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ARE YOU NOT THE CHRIST?

- LUKE 23:39 -



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Mass Intentions

Monday Nov. 24—St. Andrew Dūng-Ląc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30am Fr. Joseph Chang

Tuesday Nov. 25—St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr 9:00am Deceased Members of the Clark & DiPrima Families

Wednesday
8:30am
Nov. 26—Weekday
Intention of Chris Estrada
Nov. 27—Thanksgiving Day
9:00am
Braun & Liss Families

Friday
8:30am
8:30am
Virginia Jimenez
Nov. 29—Weekday
8:30am
John W. M. Egan

4:30pm Jerry & Yolanda Lullo/Alice, Frank & David Paulin/John Haag/

Chuck & Helen Maney/Intention of Barbara Boykin

Sunday Nov. 30—First Sunday of Advent

8:30am Ginger Herring/Michael O'Hara/Urban Baker/Margaret Sulita/

Pieschinski Family

10:30am George Bode12:30pm Manuel Gonzalez6:00pm Manuel Gonzalez

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 11/24:

Adoration w/Rosary Church 4:30pm Reconciliation Church 5:00pm **OCIA** Fr. Tuan Rm 6:00pm 6:00pm Cursillo group meeting Maguire Rm Sons of Thunder Young Adult Barrett Rm 6:30pm Scout Troop 199 Hall/Gym 7:00pm Tues. 11/25: Legion of Mary Fr. Tuan Rm 9:00am

Legion of MaryFr. Tuan Rm9:00amMusic—Chancel Choir practiceChurch1:30pmRosaryFr. Tuan Rm5:30pmParish Council MeetingSisters Rm7:00pm

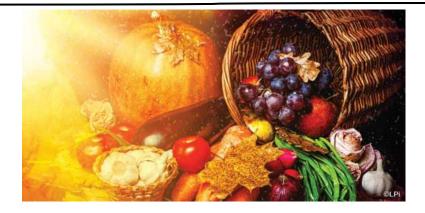
<u>Wed. 11/26:</u> Close at 1pm on Wednesday, November 26th and closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sat. 11/29:

Birthday Party for Jesus sign up Gathering Space after Mass

Sun. 11/30:

Birthday Party for Jesus sign up Gathering Space after Masses







Reconciliation

Mondays and Thursdays from 5:00pm—6:00pm or by appointment 630-833-7730

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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: Spanish Masses 2nd Weekend: 5:00pm Mass

3rd Weekend: 8:30 & 10:30am Mass



Adult Confirmation Course Offered

Are you an adult Catholic, 18 years and older, who has been baptized and

received First Communion, but has not been confirmed? Join the Adult Confirmation Class at St. Alexander Parish. Register by January 15, 2026. For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Ron at 630-279-7433 (call or text) or by email at deaconronmadsen@gmail.com.



The Giving Tree "Sign Up Genius" will be closing soon. Thank you to all those who have already donated. If you have not signed up yet, there is still time. Please consider signing up for one or two! You will be making a family and child's Christmas brighter.

Scan the QR Code below with your camera on your phone to sign up. You can also use the link below to sign up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F44A4AE2FA1F85-59879918-giving

The recommended donation is a \$50 family gift card and a \$25 gift card for each individual child. Please consider signing up for one or

two!

For more information, please contact:

Betty Martin 630-346-0177 or Barbara Colby at 630-725-8425.





Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 27, 2025
9:00am @ St. Alexander

The Parish Center will close at 1:00pm on Wed., November 26 and will be closed on November 27 & 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be no confessions on Thanksgiving. The Parish Center will reopen on Mon., 12/1 at 9:00am.

May this Thanksgiving be full of joy, peace and blessings from God.

From Fr. Rosenbaum, Deacons and the Staff of St. Alexander.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the bakers who donated baked goods for the CCW Crafters' Holiday Craft Show and Bake Sale. They had a wonderful assortment of goodies!

With thanks, St. Alexander CCW





A message from Fr. Rosenbaum:

Dear family in Christ,

I just wanted to offer a quick thanks to God for all that we do for our parish. Seeing more people coming back to our Masses continues to embolden my

faith and encourages me in my offering as well. I thank all who have stepped up to roles of service. Our beautiful new Grotto to Our Lady of Grace is in place on the south side of the church. Thank you to all who have donated bricks as a gift to our parish and beautifies the prairie path for our village of Villa Park. May the Lord continue to send His graces upon us and keep our hearts grounded in thanksgiving for His Eternal love for us. Continue to encourage those who have been away from the Mass, to come back to this offering every Sunday as the family into which Christ has brought and invited all of humanity. May God bless you and your families at this Thanksgiving time. I keep you all in my prayers and thank you for the smooth transition of bringing our parishes together. Thank you for choosing this openness with your hearts and presence.

With prayers and blessings, Fr. Rosenbaum

Mittens for Mary Knitting Group

Below is a picture of the hats, mittens, scarves and headbands our Mittens for Mary Knitting Group have made throughout the year. These items are given to St. Vincent de Paul to hand out and to Franciscan Outreach Community homeless shelter.

Mittens for Mary Knitting Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 9:30am in the Library of the Parish Center. If you would like to learn to knit, the ladies would be happy to teach you. If you can't attend the meeting time but like to knit, they accept donated items as well.



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the holidays approaching, the bulletin deadlines are as follows:

Bulletin:	Articles due:
December 7	Mon., Nov. 24 by Noon
December 14	Tues., Dec. 2 by Noon
December 21	Fri., Dec. 5 by Noon
December 28	Fri., Dec. 12 by Noon
January 4, 2026	Tues., Dec. 16 by Noon

Please submit articles to

bulletin@stalexanderparish.org

Thank you.

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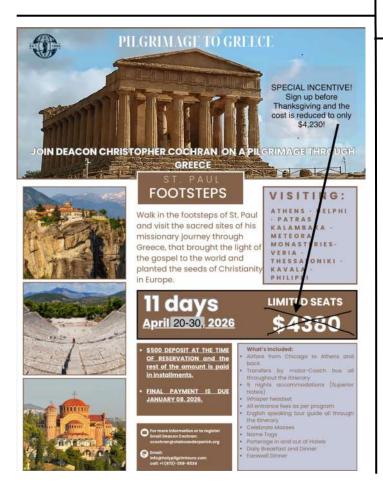
Text STALEXANDER to 84576 to sign up for Email and text Updates & announcements

Song of Joy Presentation Saturday, December 6 After 8:30am Mass

All women of the parish are invited for a morning Advent presentation, *Song of Joy*, presented by Megan Wells on Saturday, December 6, after the morning 8:30am Mass. The presentation will start in the church at 9:15am. A continental breakfast will be provided by the CCW.

Megan Wells is an award-winning and nationallyrespected professional storyteller who has enthralled audiences for more than 40 years. Megan's passion and energy bring the words to life in front of your eyes.

"Storytelling is my joy—launching listeners into galaxies of imagination. In the outer space of the inner mind, human beings become wise." - **Megan Wells.**



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The First Sunday of Advent is November 30, 2025, the start of our new Liturgical Year.



Join us for: Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

Sunday,
December 7, 2025
3:00—4:00pm
In the church.
Rosary, Music
and Benediction



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AS LIVING STONES, AND LET YOUR-SELVES BE USED IN BUILDING THE SPIRITUAL TEMPLE

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St. Alexander Fishers of Men

Our Mission as the St. Alexander Fishers of Men, Men's group is to encourage a way to build community within our church by providing a safe and supportive environment for Men to connect with each other, share their struggles and victories, and deepen their relationship with God through Prayer, Study and Action. We meet in the Father Tuan room @ 6:30pm, 3 Tuesdays a month, October thru June, please join us.

Additional questions, contact John Shumaker at 630-834-9160 or Ron D'Amico at 630-279-8022



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.

Jenna Bishop (daughter of Ed & Annette Bishop) Dan Burgess (grandson of Marilyn Hannon) Daniel & Mitchell Castrogiovanni (grandsons of Pat Castrogiovanni) John Cooper (nephew of Joyce Splan and Patrick Belling) Tom Crilly (son of Joseph & Kim Crilly) **Saverio D'Alessandro** (son of Sue & Tom D'Alessandro) **Dustin Hayes** (grandson of Kevin & Mary O'Connor) **Daniel Hogan** (son of Ed & Annette Bishop) **Charles Hummel** (son-in-law of Greg & Terry Maher) **Eric Iftner** (brother of Megan Iftner) Cameron Littleson (son of Ann & Scott Littleson and son-in-law of Greg and Terry Maher) Adam Montana (Son of Christine & Dennis Montana and big brother of Jeremy Montana) 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)

Tony Amore (son of Joe and Betty)



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St. Alexander Church. Thank you.

Birthday Party for Jesus Saturday, December 13 at 10:00am in the School Building

The St. Phillip Neri Society invites all children 10 and under to a Birthday Party for Jesus Saturday, December 13 at 10:00am.

Santa will be on hand to greet all of our children. There will be registration sheets in the gathering space the weekends of 11/23 and 11/30 for children who will be attending so Santa will have enough goodies for all children 10 and under, so please register your children.

Fiesta de Cumpleaños para Jesús

Sábado, 13 de diciembre a las 10:00am.

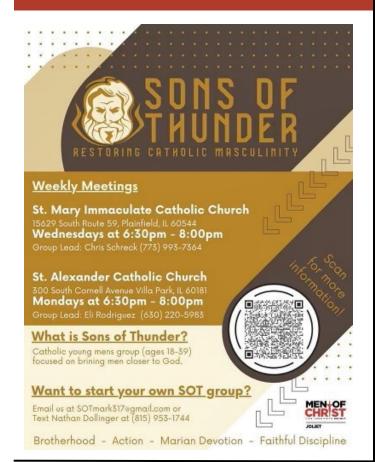
La Sociedad de San Felipe Neri invita a todos los niños de 10 años o menos a una Fiesta de Cumpleaños para Jesús Sábado, 13 de diciembre a las 10:00am. Santa estará presente para saludar a todos nuestros niños

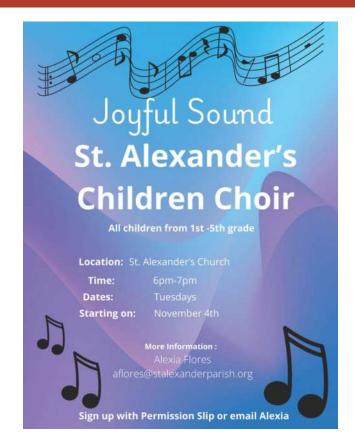
Habrá hojas de registro en el espacio de reunión los fines de semana del 23/11 y 30/11 Los elfos necesitan un recuento aproximado del número de niños que asistirán para que Santa tenga suficientes regalos para todos los niños de 10 años o menos, así que por favor registre a sus hijos.



Faith Formation & Parish News

Director of Faith Formation: Claudia Gruett—stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com





A note from Sister Joan Shields, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

To St. Alexander Parish Family, Father Rosenbaum, former graduates, former students and all my friends,

Thank you all again for your generosity, prayers, support, care, and concern.

I am happily in my new apartment in Wheaton, IL. My apartment is located just a few minutes from Main Street in Wheaton. The address of my apartment is 117 West Park Circle Drive Unit 101 Wheaton, IL 60187. The apartment is part of the complex of Willows of Wheaton. I have a one-bedroom apartment with a washer and dryer, and parking close to my door. It is a 20-minute drive to St. Alexander's. I take Geneva Road which I am close to and driver to Main Street in Lombard, and from there all side streets to St. Alexanders.

I am blessed with a wonderful family. My niece Karent and her husband Jeff McElroy were with me every step of the way as the rest of the family is out of state. They are responsible for helping me get furnishings located in the apartment and completely settled. My religious order has been most helpful.

Please know I remember you all in my prayers each day that God will bless you in His own special way for all the love you have showered on me.

Thank you to Cathy Bathje-Skoda for typing this note and emailing it to the parish center.

Prayer Intentions



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

- 24. Fr. Luis Ron
- 25. Sr. Margaret McGuckin OSF, Sr. Patricia itchell OSF, Sr. Mary Jean Morris OSF
- 26. Fr. Anthony Jacob OSB
- 27. Sr. Jo Anne Murphy OSF, Sr. Roberta Naegele OSF
- 28. Fr. Philip Timko OSB, Fr. Kenneth Zigmond OSB
- 29. Dcns. Saul Garcia, Reyes Gonzalez, John Jensen, Charles Scott Parks
- 30. Sr. Albert Marie Papesh OSF, Sr. Maria Pesavento OSF, Sr. Phyllis Pitz OSF



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.

Al Baldwin Jean Fleisleber Eric Novotny Tom Sobaski

We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website: www.stalexanderparish.org



Remember in your Prayers Our Faithful Departed

Ignatius (Ned) Jusits, Elizabeth Sedivy, Olga Cullen, and Barney Keating

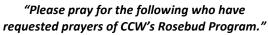
Eucharistic Adoration

The Adoration Chapel is open: Tuesday: 3:00pm—10:00pm Wednesday: 3:00pm—9:00pm Thursday: 3:00pm—10:00pm



The Chapel is located in the Kennedy Center building North of the Church on Cornell Avenue.

Rosebud Program





CONGRATULATIONS!

Mary and Jared on the birth of their daughter Jessie James. Rosemary & Michael on the birth of their daughter Eden Therese.

> Joyce & Ken due with twins in December 2025 Maggie and Charlie due in March 2026

Special Intentions for:

Tracey & Bob	Maria & Bobby	Carl & Terrie
Tony & Andrea	Amy & Sam	Amanda & Scott
Rose & Eleodoro	Mary Frances	Bob & Cyndy Julie &
Rus	Jason & Leah	Kristin & Tim
Lica & lim	Cin	

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

October 2025 Weekly Envelope Giving: \$37,081

October 2025 Online Contributions

Sunday Collections	\$11,504
Major Maintenance	\$170
Miscellaneous	\$1,480

(Faith Formation Tuition Assistance, St. Vince de Paul and World Mission Sunday)

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.

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



The 2025
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PLEDGE REPORT: Nov. 9, 2025

Thank you to all those who have made pledges. Please continue to make your **2025 CMAA** pledge payments . **Once** we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

St. Alexander Church

Parish Goal:	\$48,200	
Amount Pledged:	\$76,047	
Amount Paid:	\$74,187	
Remaining Balance:	\$1,860	
Donor Count	245	
2025 Rebate	\$18,191	
St. John the Apostle		
Parish Goal:	\$23,200	
Amount Pledged:	\$30,493	
Amount Paid:	\$28,108	
Remaining Balance:	\$2,386	

Thank you for your continued support.

Donor Count

2025 Rebate

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.

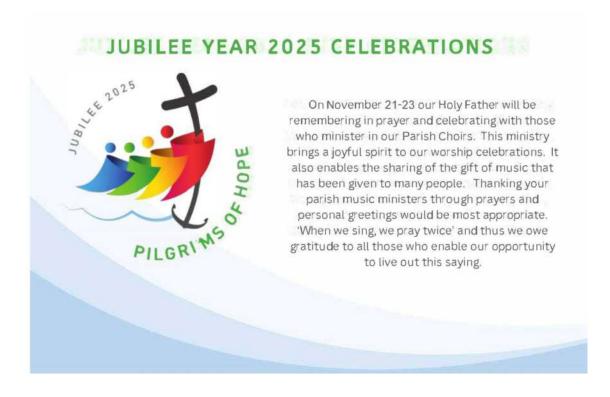
Welcome to St. Alexander!

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:		
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How did you hear about St. Alexander?		
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Cursillo

Cursillo is a proven game changer. It has meaningfully and permanently impacted countless participants since the beginning of the movement in the Joliet Diocese in 1963. Many report that Cursillo moved them from "practicing" their faith, to actually "living it out" on a daily basis! This Lay movement is endorsed by the Joliet Diocese with Bishop Hicks' and auxiliary Bishop Spies' blessings. To learn more, go to the Joliet Cursillo website www.jolietcursillo.org.

When: Two men's and two women's retreats are held each year in spring and fall, but you must be invited or sponsored by a current Cursillista, past retreat attendee.

A once in a lifetime, three-day retreat, is followed by an on-going weekly 4th day grouping opportunity.

Where: The retreats are currently held at Carmelite Center in Darien, IL and there are numerous 4th day Men and Women groups here at St Alexander and at parishes all over the Joliet Diocese.

Who: If you would like to learn more please contact: Elaine Jimenez—jecmsp1@aol.com
Mike Gats—mgats73@gmail.com

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.

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Friday 9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

Church Website: www.stalexanderparish.org
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Mass Schedule:

 Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri/Sat:
 8:30 a.m.

 Thursday......
 6:30 p.m.

 Saturday:.....
 4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m.(Eng/Span)

Domingo en Español 5:00 p.m.—5:45p.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 @ 2:15 p.m.

Bautismo en Español:

3rd Sunday of the month @ 2:30 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

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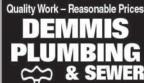
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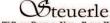
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