https://uscbb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/uscbb-church-in-latin-america) website (<https://uscbb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/uscbb-church-in-latin-america>) also accepts online funds for the collection. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

With best wishes, I ask God to bless you always.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ronald A. Hicks

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

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 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.

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.



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
Parish Council

Parish News



CCW EVENTS

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.



Daily Mass will be celebrated on Martin Luther King Day @ St. John the Apostle January 20, 2025—9:00am.

There will be no Daily Mass at St. Alexander on Monday, January 20, 2025 and the Parish Office will be closed.



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.

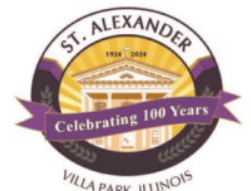
You don't need to have all the answers—you just need to be present and walk with them. Grace will do the rest.

Scan the code to get started.



eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one

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.

Parish News

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 19, 2025

Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday:

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/
Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
(see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,
27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "**Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one**" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "**But you have kept the good wine until now.**" This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— Father John Muir

Faith Formation & Parish News

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



Did you know???

In May of 1922, Father Hennessy organized the Altar and Rosary Society (later the Sanctuary and Rosary Sodality and presently the Council of Catholic Women). The women's organization of the parish antedates the parish by two years. Today, the **St. Alexander Council of Catholic Women (CCW)** acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. CCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world. Groups within CCW are: Elizabeth Ministry, Mary's Circle, and Prayer Blanket Ministry. To learn more about the CCW, visit our website at www.stalexanderparish.org

Cited for Playing Leading Roles in Development of St. Alexander's Parish



The 17 women pictured above, all past presidents of Sanctuary and Rosary sodality, played an important part in the development of St. Alexander's Catholic church, Villa Park.

Of the 20 past presidents of the organization (1 of whom is deceased) the above 17 were present for the 25th anniversary celebration of the sodality Dec. 7, 1947. The Rev. Father Henry Kennedy, pastor of St. Alexander's church, paid special tribute at the celebration to these women for their loyalty and cooperation in the development of the parish.

The past presidents and their dates of office are as follows, listed from left to right:

1st row, seated: Mrs. Peter McAleese, 1928-29 and 1937; Mrs. Ralph Erlenbaugh, 1941; Mrs. Leroy Hurd, 1922-23; Mrs. Willard Phillips, 1943; Mrs. William Love, 1930-31; Mrs. Herbert Sianot, 1940; Mrs. W. L. Humphreys, 1935.

2nd row standing: Mrs. George R. Clark, 1946-47; Mrs. M. Prindville, 1934; Mrs. Joseph Ryan, 1926 and 1936; Mrs. Russell D. Evans, 1944-45; Mrs. George Sherman, 1942; Mrs. Joseph Pitkin, 1927; Mrs. B. O. Bourgeois, 1932; Mrs. Walter Cross, 1939; Mrs. Chester Drake, 1933; and Mrs. Peter Fogt, 1935.

Not pictured are Mrs. Anthony Walton, who served 4 mos. in 1922; Mrs. Louis J. Rabe, 1924; and Mrs. Louis F. Meehan (deceased), 1925.

Present officers of the sodality are Mrs. Clark, president; Mrs. Leonard De Roock, treasurer; and Mrs. Raymond J. Van Dyke, secretary.

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.

- 20. Sr. Alberta Kywela, Sr. Norbertha Mlowe,
Sr. Margaret Mary Schima OSB
- 21. Dcns. Patrick Blaney, John Blumenstein,
William Boucek, James Breen, David Brockman
- 22. Fr. Juan Carlos Pirir
- 23. Fr. Mark J. Bernhard, Fr. Max Behna
- 24. Sr. Hyacintha Nepala, Sr. Karen Nykiel, Sr.
Victorine Shongwe, Sr. Celestine Shakungu OSB
- 25. Fr. Thomas Borkowski
- 26. Fr. Larry Brunette, Fr. Dong. V. Bui



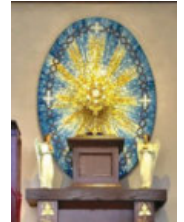
We pray for those who have recently been added to our prayer list for the sick. Names will remain in the bulletin list for 1 month. If someone can be taken off this sick list, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

**Christine Bazon, Patti Cain,
Marge Caliendo, Bruce Howat,
Alan Jones, Chuck Killian, Toni Kosydar,
Peter Maney, Hannah Medow,
Bonnie Haskins Moreland,
Linda Morton, Margaret Novak,
Shirley Reese, Donna Sidor,
Susanne Strickland, Joann Swan,
Jane Tadelski, Dan Weber and those
affected by the California Wildfires**

We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : www.stalexanderparish.org

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

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.



Our Faithful Departed
Kim Ebeling, Mary Warner
Betty Martis and Former
President Jimmy Carter

Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 1/12/2025.....	\$5,896
Online Giving (WeShare) 1/6—1/14/2025	\$2,470
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$233,041
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$450,000
Major Maintenance 1/12/2025.....	\$262
Major Maint. Online Giving 1/6—1/14/2025	\$20

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.

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

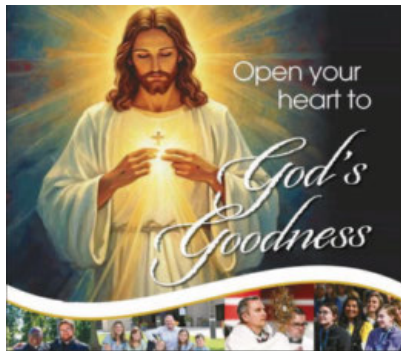
Parishioner Registration

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.



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 raise 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!

>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

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES **RETROUVAILLE** OF JOLIET ILLINOIS

Our next weekend is Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2025 at
the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL



**IS YOUR MARRIAGE ON THE RIGHT ROAD OR IS IT A LITTLE OFF TRACK?
LIFE CAN BE DIFFICULT, AND SO CAN THE CHALLENGES IN MARRIAGE**

Does the distance between you seem to be growing? Are you already separated but looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help, and offers hope for a better relationship. We are a peer ministry of volunteer couples who will help you learn the tools of healthy communication, handle conflict constructively, and build intimacy to help you heal - just as we have done in our own marriages. The Retrouvaille program is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes all faiths as well as non-religious spouses. We CAN help you get your marriage back on track! Contact us via email (JolietRegistration@helpourmarriage.org), by phone (815-246-2080), or online (www.retrouvaillejolietil.com).



FREEWILL

An act of love—and a gift—for you in the New Year

As we welcome a new calendar year at St. Alexander, we're sharing a **free will-writing tool** to help you put your love into action! Creating a will is an opportunity to protect your loved ones and find peace of mind, all while safeguarding the blessings you've received from God. This resource is free to use for every member of our parish.

Visit FreeWill.com/DiocesefofJoliet to put your faith and love into action.

CCW Pro-Life Prayer Service Monday January 20th at 6:00pm St. John the Apostle Church

**All parishioners of St. John and
St. Alexander are invited to join us
to pray for life:**

- + Even though Roe v. Wade was overturned in 2022 the battle for life continues. Satan is just finding new ways to destroy life in our country and the world.
- + Beside abortion, there are many other ways in which life is being attacked:
 - + Hatred amongst our citizens
 - + Violence in our country
 - + Racism and bigotry
 - + The vulnerable being marginalized
 - + War
 - + Etc.

So, please join us on January 20th as we pray for life as a parish family



www.onechoiceonlife.org | 630.701.6270

**This is your unique opportunity to be
the hands and feet of Jesus in a tangible
and visible way, to spare men and women
from a lifetime of regret, and to save the
lives of their precious, unborn babies.
Visit us at www.onechoiceonlife.org.**

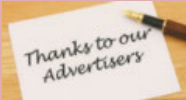
Parish Center: 630.833.7730
Office Hours:
 Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon
 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
 4:30p.m.—7:30p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.
Church Website: www.stalexanderparish.org
Parish e-mail: office@stalexanderparish.org
Bulletin e-mail: bulletin@stalexanderparish.org
Mass Schedule:
 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
 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
E-mail: stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com
Director: Kathy Halloran



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