St. Alexander Catholic Church

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THE SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THE SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OF THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

Celebrating 100 Years	
Jan. 26, 2025	
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Mass Intentions

Monday	Jan. 27—St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder
8:45am	The People of St. Alexander Parish
Tuesday	Jan. 28—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor
8:45am	Janny Mallek
Wednesday	Jan. 29— <i>Weekday</i>
8:45am	Paul Rotello
Thursday	Jan. 30—Weekday
8:45am	Kim Ebeling
Friday	Jan. 31—St. John Bosco, Priest
8:45am	Karen O'Connor
Saturday	Feb. 1— <i>Weekday</i>
5:00pm	Marty Swiertz/John Gastouniotis
Sunday	Feb. 2—The Presentation of the Lord
8:30am	Int. of James Frank & Family/Int. of Michael Frank & Family/
	Mary Warner/Benjamin Leonardi
10:30am	Kim Ebeling
6:00pm	Deacon Peter Robinson

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 1/27:

Rental—ICGS basketball practice OCIA Sons of Thunder men's group Scout Troop #199 100th Anniversary Planning meeting	Hall/Gym Fr. Tuan Rm Library Hall/Gym Sisters Rm	3:30pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm
Tues. 1/28: Legion of Mary Music—Chancel Choir practice Rental—ICGS basketball practice Music—Chancel Choir Practice Rental—Lions Volleyball practice Parish Council	Fr. Tuan Room Church Hall/Gym Church Hall/Gym Sisters Rm	9:00am 1:00pm 3:30pm 1:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm
Wed. 1/29: Music—Chance choir practice Rental—ICGS basketball practice Rental—Lions Volleyball Music—Joystir Choir Practice Music—Witness Choir Practice Music—Spanish Choir	Church Hall/Gym Hall/Gym Sisters Rm Church Fr. Tuan Rm	2:45pm 3:30pm 6:00pm 6:45pm 7:00pm 7:00pm
Thurs. 1/30: Rental—Lions Volleyball Practice 100th Anniversary Planning Mtg.	Hall/Gym Sisters Rm	6:00pm 7:00pm
Sat. 2/1: Knights Free Throw Contest 100th Anniv. Sell dinner dance tix	Hall/Gym Gathering Space	3:00pm after Mass
Sun. 2/2: Faith Formation classes 100th Anniv. Sell dinner dance tix Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour Hospitality	Multiple Rooms Gathering Space Church Gathering Space	8:30am after Masses 2—3pm after 6pm 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:

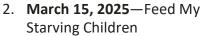
Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm or by appointment 630-279-7404

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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:

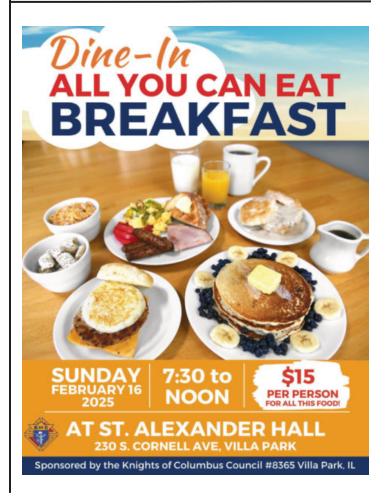
- Register online at SignUpGenius.com. Search for janturner628@gmail.com to find the bagged lunch ministry.
- Decide how many lunches you will make. Each lunch needs a bag, a sandwich, a drink, and a snack.
- Make your lunches over the weekend.
- Deliver your lunches in a stackable box on Sunday evening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





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ST. ALEXANDER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE Saturday, February 22, 2025 Cocktails: 6:00pm Dinner: 7:00pm



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**

4-course dinner with your choice of 3 entrees (Prime Rib, Chicken Vesuvio and Salmon)

MEDINAH SHRINERS

- 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:

Parish News



We hold our military personnel and their families in our prayers. To add a name to the Military Prayer List, please email: bulletin@stalexanderparish.org or call the Parish Office @ 630-833-7730. Names will be published once a month.

Tony Amore (son of Joe and Betty) **Jenna Bishop** (daughter of Ed & Annette Bishop) **Dan Burgess** (grandson of Marilyn Hannon) Daniel & Mitchell Castrogiovanni (grandsons of Pat Castrogiovanni) **John Cooper** (nephew of Joyce Splan and Patrick Belling) **Tom Crilly** (son of Joseph & Kim Crilly) **Saverio D'Alessandro** (son of Sue & Tom D'Alessandro) **Dustin Hayes** (grandson of Kevin & Mary O'Connor) Daniel Hogan (son of Ed & Annette Bishop) **Charles Hummel** (son-in-law of Greg & Terry Maher) Eric Iftner (brother of Megan Iftner) **Cameron Littleson** (son of Ann & Scott Littleson and son-in-law of Greg and Terry Maher) Adam Montana (Son of Christine & Dennis Montana and big brother of Jeremy Montana) Michael O'Hara (son-in-law of Sue Connelly) **Sean O'Hara** (Connelly Family) Catherine O'Hara (Connelly Family) **Alexander Reiland** (Great-Nephew of Ann Campbell) Weston Renken (nephew of Jim & Denise Renken) Luke Russell (son of Annmarie Baughman) Luc Stanicek (nephew of Mary Flynn)



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



Below are pictures from the CCW Annual Communion Breakfast held on Sunday, January 19th. A program was presented on the Eucharistic Congress which was held in Indianapolis in July of



Parish News

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read (Neh 8:8)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

He said to them,

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

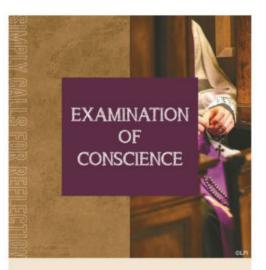
Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scripture passage he reads in the synagogue, a missive of promise and hope from an ancient prophet. But he invites us to be part of his work, here and now, in our own lives, our own communities. Be part of the fulfillment.

Observances for the week of January 26, 2025

Sunday:3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Celebrate Catholic Schools WeekMonday:St. Angela Merici, VirginTuesday:St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the ChurchWednesday:Thursday:Friday:St. John Bosco, Priest

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life



Devotions, Explained!

The practice of examining one's conscience dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith. It simply calls for reflection on one's actions, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Prayer of Mission

Spirit of the Living God, Anoint me to bring your love, light, and freedom to the places you call. From the heights to the depths: you are there, you are actively moving, and when you call, you will also provide.

Amen.

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

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 26, 2025

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

Monday:

Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:

Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/ Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ Mk 4:21-25

Friday:

Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

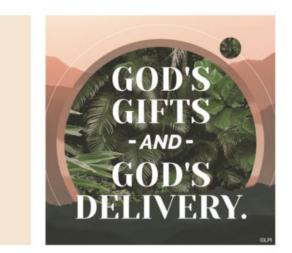
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/ Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:

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



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, "Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news." "Actually," they said, "she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister!*" How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don't approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is **"fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21).** After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize *this man* is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God's word announces the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What's required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God's gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

- Father John Muir

Prayer Intentions



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

- 27. Sr. Mary DePaul Stava, Sr. Sharon Marie Stola, Sr. Susanne Thome, Sr. Regina Ann Weissmann OSB
- 28. Sr. M. Kathleen Mclinden, Sr. Mary Raphael Schmitz, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Sheffer O Carm.
- 29. Fr. Daniel Bachner, Fr. Peter Infanger
- 30. Sr. Mary Bratrsovsky, Sr. Johanna choi, Sr. JoAnne Form OSB
- 31. Sr. M. Anthony de Lourdes Veilleux, Sr. Libby Dahlstrom, Sr. Mary Martin O Carm.



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, 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

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

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

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: 1/19/2025	\$5,400
Online Giving (WeShare) 1/15–1/21/2025	\$2,570
Weekly Goal	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll \$2	277,218
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks\$4	150,000
Major Maintenance 1/19/2025	\$45
Major Maint. Online Giving 1/15–1/21/2025	\$20

December 2024 Weekly Envelope Giving: \$34,142

December 2024 Online Contributions

Sunday Collections	\$14,145
Major Maintenance	\$220
Miscellaneous	\$1,400

(Christmas Flowers, Faith Formation Tuition Assistance, Immaculate Conception, Religious Retirement, and St. Vince de Paul)

Christmas 2024 Budgeted: \$35,000 Christmas 2024 Collections: \$36,307.21

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.

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

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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



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).





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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.onechoiceonelife.org.



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/DioceseofJoliet** to put your faith and love into action.



Engaging Catholics in a Modern World

THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH: Advancing Mental Health Awareness for Parish Leaders

Mayslake Ministries is pleased to offer a groundbreaking series on helping PARISH LEADERS learn about and gain access to valuable resources for mental health.

Thursday Evenings: 11/21, 1/16, 3/20, and 5/15 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Held in person at the offices of Mayslake Ministries, Oakbrook Terrace What will people take away from these sessions?

 Ministry leaders will gain a richer vocabulary and a deeper awareness that every human being has times of thriving or languishing within the mental health continuum. It is key to identify these moments.

• Participants will be given ways to be present to those with mental health challenges with the faith, hope and love of Jesus.

\$10 per person

Register online at www.mayslakeministries.org or by phone at 630-852-9000 THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH will be facilitated by a cohort of four certified spiritual directors who have lived experience with family mental health challenges and have found spiritual growth and a resilience made possible through our faith in God. The Cohort is certified in Mental Health First Aide and are Mental Health and Faith Companions through Advocate.

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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