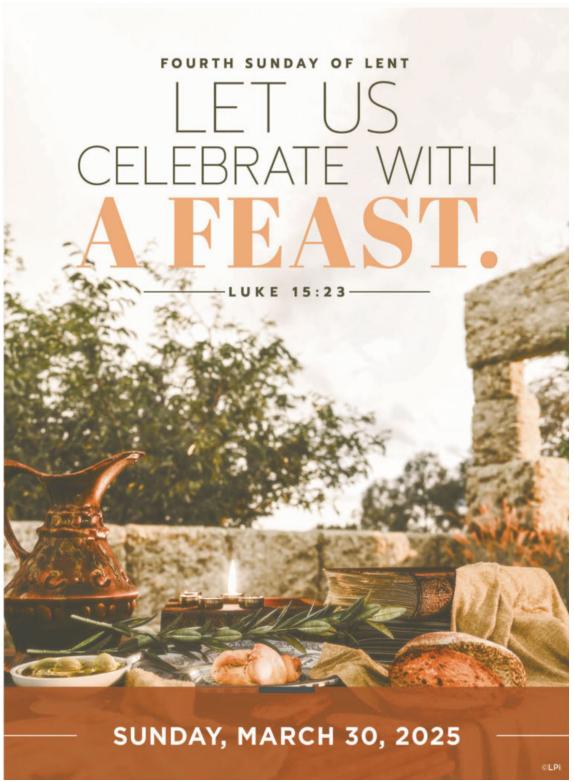
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Mass Intentions

Monday Mar. 31—Lenten Weekday 8:45am Intention of Pat Invauski Tuesday April 1—Lenten Weekday

8:45am Marty Swiertz

Wednesday April 2-St. Francis of Paola, Hermit 8:45am Deacon John & Mary Gibbons Thursday April 3-Lenten Weekday

8:45am Karen Mocarski

April 4—St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Friday

8:45am Jack Luka

April 5-St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest Saturday

Scott Vesecky/Intention of Patricia Castrogiovanni/Catherine Dolan 5:00pm

April 6—Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday

8:30am John Walko

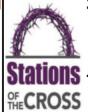
10:30am Intention of Jeanean Strickland

6:00pm Angela Delfin Hernandez/Jose Federico Medina/

Maria Guadalupe Medina

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 3/24:		
OCIA Sons of Thunder Young Adults Scout Troop 199 meeting	Fr. Tuan Rm Library Hall/Gym	6:00pm 6:30pm 6:45pm
Tues. 3/25:		
Legion of Mary Music—Chancel Choir practice Rental—Lions Volleyball Fishers of Men Lenten Bible Study	Fr. Tuan Room Church Hall/Gym Fr. Tuan Gathering Space	9:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 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:		•
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Library	9:30am
OCIA Rental—Lions Volleyball Knights of Columbus	Sisters Rm Hall/Gym Fr. Tuan Rm	10:00am 6:00pm 6:00pm
CCW Board Meeting	Sisters Rm	6:00pm
Fri. 4/4: Rental—YMCA Sun. 4/6:	Hall/Gym	4:00pm
Woman of the Year Hospitality	Gathering Space	after 8:30am Mass



Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent @ **Stations** 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

Old Blessed Palms

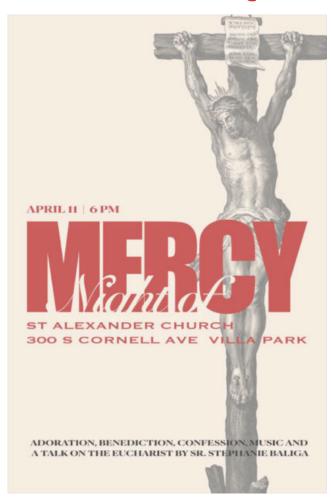
If you have old blessed palms, please bring them to church and place in the gathering space basket. The old blessed palms will be burned in the Easter Vigil

fire on Holy Saturday.

Thank you.



PARISH MISSION: APRIL 11TH @ 6:00PM





Thank you to everyone who attended our Dine and Donate at Brick's Wood Fired Pizza on March 4th. We received a check for \$257 that will go towards our 100th Anniversary.

Blessings in the Lord!!!

I wanted to share the good news that the diocese has informed me that I will remain pastor of St. Alexander for the foreseeable future. I would like to thank all of you who wrote letters or signed the petition to keep me as pastor. This act of love is very humbling to me and fills my heart with great gladness. Bishop Hicks did listen to you on this request and responded accordingly to your wishes. I give thanks to God daily for being pastor of St. John the Apostle and St. Alexander.

May the Lord continue to bless us all as we move forward as one family in Christ.

With prayers and blessings, Fr. Rosenbaum

Bendiciones en el Señor!!

Quería compartir la buena noticia de que la diócesis me ha informado que seguiré siendo párroco de San Alejandro en el futuro previsible. Me gustaría agradecer a todos los que escribieron cartas o firmaron la petición para mantenerme como pastor. Este acto de amor es muy humillante para mí y llena mi corazón de gran alegría. El Obispo Hicks le escuchó a esta petición y respondió en consecuencia a sus deseos. Doy gracias a Dios todos los días por ser párroco de San Juan Apóstol y San Alejandro.

Que el Señor continúe bendiciéndonos a todos a medida que avanzamos como una familia en Cristo.

Con oraciones y bendiciones, el Padre Rosenbaum

ALUMNI PICNIC MEETING

Alumni Picnic planning is underway. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, April 10, 2025** at 7:00pm in the Fr. Tuan Room of the Parish Center.

The alumni picnic will be held on Saturday, July 12 at the parish. Please contact Cathy (Bathje) Skoda with any questions: 630-319-0604 or skoda94@comcast.net



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the Easter Holiday coming up, we have early bulletin deadlines for the following bulletin dates:

<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Articles Due</u>
April 13	April 2 @ Noon
April 20	April 7 @ Noon

Please email articles to bulletin@stalexanderparish.org

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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

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

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Krueger at jmj616@yahoo.com.



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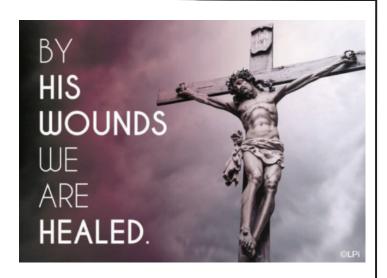
Aquila Minh Hoa, child of Nolan and Mai Grieves.

Joseph Keith, son of Kevin and Lindsey Steder, nee Rakosnik

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.





The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports six Catholic agencies that serve the vulnerable and marginalized at home and abroad. Support the collection at Mass.

www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

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



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.

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)

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)

"Why did the clam go to confession?"



"Because he had been shellfish."



Lent is a penitential season. It is a time for us to be sorry for our many faults against God and to repent and amend to do better. The way we best do this is by going to the Sacrament of Confession where we receive for

OLP!

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.

Faith Formation & Parish News

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



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.







In Service to One, In Service to All.

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.

- 1. Sr. Mary Joanna Brigan, Sr. Joan Marie Curtin, Sr. Rose Cecile Espinos, SSND
- 2. Dcn. Christian Sinclair
- Brs. Philip Johnson, David Kuebler, Joseph Martin FSC
- 4. Seminarian Gregory Gray
- Sr. Carmen Sanchez, Sr. Carmen Sotelo MSCGpe
- 6. Fr. Sebastian Gargol, Fr. Marek Herbut



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 Matthew Ciardullo, Jr. Susan Conti, Joyce Daly, Robert Farrell, Joseph Frank, Sarah Godzicki, Tom Grover, Dave Kaiser, Toni Kosydar, Sandra Kruz, Mark Mason, Judy Mitchell Carole Naughton, Nick Noto, Mary Schmit, Donna Sidor, Corey & Noel Sotir, Joann Swan, Joseph Vasile & Cindy Zarhn

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

Margaret Hyde Vincent Vicari

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.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection: 3/23/2025	\$9,254
Online Giving (WeShare) 3/19-3/24/2025	\$1,970
Weekly Goal	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$377,020
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks	.\$450,000
Major Maintenance 3/23/2025	\$109
Major Maint. Online Giving 3/19-3/24/202	25 \$20

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.

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



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

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.

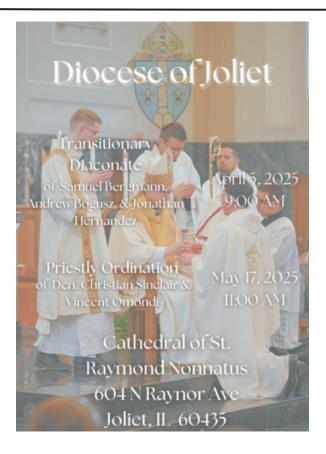
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How did you hear about St. Alexander?		
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Deanery/Diocesan News









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

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