St. Alexander Catholic Church

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD THEY WERE OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE

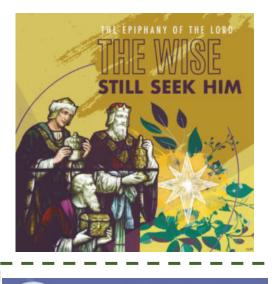
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Mass Intentions

| Monday 8:45am | Jan. 6—<i>St. André Bessette, Religious</i> The People of St. Alexander Parish |
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| Tuesday | Jan. 7—St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest |
| 8:45am | Rene Escalante |
| Wednesday | Jan. 8— <i>Christmas Weekday</i> |
| 8:45am | Richard Bade |
| Thursday | Jan. 9— <i>Christmas Weekday</i> |
| 8:45am | Mary Warner |
| Friday | Jan. 10—Christmas Weekday |
| 8:45am | Gene Grobschmidt |
| Saturday | Jan. 11—Christmas Weekday |
| 5:00pm | Marianne McKeague |
| Sunday | Jan. 12—Baptism of the Lord |
| 8:30am | Gerald Hughes/Perry Gornick Family/Michelle Frank |
| 10:30am | Joann Doyle |
| 6:00pm | The People of St. Alexander Parish |



Hospitality Sunday

The Hospitality Group has taken the month of December off.

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



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

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 1/6:

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| Sons of Thunder Young Adult |
| Scout Troop 199 |
| CCW-Prayer Blankets |

Tues. 1/7:

Legion of Mary KofC Blood Drive Music—Chancel Choir Practice Rental—ICGS basketball practice Rental—Lions Volleyball practice Fishers of Men group

Wed. 1/8:

Music—Chance choir practice Rental—Lions Volleyball St. Vincent de Paul meeting Music—Witness Choir Practice Music—Spanish Choir

Thurs. 1/9:

CCW meeting Rental—Lions Volleyball Practice CCW-Mental Health Awareness talk

Sat. 1/11:

Rental 100th Anniv. Sell dinner dance tix Knights set up for breakfast

Sun. 1/12:

All You can Eat Breakfast Faith Formation classes

Fr. Tuan Room Library Hall/Gym Gathering Space

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

Church Hall/Gym Sisters Rm Church Fr. Tuan Rm

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

Hall/Gym **Gathering Space** Hall/Gym

Hall/Gym **Multiple Rooms** 6:00pm 6:00pm

11:00am after Mass 6:00pm

7:30am-Noon 8:30am

6:45pm 7:00pm 9:00am

6:00pm 6:30pm

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9:30am

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 <u>over 800 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



A message from Fr. Rosenbaum.....

I am always thankful to be serving the generous hearts of St. John the Apostle and St. Alexander. I would like to thank those who sent me cards or gifts; I can never return the

abundant generosity of both parishes. I want to take the time to thank all of those who decorated the church, inside and out, we had many hands assisting. If you would ever be interested in helping, please let me know. Thank you for the wonderful music during the Christmas season. Thank you to all who took on ministries of service throughout the Christmas season, letting others know that God still reaches out them. Finally, a special thank you to those who made offerings for the flowers, donated many of the flowers in the church. And thank you especially to all who made themselves present for the liturgies and offered the prayers of the Church. The presence of Christ and our presence is always the greatest "decoration" and "present" of the Christmas season. Thank you also to all of those who have participated from home.

I pray that you and your families will have a new calendar year filled with God's blessings, especially the blessing of the Mass. Just remember that as the world begins its' new calendar year of 2025, that we as Catholics already began our new liturgical year more than a month ago. We as Catholics are always ahead of the rest of the world and the rest of the world is always trying to catch up to us. Let us be faithful leaders in the world. Because Jesus Christ and His Church always keeps us ahead of the pace of the rest of the world. The Lord inspires us in our faith to face all the challenges of this life with His heart, towards the Eternal life for which we are all created.

With prayers and Blessings, Fr. Rosenbaum.

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



MEDINAH SHRINERS

- 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

Grandparents Club

All grandparents are welcome to the next Grandparents Club meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Sisters Room of the Parish Center. .





Join us for: National Eucharistic Revival Adoration Holy Hour



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

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ST. ALEXANDER COUNCIL OF

CCW EVENTS

<u>Mental Health Awareness</u>—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.

American Red Cross



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 and use sponsor code: StAlexanderVP or contact Joe Neilly at joe.neilly@gmail.com



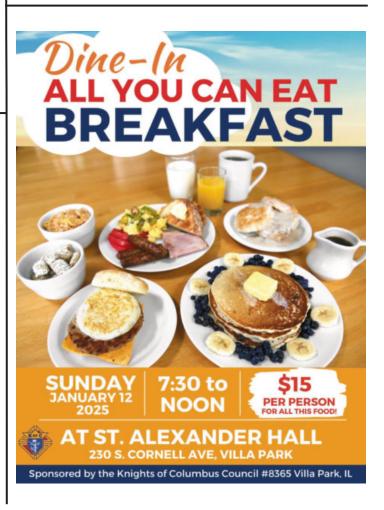
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EVENTS:

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.



Epiphany of the Lord

Jan. 4/5, 2025

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Faith Formation & Parish News

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



Bishop Hicks' Column January 2025

From Jubilee to Jubilee: A Path of Celebration and Renewal



A year ago, we launched the 75th Jubilee for the Diocese of Joliet. Gallantly, we announced we did not want this milestone to be a "one and done" event. Instead, we committed ourselves to a yearlong commemoration to remember our past, celebrate our present, and look to the future with hope.

Not only did we accomplish our goal, but we also did it exceptionally well. Throughout 2024, we spent the year catechizing, evangelizing, and putting our faith into action with podcasts, blogs, calendars, banners, interviews, special prayers, intentions, psalms, a curriculum for our schools and religious education programs, service projects, a speaker series, regional Masses, and participation in the Eucharistic Revival. We kicked off our Jubilee celebration in December 2023 with an all-Diocese mass and the unveiling and blessing of a new statue of our patron saint, Saint Francis Xavier, at the front entrance of our pastoral center. We concluded our Jubilee celebration this past December with an all-Diocese mass and a beautiful commemorative book. By all accounts, our yearlong Jubilee celebration was beautiful, well-organized, creative, faith-filled, uplifting, and robust.

With great faith and trust in the Lord, we now take our next steps into year 76 and beyond, following in the footsteps of Christ as Missionary Disciples. I have been asked, "Bishop, do we need to wait 25 years to celebrate another Jubilee?" Here's the good news: while our local diocesan Jubilee has concluded, a new universal Jubilee has just begun

Pope Francis has gifted our worldwide Church by declaring a Jubilee year titled Spes Non Confundit, which in English means "Hope Does Not Disappoint." It began with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve, 2024 and will end on January 6, 2026.

The theme of this universal Church Jubilee is *Pilgrims of Hope*, promoting peacebuilding in a world threatened by war, terrorism, poverty, and climate change. Our world needs true hope more than ever, and the Holy Father wisely recognizes that. He said, "Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring."

During this Jubilee year, we are invited to make a pilgrimage to Rome to visit holy sites, perform pious works, and seek opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences, and other ways to strengthen and revive our faith. If you plan to travel to Rome during this Jubilee year, please consult the U.S. Visitors to the Vatican website at www.pnac.org/visitorsoffice/aboutthe-visitors-office/, which provides information to help you plan your pilgrimage for a truly prayerful experience. While the Pope is excited about visitors to Rome during this special year, he also understands that, realistically, most people are not able to travel to the city of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Therefore, he encourages us all to celebrate in our local churches and communities.

In solidarity with the universal Jubilee year, we will be offering the following Masses here in the Diocese of Joliet:

- Jubilee Mass for Deacons: February 22, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral
- Jubilee Mass for Persons with Disabilities: June 1, 2025, 12:30 p.m., Cathedral
- Jubilee Mass for Priests: September 16, 2025 (for priests only during Convocation)
- Jubilee Mass for Grandparents: October 4, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral
- Jubilee Mass for Consecrated Life: October 5, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Blanchette Catholic Center (Invitation Only)
- Jubilee Mass for Catechists: October 19, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Cathedral

Pope Francis has asked that the Jubilee of 2025 be a "great symphony of prayer" throughout the world. Just as we prayed our beautiful 75th anniversary prayer for the Diocese of Joliet throughout 2024, let us now join the Holy Father in praying the Jubilee year of Hope prayer:

> Father in heaven, may the faith you have gifted us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds that make humanity and the cosmos rise unto the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth, when with the powers of Evil overcome, your glory shall be manifested eternally.

> May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer. To you God blessed in eternity, be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer Intentions



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

- 6. Dcns. Rodger Accardi, Daniel Aderholdt, Ciro Afeltra, Albert Agurkis, Mark Armamentos
- 7. Vocation Office Staff
- 8. Fr. Tomy Chellakandathil, Fr. Jose Kadukunnel CMI
- 9. Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal Mathai, Fr. Thomas Theneth CMI
- 10. Sr. Camino Fernandez, Sr. Mary Grace Kuppe, Sr. Carmen Miravalles, Sr. Mary Villar OSA
- 11. Fr. Vernon Arseneau, Fr. Lee Bacchi
- 12. Fr. Raed Bader, Fr. Jared Rutnicki



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**



Our Faithful Departed

Mary Warner and John Rohrich

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

Due to an early bulletin deadline, donations could not be reported at this time.

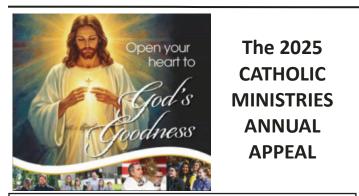
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You can also go to www.stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com



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:

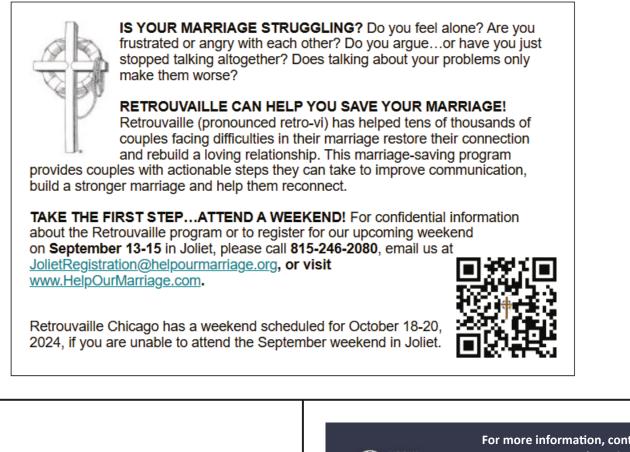
City/Zip: _____

Phone:

] New Parishioner [] New Address

] New Phone Number

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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



Jan. 4/5, 2025

| Parish Center: Office Hours: | 630.833.7730 | | |
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| 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 | | | |

Sacrament of Reconciliation

| Tuesday: | 5:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m.(Eng/Span) |
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| 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 |
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| Parish Registrar: | Denise Rumchak |
| Music Coordinator: | Alexia Flores |
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| Director: | Kathy Halloran |



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