

St. Alexander Catholic Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

IT MAY BEAR
FRUIT IN THE
FUTURE.

LUKE 13:9

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025



March 23, 2025

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Mass Intentions

Monday 8:45am	Mar. 24—Lenten Weekday Genie Burnette
Tuesday 8:45am	Mar. 25—The Annunciation of the Lord Estelle Blake
Wednesday 8:45am	Mar. 26—Lenten Weekday Joyce Dempsky
Thursday 8:45am	Mar. 27—Lenten Weekday Joseph Burkovich
Friday 8:45am	Mar. 28—Lenten Weekday Intention for Pat Ivanuaski
Saturday 5:00pm	Mar. 29—Lenten Weekday Tom & Anne Jones
Sunday 8:30am 10:30am 6:00pm	Mar. 30—Fourth Sunday of Lent Kim Ebeling Reno Sansonetti The People of St. Alexander Parish



Stations of the Cross
will be every Friday
during Lent @
7:00pm in the church.

There will be no Stations
on April 11



Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm
Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm
or by appointment 630-833-7730

Extra/Extended Reconciliation:

Tuesday, April 8 from 5:00pm—7:00pm
Tuesday, April 15, 5:00pm—7:00pm

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. 3/24: OCIA Sons of Thunder Young Adults Transition Meeting Scout Troop 199 meeting 100th Anniv. Planning Meeting	Fr. Tuan Rm Library Gathering Space Hall/Gym Sisters Rm	6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 6:45pm 7:00pm
Tues. 3/25: Legion of Mary Music—Chancel Choir practice Rental—Lions Volleyball Parish Council Meeting Lenten Bible Study	Fr. Tuan Room Church Hall/Gym Sisters Rm Gathering Space	9:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm
Wed. 3/26: Rental—Lions Volleyball Music—Joystir Choir Practice Music—Witness Choir Practice Music—Spanish Choir	Hall/Gym Sisters Rm Church Fr. Tuan Rm	6:00pm 6:45pm 7:00pm 7:00pm
Thurs. 3/27: OCIA Mary's Circle Rental—Lions Volleyball Music Practice for Easter Vigil	Sisters Rm Fr. Tuan Rm Hall/Gym Church	10:00am 1:30pm 5:00pm 7:00pm
Sat. 3/29: CCW sell tickets for luncheon	Gathering Space	after 5pm Mass
Sun. 3/30: CCW sell tickets for luncheon	Gathering Space	after Masses

Old Blessed Palms

If you have old blessed palms,
please bring them to church and
place in the gathering space
basket. The old blessed palms
will be burned in the Easter Vigil
fire on Holy
Saturday.

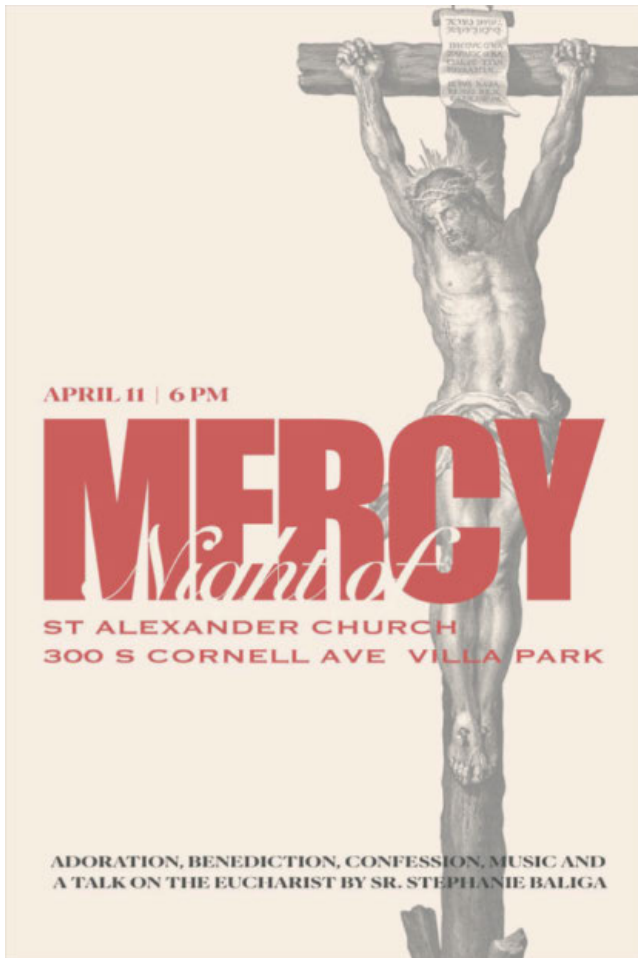


Thank you.



Parish News

PARISH MISSION: APRIL 11TH @ 6:00PM



BISHOP BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP

The CCW will be selecting a student for the Bishop Blanchette scholarship. This is an opportunity for students currently in grades 8-11, who are planning on attending a catholic high school for the 2025-26 school year. The application process requires a few steps for students and parents to complete. All forms and required items are due no later than Monday March 24.

Forms and directions are available from Kathy Halloran, Director of Religious education. Forms will also be available in the gathering space on the welcome desk. Application Forms should be returned to the parish center in an envelope labeled "CCW BBSF application." For more information contact Ann Krueger 630-542-3131 or Fran Gilles 708-548-9674

HOLY THURSDAY CHURCH TOUR April 17, 2025



*Pray with me, remain here
with me, watch and pray. —Matthew 26:38*

The **Seven Churches Visitation** also known as **Visita Iglesia** is an ancient pious Roman Catholic Lenten tradition to visit seven churches on the evening of Holy Thursday. On Maundy Thursday of Holy Week, following the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Blessed Sacrament, is reserved on the Altar of Repose in the church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. During the Seven Churches Visitation or **Visita Iglesia**, the faithful visit several churches – sometimes seven, sometimes fourteen, sometimes no set number depending upon the particular practice – to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in each church.

Please join us as we embark on a Holy Thursday Church Tour. We will be traveling by bus immediately following the conclusion of Holy Thursday Mass at St. John the Apostle Church on April 17 and visiting churches in the City of Chicago, Oak Park and I.C. in Elmhurst. We will be back to St. John's around Midnight.



Scan QR Code
with your phone
camera

The bus holds 45 people.
Please use the QR Code to register.

\$10.00 PER PERSON

If you sign up another person(s) along with yourself, please add them as "additional registrant(s)" and list their name(s). Thank you.

Parish News



2025 CCW Woman of the Year

Elaine Marie Jimenez

“When we love as Jesus does, our small acts of kindness can make a significant impact. “

Tricia Goyer, Mornings with Jesus, Feb. 12, 2025

Elaine is a cradle Catholic born on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi at St. Bernard’s Hospital in Chicago. Born in White Sox territory, near 35th & Damen Ave. to Genevieve (Polnik) and Edward Sangpeal. Elaine is the second child and first daughter rounded out with two brothers, Ralph and Edward and sister Nora. Elaine is a graduate of St. Pius X Grade School in Lombard and Willowbrook High School. Elaine received her Associate Degree in Applied Science from College of DuPage and passed her nursing boards in 1977. She enjoyed and worked for 40 years as a floor nurse, in areas such as Medical-Surgical, Orthopedics, Pediatrics and last in Cardiology which was her favorite, and maintained Medical Surgical Certification through the American Nursing Credentialing Center for 20 years. Elaine retired from Elmhurst Hospital in 2017 exactly 40 years from starting work as a Registered Nurse.

Elaine Married Julio Jimenez on Aug. 5, 1978 at St. Alexander. (Elaine was a rebel in the 70’s getting married at her beloved’s Church). Elaine and Julio are blessed with three daughters, Christina, Melissa and Sarah and son, Michael. They are all graduates of St. Alexander Grade School. While the children were in school Elaine volunteered as a Girl Scout Leader, bringing all three girls to their Silver Award. Elaine was a fluoride rinse volunteer and taught classes on Puberty to girls at the school for 15 years. Elaine and Julio also did joint classes on Puberty to Sixth graders for 12 years. All three daughters were married at St. Alexander. Elaine was active in Christ Renews His Parish as a Spiritual Director and the Spanish Ministry after her husband was ordained a Deacon in 2009. Elaine especially loves the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with mananitas, pinatas, native dancing and a play. She attends 6 p.m. Spanish Mass most Sundays. They have been blessed with eight grandsons ranging from age 15 to 6 years old. Julio had the honor of baptizing seven of the eight grandsons. (No water needed; tears were flowing.) Their daughters enjoyed being pregnant three different times with a sister. Elaine loves being a “Busia” and babysits when needed and help Julio play with abandon with these treasures.

After retirement, Elaine became a Certified Professional Spiritual Director out of Mayslake Ministries. Elaine’s passion is for Mental Health Awareness and Education. Elaine loves being in the Kitchen with our Blessed Mother cooking and baking and has provided soup for the CCW Craft Fair since her Girls Scouts did concessions there, as well as contributing an abundance of baked goods. Elaine is also active in Cursillo and the National Alliance for the Mentally III in DuPage as a volunteer.

Elaine is also known as the “Card Fairy” mailing cards for birthdays, sympathy, thinking of you and many other themes. Elaine has a laundry basket food ministry, making soup and meals when there is illness, a new baby or surgery with parishioners. Elaine attends daily Mass and loves her daily mass “siblings.” St. Alexander is home away from home. Elaine gives glory to God for this honor and humbly feels others were more worthy than her.

Congratulations, Elaine, for a well-earned and long overdue recognition as CCW Woman of the Year for 2025.

Tickets for the CCW Luncheon, April 5 @ Allegra Banquets honoring Elaine, will be on sale in the gathering space for two weeks. Please join us for hospitality and cake in Elaine’s honor on Sunday April 6, after the 8:30 mass.

Parish News

MARCH DINE AND DONATE



Fridays during Lent from 5:30—7:30pm mention St. Alexander or present this article at the Villa Park VFW Fish Fry and money will be donated to St. Alexander Parish 100th Anniversary celebrations.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Prison Ministry Mother's Day project. It is important for families, especially children, to hear from their loved ones. The cards, stamps and paper were much appreciated.

God bless you!
Pat Ivanauski, Prison Ministry

March 22, 2025

C.C.W. Lenten Morning of Reflection

9am-12pm
Gathering Space



9:00 am continental breakfast

9:30am Mary Magdalene

What I saw

Presented by Megan Wells

Master storyteller and historical impersonator. (pictured above.)

Admission: Food item(s) or monetary donation to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

MARCH 2025 PROJECT OUTREACH

During March, we ask that you bring **HEARTY SOUPS, TOILET PAPER, and KLEENEX**. However, You are not limited to our suggestions. Anything you drop off is a help!. Thank you for your continued support of those less fortunate in our community. Together, we can make a difference!



Thank you from:
Linda Krause &
Linda Lagon
Parish Council

Parish News



Good News! We're Back! Mary's Circle 2025 Season

Mary's Circle will hold it's 1st meeting of the 2025 season on Thursday, **March 27 at 1:30pm in the Fr. Tuan Room.**

Deacon Chris Cochran will be our guest speaker and give a presentation on his pilgrimage to Rome.

Join us and make Mary's Circle a success. We always have a good time. Bring a friend. All women of the parish are invited to come for an afternoon of fellowship and inspiration. Refreshments will be served.

For more info: call Elaine @ 630-279-6692.

Happy Spring!

St. John and St. Alexander Unity Prayer Group

As we all know, St. John and St. Alexander will come together this summer as one parish family. In an attempt to make the transition smoother and easier for both parishes, we are forming a **"Unity Prayer Group"**. We will meet weekly at 6:30pm on Wednesdays, alternating between St. John's church and St. Alexander's Gathering Space.

The schedule is:

<u>St. John</u>	<u>St. Alexander</u>
3/26	4/2
4/9	Not meeting 4/16
4/23	4/30
5/7	5/14
5/21	5/28
6/4	6/11
6/18	6/25



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Your support for this collection provides emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized legal assistance; and supports travelers and others whose livelihoods require special pastoral support to access the sacraments. Among the most vulnerable of migrants are the victims of human trafficking.

Millions of men, women, and children worldwide are coerced or forced through human trafficking into commercial sex activities, labor, and slavery—abuses which the Holy Father has called “a crime against humanity.” As part of its mission to proclaim Christ's salvation and to restore and promote the dignity of all persons, the Church is called to combat trafficking and to bring comfort and healing to its victims.

The Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops carries out this mission through two anti-trafficking, anti-slavery programs. The Become a Shepherd program is a parish-based awareness campaign that educates lay and religious leaders to recognize human trafficking and combat it through public engagement and advocacy at the community level. The second initiative, COMPASS (Coalition of Organizations and Ministries Promoting the Abolition of Slavery at Sea), is a global effort in which international Catholic and non-Catholic partners coordinate to identify and assist victims of modern slavery encountered in the commercial fishing and seafood-processing industries.

The invaluable work to assist these victims of abuse and injustice is supported by funds received through The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your participation helps MRS and five other Catholic ministries to reveal Christ's love to victims of trafficking, war, and natural disaster both around the world and here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit

www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Thank you for your generous support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

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

As I remain –
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Faith Formation & Parish News

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

Eastern DuPage Deanery of the Joliet Diocese Liturgical Enrichment Day

All those who participate in liturgical ministries, including Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Musicians, Greeters, and Ushers are invited.

Saturday, March 29th
Ascension of our Lord Church
1S314 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace
Mass will be celebrated from 8:00—9:00am
9:00—9:50am Check-in will continue with Continental Breakfast



Mass presider and presentation by Rev. Brendan Lupton, S.T.D.
Associate Professor of Dogmatic Theology,
President Pontifical Faculty of Theology

Final Blessing will be at 12 Noon

To register, visit eastendupagedeanery.org
Or scan the QR code



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Join us in answering the call to help others—give blood!

**Knights of Columbus
Council 8365 Blood Drive
St. Alexander Catholic Church**

Scan QR Code to make an appointment
300 S. Cornell
Villa Park, IL 60181
**Tuesday, April 8, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



ARE YOU ROMAN CATHOLIC? 7 Hours of Confession

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?
Was it recently? In the past year?

The priests of the Eastern DuPage Deanery will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness of Sin!

Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 8am—3pm

There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in Polish and Spanish.

All are invited to receive God's grace.

Immaculate Conception Church
132 Arthur Street
Elmhurst, IL
630-530-8515

Prayer Intentions



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

- 24. Dcns. James Eaker, Gerard Erickson, John Feely, Richard Feltes
- 25. Fr. Austin Murphy OSB
- 26. Sr. Kristiana Pucik, Sr. Beata Sawicka, Sr. Katarzyna Zaremba MChR
- 27. Dcns. Robert Fitt, Patrick Forsythe, Frederick Filippo
- 28. Fr. Martin Gabel
- 29. Sr. Paulina Hernandez, Sr. Catalina Perez, Sr. Monica Rocha MSCGpe
- 30. Dcns. John Freund, Joseph Ferrari
- 31. Fr. John Ronaldo Abulag



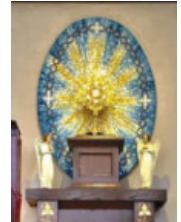
We pray for those who have recently been added to our prayer list for the sick. Names will remain in the bulletin list for 1 month. If someone can be taken off this sick list, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

**Rita Angelopoulos, Patricia Castrogiovanni
Susan Conti, Robert Farrell, Joseph Frank,
Tom Grover, Dave Kaiser, Toni Kosydar,
Mark Mason, Carole Naughton, Nick Noto,
Mary Schmit, Donna Sidor, Joann Swan
& Cindy Zarhn**

We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit

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!

Melissa and Eric on the birth of their son, Theodore Andrew.

Mary and Jared due in 5/2025
Molly & Travis due with twins in 8/2025
Michael & Rosemary due in 9/2025

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

**Sylvia Quick
Donna Segura**

Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 3/16/2025.....	\$5,536
Online Giving (WeShare) 3/12—3/18/2025	\$2,315
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$365,796
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks.....	\$450,000
Major Maintenance 3/16/2025.....	\$43
Major Maint. Online Giving 3/12—3/18/2025	\$20

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.

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

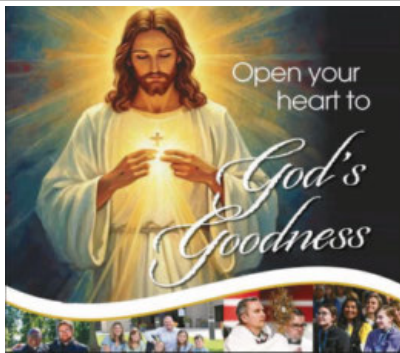
Parishioner Registration

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!

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let’s join together to meet our parish’s goal of **\$48,200**. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can **Open your heart to God’s goodness** in support of those in need throughout our diocese. Pledge envelopes are still available in the pews. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70% of the amount over our goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing

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



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Justin Reyes
Director of Catechesis and Evangelization, Diocese of Joliet, with a background in business, education, and ministry.



Bishop Ronald Hicks
Bishop of Joliet, former regional director of Neighbors Pequeños Hermanos, and USCCB Committee member.



Fr. Ryan Adorjan
Parochial Vicar at Visitation Catholic Church, Elmhurst, and speaker on faith, culture, and arts.



Bart Schuchts
Founder of Church on Fire, speaker and retreat leader bringing transformative encounters with God's love.

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REGISTRATE AHORA

Department of Catechesis and Evangelization
Departamento de Catequesis y Evangelización

You are cordially invited to the Diocese of Joliet

Jubilee Mass for Persons with disABILITIES
June 1, 2025
12:30 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N. Raynor Ave.
Joliet, Illinois

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks; refreshments and fellowship to follow. Those with disABILITIES, and their caregivers, will receive a special blessing.

Están cordialmente invitados a la Diócesis de Joliet

Misa Jubilar para Las Personas con disCAPACIDADES
1 de Junio de 2025
12:30 p.m.

Catedral de San Raimundo
604 N. Raynor Ave.
Joliet, Illinois

La misa será celebrada por el obispo Ronald Hicks; refrigerios y camaraderismo a seguir. Aquellos con disCAPACIDADES, y sus cuidadores, recibirán una bendición especial.

Questions? ¿Preguntas?

Martha Torres
(815) 221-6128
mtorres@dioceseofjoliet.org

DIocese OF JOLIET



“The Chosen”—Season 4



“The Chosen” - Season 4 will be shown at St. John the Apostle beginning Monday, March 31st at 6:30pm in the library. There will be one episode shown each evening followed by a group discussion. All parishioners of St. John and St. Alexander are invited.

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Monday, 7pm

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Tuesday, 7pm

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 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*)

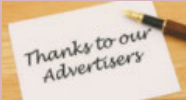
Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Tuesday: 5:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m.(Eng/Span)
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.—4:45p.m.

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
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