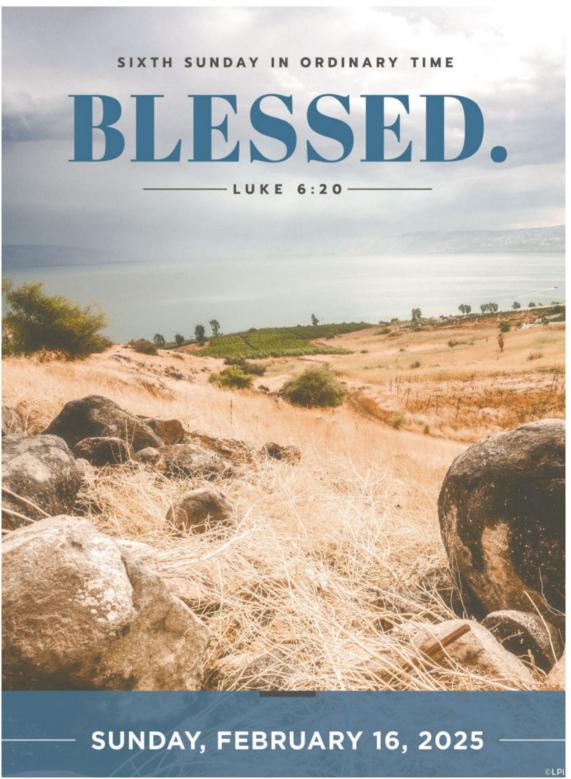
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#### Mass Intentions

Monday Feb. 17—Weekday

8:45am Special Intention Roel Zavala Family/

**Hubert & Theodora Zuleger** 

TuesdayFeb. 18—Weekday8:45amMartha NavsiedaWednesdayFeb. 19—Weekday8:45amDaniel & Piedad Torres, Sr.ThursdayFeb. 20—Weekday8:45amHenry A. Ebeling, V

Friday Feb. 21—St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:45am Marta Torres

Saturday Feb. 22—The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

5:00pm Tom & Anne Jones/Nick Lupo (5th Anniversary)/Phyllis Pavese/

David Wyrobek

Sunday Feb. 23—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Intention of John Frank & Family/Intention of Francis Frank

10:30am Reno Sansonetti

6:00pm The People of St. Alexander Parish

### Weekly Facility Schedule

#### Mon. 2/17: CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS HOLIDAY

Tues. 2/18:

Legion of MaryFr. Tuan Room9:00amRental—ICGS basketballHall/Gym4:45pmRental—Lions VolleyballHall/Gym6:00pmFishers of Men Prayer GroupFr. Tuan Rm7:00pmMusic—Chancel Choir practiceChurch7:00pm

Wed. 2/19:

Rental—IC Prep basketball Hall/Gym 3:30pm
Rental—Lions Volleyball Hall/Gym 6:00pm
Music—Joystir Choir Practice Sisters Rm. 7:00pm
Music—Witness Choir Practice Church 7:00pm
Music—Spanish Choir Fr. Tuan Rm 7:00pm

Thurs. 2/20:

Mittens for Mary Knitting Group Library 9:30am Rental—Lions Volleyball Hall/Gym 5:00pm CCW—Deanery Meeting Sisters RM 7:00pm

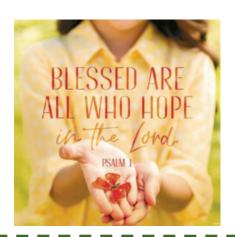
Sun. 2/22:

Faith Formation Classes Multiple Rooms 8:30am

674 SUNDBY IN ORDINARY TIME







#### **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

#### **EVENTS:**

- Feb. 22, 2025—Dinner Dance
- 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.





9:00am Daily Mass @
St. Alexander Church

The St. Alexander Parish Office
will be closed on Monday, February 17
in observance of the
President's Day Holiday.

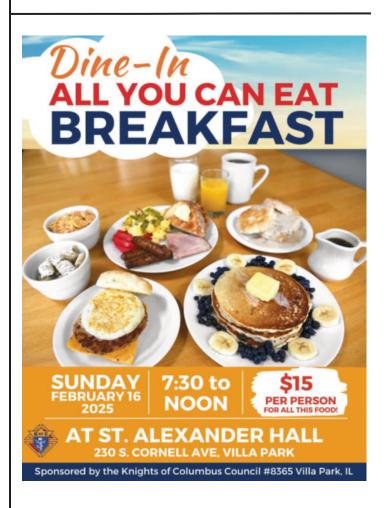


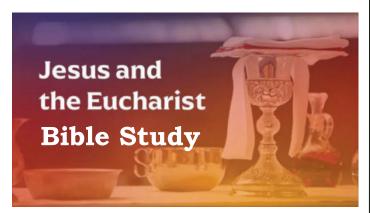
Frances and John
Schweihs
Catholic Education
Scholarship
2025-2026 School Year

The Frances and John Schweihs Catholic Education Scholarship annual scholarship is intended to be a source of aid to families in need who desire to have the same strong Catholic Education that Fran and John sacrificed to have for their own children. Our parish is happy that John and Fran's family are helping to make this possible.

This scholarship will be awarded to a parish family annually in the amount of \$1,000. In addition to the application, families must apply for aid through the FACTS Management program of the Diocese of Joliet (https://factsmgt.com/).

Applications will be available on our website or in the Parish Office starting February 15, 2025. Please return them to the Parish Office, attention Sue D'Alessandro.





Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This is a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

The Bible Study will run Tuesday, February 25th – Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>\* from 7-9pm in the Gathering Space at St. Alexander Parish. There is no fee for this bible study.

We hope you will join us! Scan the QR Code on the right with your phone to sign up.



Deacon Mark Ranieri mranieri@stalexanderparish.org

## FEBRUARY 2025 PROJECT OUTREACH

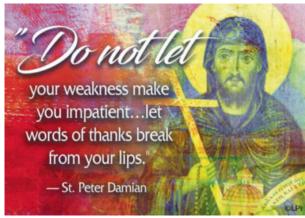
Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry at the Outreach House! Our Knights delivered carloads of foods and toiletries during the month of January.

As we move into February, we ask that you bring in

**CANNED MEALS (like chili, stews, hearty soups) or WARM GLOVES.** 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





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### **Donation Requests** for Prison Ministry

The Prison Ministry will be collecting the following for the "2025 Mother's Day Project":

> Mother's Day cards Thinking of You cards Blank note cards

Postage stamps and reams of colored paper (not construction paper) also needed.

Please drop off items at the Parish Office by February 26 at Noon. Thank you! Pat Ivanauski (630-941-8592)



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

"WE WELCOME YOU."

Madelyn Ann, daughter of Matthew and Kimberlee Chrysokos, nee Keck



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.



RENE MINO

Please help us celebrate RENE MINO, our Head of Maintenance, on **Saturday, March 8**, **after the 5 pm** mass. Rene has worked tirelessly this past year to get our church and grounds in beautiful shape for our 100th anniversary celebration.

Parish Council will host a hospitality for Rene after the 5 pm mass where you will have a chance to thank him personally as well as meet his family.

Feel free to bring a small snack to this hospitality. Let's show Rene how much we appreciate his hard work and dedication to our parish!

Joanne Jones Meehan Parish Council



ASH WEDNESDAY—Mar. 5, 2025

Masses @ St. Alexander Church

8:45am and 8:00pm (bil)

Masses @ St. John the Apostle

330 N. Westmore, Villa Park

7:45am and 6:00pm (bil)

Noon—Communion Service w/Ashes



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#### Website:

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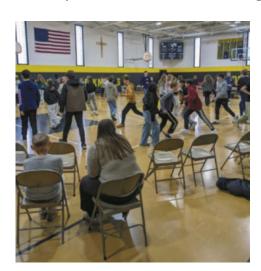


**Text STALEXANDER to 84576** to sign up for Email and text Updates & announcements

### Faith Formation & Parish News

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

St. Alexander and St. Pius X, Lombard, welcomed the NET Ministries Team 4 for a Confirmation retreat for students on Sunday, February 2, 2025 from 1pm – 7pm at St. Pius X. The theme for the retreat was "Known"; how we are known by God through Prayer, Sacraments and Community. The NET Team had students involved with large group activities, small breakout group discussions in addition to telling their own stories through Testimony and Dramas. The busy afternoon ended with quiet time in prayer and Adoration. Thank you to our host families: Barbara and Dennis Colby and Camille and John Bouckaert. Thank you to our catechists Kate Bousum, Christopher Fowler and Brandon Raines. Thank you to Laurie Jochum for providing lunch for the NET Team on Monday and for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation students for making bag lunches for the NET Team for Tuesday under the guidance of catechists Marlene Brennan and Jen Krichbaum. Thank you to Laura May and St. Pius X for hosting this retreat.









### Prayer Intentions



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

- 17. Sr. Maryann Dosen, Sr. Mary Terese Giblin, Sr. M. Paula Nasenbeny SSFCR
- 18. Sr. Mary Francis Werner, Sr. Marjorie Westendorf SSFCR
- 19. Rubi Garfias, Margaret Gisburne CON VIR
- 20. Sr. Dolores Blahaus, Sr. Victoria DiBrizzi, Sr. Mary Funge SH
- 21. Fr. Philip M. Danaher, Fr. Andrew Lewandowski C.R.
- 22. Seminarian Vincent Omondi
- 23. Fr. William M. DeSalvo



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, Joseph Frank, 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**

Robert McKeague,
Mary Napientek, and Colin Hall

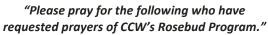
#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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**





#### **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	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.

### Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 2/9/2025	\$5,762
Online Giving (WeShare) 2/5-2/11/2025	\$4,345
Weekly Goal	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$318,439
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks	\$450,000
Major Maintenance 2/9/2025	\$409
Major Maint. Online Giving 2/4-2/11/2025	\$55

#### January 2025 Weekly Envelope Giving: \$31,021

#### **January 2025 Online Contributions**

Sunday Collections	\$11,975
Major Maintenance	\$175
Miscellaneous	\$635

(Church in Latin America, Faith Formation Tuition Assistance, Solemnity of Mary, and St. Vince de Paul)

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.

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

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

### 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.
- 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 Phone Number	[ ] New Address

### Deanery/Diocesan News

#### **JUBILEE YEAR 2025 FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS**



On February 16-18, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with artists. Look around the outside and inside of your parish church. Look around your neighborhood or the nearby towns. Look in your own house. Look at the skyline of any city. Just look as you drive to and from work and everywhere you can see the handprint of an artist. These women and men give to us a beauty that speaks of God in all His glory. We thank them for sharing their gifts and talents in a way that opens our eyes to the God-Given beauty around us.

#### 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.

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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.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month @ 12:15 p.m.

**Spanish Baptisms:** 

3<sup>rd</sup> 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
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Music Coordinator: Alexia Flores

Faith Formation: 630.833.7730

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**Director:** Kathy Halloran



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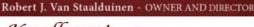
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