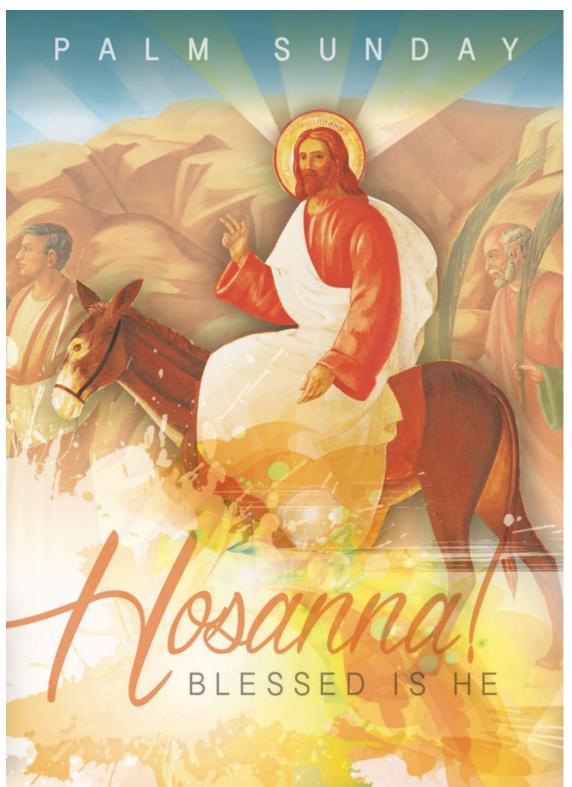
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April 13, 2025

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Mass Intentions

Monday April 14—Monday of Holy Week
8:45am Fr. Joe Schimanek & Fr. Tom Wolter
Tuesday April 15—Tuesday of Holy Week

8:45am Jason Saylor

Wednesday April 16—Wednesday of Holy Week
8:45am Mary Anne Frank & Rita McCormick

Thursday April **17**—*Holy Thursday* 7:00pm @ *St. John the Apostle*

Friday April 18—Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

7:00pm @ St. Alexander

Saturday April 19—Holy Saturday

8:00pm @ St. Alexander

Sunday April 20—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:30am Jerry & Yolanda Lullo/Carmen Vertucci/Harlen Fischer/

Chuck & Helen Maney/Tom & Anne Jones

10:30am Aldo LaPietro 12:30pm Nico Lamb

Music-Witness Choir

Music—Spanish Choir

Practice for Good Friday Service

6:00pm The People of St. Alexander Parish



Mon. 4/14: OCIA Fr. Tuan Rm 6:00pm Sons of Thunder Young Adults Library 6:30pm Scout Troop 199 meeting Hall/Gym 6:45pm **Compassionate Friends** Multiple Rooms 7:00pm Tues. 4/15: Fr. Tuan Room 9:00am Legion of Mary Rental—Lions Volleyball Hall/Gym 6:00pm Music practices for Easter Vigil Church 6:30pm Fishers of Men Prayer Group Fr. Tuan Rm 6:30pm Music—Chancel Choir practice Church 7:00pm Wed. 4/16: Rental—Lions Volleyball Hall/Gym 6:00pm 6:45pm Music—Joystir Sisters Rm

The Parish Office, Meeting Spaces and Hall/Gym will be CLOSED on Holy Thursday, April 17th at Noon through Easter Monday, April 21st. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 22 at 9:00am.

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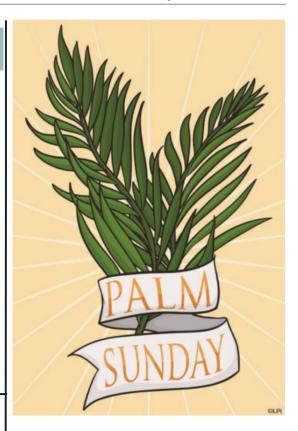
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Fr. Tuan Rm

7:00pm 7:00pm

8:00pm

From Fr. Rosenbaum, Deacons and Staff, we wish you a Blessed Holy Week and hope you join us for the Holy Week and Easter services.





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 15, 5:00pm—7:00pm

No Reconciliation on Sat. April 19 and Tuesday, April 22nd.

St. John the Apostle:

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



Pontifical Good Friday Collection Friday - April 18, 2025

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land are experiencing unique hardships in these challenging times. Many Christians depend on the pilgrimage industry to live. They could not work during the pandemic and now the war has stopped pilgrims from coming. The Christians are now less than 2% of the Holy Land population, down from 23% a century ago. With the war, many more are thinking about leaving.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of Christians. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.custodia.org and www.myfranciscan.org.



HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday @ St. Alexander Church:
Saturday, April 12 @ 5:00pm
Sunday, April 13 @ 8:30am, 10:30am
and Español @ 6:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 17 @ St. John the Apostle:

There will be no morning Mass on Holy Thursday.

Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00pm.

St. John will be open until 10pm for Adoration.

However, St. Alexander will not be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday, April 18 @ St. Alexander:
There will be no morning Mass on Good Friday.
Good Friday Walk: 10:30am @ St. Alexander
Bilingual Living Commemoration of the
Lord's Passion @ 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 19 @ St. Alexander:

There will be no confessions or 5:00pm Mass.

Blessing of the Food Baskets: 11:00am @ St. A's

Bilingual Easter Vigil Service & Mass

will begin 8:00pm @ St. Alexander

Easter Sunday, April 20 @ St. Alexander:
Mass will be celebrated @ 8:30am,
10:30am, 12:30pm and in Español @ 6:00pm

EVENTS:

- April 26, 2025—Dorothy Stang Mass & Speaker
- 2. **May 3, 2025**—9am Mass for St. Alexander, Patron Saint
- 3. **July 12, 2025**—Alumni Picnic
- 4. Sept. 7, 2025—St. Alexander Festival
- 5. October 18/19, 2025—Closing Mass Wknd.





The Parish Office and meeting spaces will be CLOSED Holy

Thursday, April 17 at Noon thru Easter Monday, April 21st. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 22 at 9:00am.

St. John and St. Alexander 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
4/23	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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To all of my Brothers and Sisters, Clergy and Staff in Christ at St. Alexander Parish,

It is with a grateful heart and joyful tears that I thank the CCW for the luncheon on April 5th and reception after the 8:30 am Mass on April 6th. My family and friends were impressed and felt all of the love headed my way.

Thank you, Gracias, Danke, Merci, Grazie, Dziekuje, Go raibh maith agat. Love, Elaine Jimenez



Come and Join St. Alexander Church-

GOOD FRIDAY WALK

"Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus"

Stations of the Cross with a theme of Peace and Social Justice Starts in

St. Alexander Church at 10:30am, Friday, April 18, 2025. This is an outside event – slow paced walk of about 1-1/2 mile loop. Dress fit for the weather. This is a wonderful event for families. Strollers and wagons are welcome. Enjoy soup and bread in the gathering space afterwards.

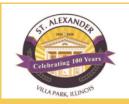
Any questions, call Diane D'Amico @ 630-279-8022.

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

Bring your baskets of food that will be eaten for your Easter meal to be blessed.



Holy Saturday, April 19 @ 11:00am



Did You Know?

Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN

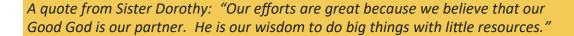
Taught at St. Alexander School from 1951—1953.

Join us Saturday, April 26 @ 5:00pm for a Memorial Mass for Sr. Dorothy Stang. Hospitality to follow in the Gathering Space and Sr. Dorothy's brother will share information about his sister's life in Brazil.



Sister Dorothy Stang's relics are in the Sanctuary of New Martyrs at the Basilica di San Bartolomeo in Rome.

The enrollment of Sister Dorothy Stang in the Sanctury of New Martyrs in Rome took place in the Basilica of San Bartolomeo on January 10, 2025. The Mother General of the Sisters of Notre Dome de Nomer and her team were present for it. Also, the Provencial from teh Ohio Province with some Sisters from Ohio were in attendance and brought the relics to the Basilica. The Ohio province contributed soil soaked with Sister Dorothy's blood and the sweater she was wearing when she was assassinated. A reliquary was purchased to hold the soil. The relics are on display in the Basilica for all the world to see.











Pictures from the CCW Lenten Women's Morning of Reflection on March 22nd.

Megan Wells presented: Mary Magdalene, What I Saw.

Photo Credit: Lisa Coglianese



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)



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
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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.



Please keep our Faith
Formation Students in your
prayers as they prepare to
receive the following
sacraments:

- 1. First Communion on Saturday, April 26th
- 2. Confirmation on Saturday, May 3rd.

"We pray for all those who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. May they approach these sacraments with open hearts and a sincere desire to grow closer to the Lord."



Please keep in your prayers our OCIA Candidates and Catehecums who will be received into the church during the Easter Vigil on April 19th.

"Heavenly Father, we lift up those entering your Church, seeking your grace and guidance. Open their hearts and minds to the truth of your Word, and may they find strength and comfort in the embrace of your love. Guide them on their journey of faith, and may the Holy Spirit fill them with wisdom and understanding. We pray that they may grow in faith, love, and service, becoming true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen."

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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.

Prayer Intentions



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

- 7. Dcns. Robert Lasica, Anthony Lenard, Armando Jaquez, Anthony Leazzo
- 8. Fr. Christopher Groh, Fr. Luis Gutierrez
- Sr. Frances Josef Flach, Sr. Mary Lou Henderson, Sr. Mary Juarez SSND
- 10. Fr. Jeremy Leganski, Fr. Alex Lorang
- 11. Fr. Gregor Gorsic, Fr. J. Damien Graziano
- 12. Todd Bly, Stephen Contreras, Michael Doerries (Deacon Candidates)
- 13. Sr. Jeanne Landry, Sr. Donita Mathis, Sr. Joan McGovern, Sr. Jeanne McGue SSND



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., Tom Clark, Joseph Frank, Judy Mitchell, Sarah Godzicki, Corey & Noel Sotir, Alan Jones, Jamie Jones, Tom Sobaski, Rita Spearman, Joanne Swan, Joseph Vasile and 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

Fr. Raj Carasala

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
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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: 4/6/2025	\$9,488
Online Giving (WeShare) 4/2-4/7/2025	\$3,685
Weekly Goal	\$8,654
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$399,273
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—52 weeks	\$450,000
Major Maintenance 3/30/2025	\$124
Major Maint. Online Giving 4/2-4/7/2025	\$55

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.

*Please note: St. Alexander Fiscal Year is July 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.
- 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!

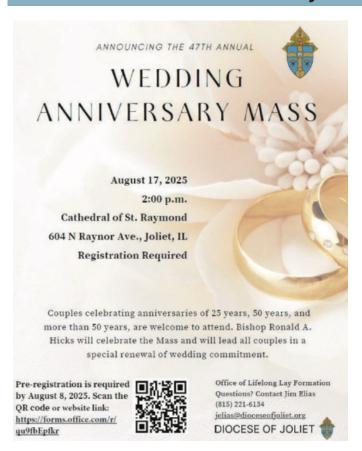
We are blessed to have you with us today—and every weekend! Our liturgies are enhanced by your presence and participation. We hope that you find the experience here at St. Alexander's to include a warm and inspiring celebration of the Eucharist and the faith that we profess.

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.

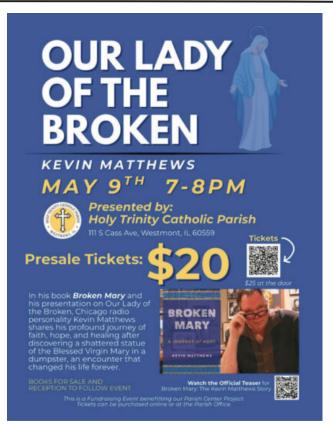
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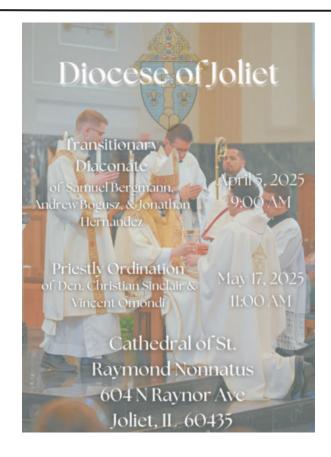
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Parish Center: 630.833.7730

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:

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Mark Ranieri, Jr./Matthew Tretina

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Faith Formation: 630.833.7730

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