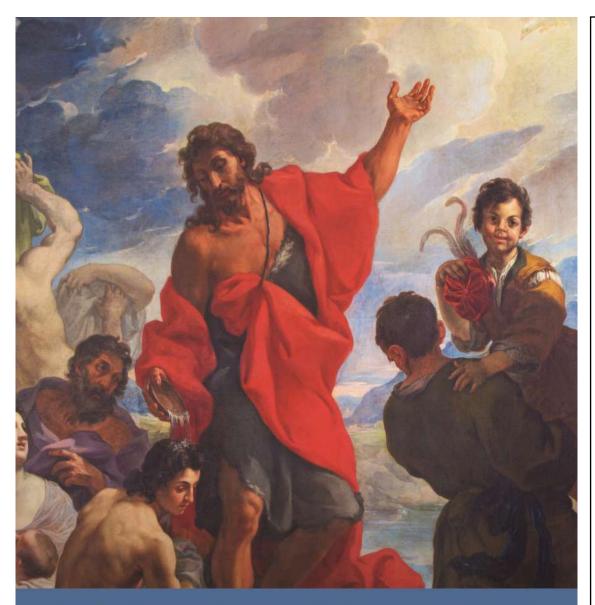
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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

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Mass Intentions

Monday Dec. 15—Advent Weekday

8:30am Roberto Perez/Intention of Cade Adelman

Tuesday Dec. 16—Advent Weekday

8:30am Elizabeth Sedivy

Wednesday Dec. 17—Advent Weekday

8:30am Beth Van Eenige

Thursday Dec. 18—Advent Weekday

6:30pm Joanna Palinska

Friday Dec. 19—Advent Weekday 8:30am Clark & DiPrima Families

Saturday Dec. 20—St. Lucy Virgin and Martyr

4:30pm Intention of Susanne Strickland/Hubert & Theresa Klaus/

Intention Mason Adelman/Intention of Roger Dooley/

Intention of Rhonda Kollman

Sunday Dec. 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am Nico Lamb/Lenore & Ed Boyer/Marshawn Kneeland/

Steven Crowder/John Frank

10:30am Jeanne Young

12:30pm The People of St. Alexander

6:00pm Susana Macias

Weekly Facility Schedule

Mon. 12/15: Rental—Albright	Hall/Gym	3:00pm
Adoration w/Rosary	Church	4:30pm
Reconciliation	Church	5:00pm
OCIA	Fr. Tuan Rm	6:00pm
Cursillo group meeting	Maguire Rm	6:00pm
Sons of Thunder Young Adult	Barrett Rm	6:30pm
Scout Troop 199	Hall/Gym	7:00pm
CCW Prayer Blankets	Gathering Space	7:00pm
Tues. 12/16: Legion of Mary	Fr. Tuan Rm	9:00am
Rental—Albright	Hall/Gym	2:45pm
Rental—ICGS	Hall/Gym	4:30pm
Music—Children's Choir	Church	6:00pm
Rosary	Fr. Tuan Rm	5:30pm
Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:45pm
Fishers of Men	Fr. Tuan	6:30pm
Music—Chancel Choir	Church	7:00pm
Wed. 12/17:		
Rental—Lions volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:45pm
Legion of Mary prayer group	Barrett Group	6:00pm
Music—Witness Choir practice	Church	7:00pm
Music—Spanish Choir practice	Library	7:00pm
Thurs. 12/18:		
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Hall/Gym	9:30am
Faith Formation DRE meeting	Fr. Tuan Rm	9:30am
Spanish Bible Study	Sisters Rm	5:00pm
Reconciliation	Church	5:00pm
Rental—Lions volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:45pm
Hispanic Ministry	Church/GS	7:00pm
Knights of Columbus social	Fr. Tuan Rm	7:00pm
St Philip Neri Book club	Library	7:00pm

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

Bulletin: Articles due:

January 4, 2026 Tues., Dec. 16 by Noon

Please submit articles to

bulletin@stalexanderparish.org

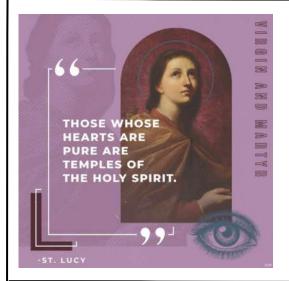
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It is in Baptism that one is welcomed into a community of faith. As a parish community,

"WE WELCOME YOU."

Isla Sofia, daughter of Connor Brent and Anna Cristao, nee Pipino

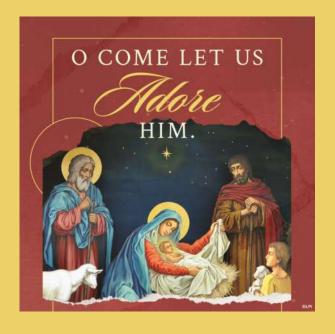


"For it is in GIVING that we RECEIVE."

- St. Francis of Assisi

FACILITY SCHEDULE CONT'D

<u>Fri. 12/19:</u>		
Wedding Rehearsal	Church/GS	4:30pm
Spanish Rosary	Church/GS	6:00pm
Sat. 12/20:		
Hispanic Ministry set up	Fr. Tuan Rm	1:00pm
Wedding/Validation	Church/GS	2:00pm
Sun. 12/21:		
Faith Formation Classes	School bldg.	11:30am
Hispanic Ministry Christmas Party	Multiple Rms	5:00pm



Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24th—Christmas Eve Masses (There will be morning Mass at 8:30am. However, this does not count towards your Christmas Obligation) 4:00pm, 6:30pm, and 12:00 Midnight (Christmas Caroling will begin at 11:15pm.)

Thursday, December 25th—Christmas Day Masses

8:30am and 10:30am in English 12:30pm and 6:00pm in Español

December 27/28 will be regular Mass Schedule.

Mary the Mother of God

(Holy day of obligation)
Wed., December 31, 2025—6:30pm in Español
Thursday, January 1, 2026—9:00am in English



St. Alexander Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mondays: 5:00—6:00pm **Thursdays:** 5:00—6:00pm

Additional/Extended Confession time:

Monday, 12/15: 5—7pm **Thursday, 12/18:** 5:00—6:00pm, 7—8pm

Monday, 12/22: 5—7pm

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will participate in the annual **Retirement Fund for Religious** collection. This important annual appeal benefits more than 21,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church.

These faithful servants have long been a source of inspiration and support in our communities. I am personally grateful for the religious who helped shape my own faith journey. Perhaps you, too, have known an elderly sister, brother, or religious order priest whose quiet dedication, prayerful presence, or selfless acts left a lasting impression on your life.

Today, the challenges many of these senior religious and their communities face in meeting their retirement needs are greater than ever. Most received little to no pay for their service, and their communities struggle to cover rising health care expenses and the increasing cost of day-to-day eldercare. The financial burdens continue to grow, and the need is urgent.

Gifts to the Retirement Fund for Religious make a real, tangible difference to these many women and men religious. Contributions directly support their ongoing care today and help ensure that their communities can plan wisely for their future.

I know you are asked to support many worthy causes, and I thank you for the many ways you give. Please consider making a gift to this year's collection if you are able—and continue to pray for all our elderly religious. They also remember us daily in their prayers.

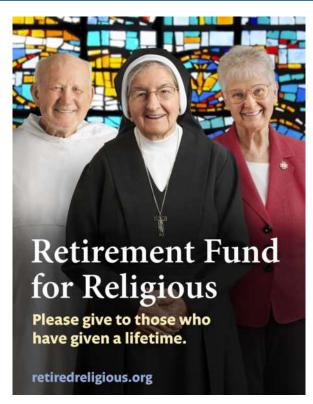
May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly with peace and health.

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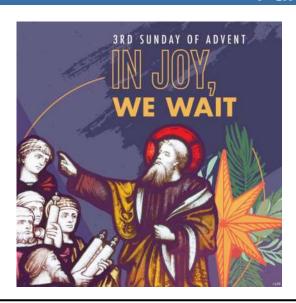
Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks Bishop of Joliet







Baptism Preparation Class Schedule:

All classes are held on a Saturday in the Fr. Tuan Room of the Parish Center. Starting in 2026, classes will begin at 10:00am. Godparents and Parents must attend a baptism class before scheduling the baptism date.

2026

January 17 NO CLASS IN FEBRUARY

March 14

April 11

May 16

June 13

Text or email Deacon Ron to register for a baptism class:

630-279-7433 or deaconronmadsen@gmail.com

Baptisms are held:

2nd and 4th Sundays @ 2:15 pm in English 3rd Sunday @ 2:30 pm in Spanish



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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



A Pastoral Letter for the People of the **Diocese of Joliet**



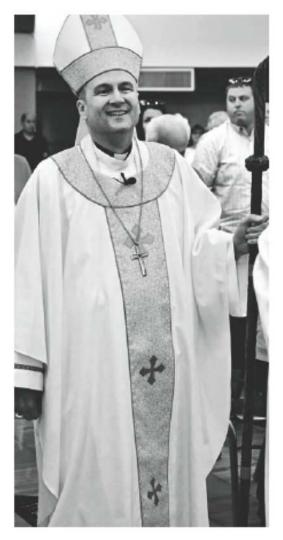
Learn How to MAKE Disciples!

What: Join us for a conversation with Bishop Ron Hicks as he unpacks the details of his pastoral letter, MAKE, and discusses how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet.

Where: Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville, IL (630) 355-1081

When: Tues., January 20th, 6:30-8:00 pm





MAKE is a call to action—rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action—to follow Jesus' Great Commission: Go and make disciples

Learn more about the bishop's pastoral letter, MAKE, by visiting: make.diojoliet.org

Faith Formation & Parish News

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

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Please submit your request in **written** form (either in an email or with an attached document) to the following email:

bulletin@stalexanderparish.org

Indicate if you want the info in the bulletin, Flocknote, marquee sign, social media or all four (please note: the marquee is limited so it would be a shortened version). Requests must be made by **NOON Nine Days** before the weekend you would like it to start. Please indicate start and end dates. Also, give a contact name and number. *Thank you*.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Safe Environment Training Is Mandatory For Volunteers. The Diocese of Joliet is committed to provide a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults. Persons working with children or vulnerable adults, as well as any volunteer for any ministry, are required to be compliant (this process includes a background check) and to receive training. The training portion can be done in your home over a PC. For further information, visit the Virtus website http://www.virtus.org to see what is required. The parish can not accept a volunteer into any ministry until you become compliant with Virtus training. If you need help getting an account please contact Denise Rumchak at 630-833-7730.



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.

Let's Help!

With the holidays upon us, some of us don't have to worry about being fed. However, there are many families in our midst that are struggling. The Outreach House in Lombard feeds and supports over 550 families in our area. These people are in constant need of food and nonfood items.

Our Knights of Columbus has been working to support and deliver donations to the Outreach House for years. Please join with them by placing items in the white box as you enter the church from the west side of the building.

Thank you for your support of those less fortunate in our community. Together, we can make a difference!

Prayer Intentions



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

- Sr. Patricia Skowronski OSF, Sr. Rose Marie Surwilo OSF
- 16. Fr. Thomas Logue
- 17. Pope Leo XIV
- Dcns. Joseph Urso, Glenn Vanek, Joseph Verdico, Herbert Waldron
- 19. Seminarian Chris Oyoo Otieno
- 20. Dncs. Randy Waring, Charles Woods, Robert Wallace
- 21. Sr. Helen Vahling OSF, Sr. Rita Vahling 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.

Kate Hopkins, Chuck Kero, Jean Fleisleber, Julia Rowland, John Healy, Cristopher Samuel Rivera, Brenda Clark, Cristopher Rivera, Paul Marnell and Susanne Strickland

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

Fr. Bob Coleman and Michael "Mick" O'Hara

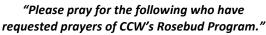
Eucharistic Adoration

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!

Jenny & Philip on the birth of their son, Santiago.

Joyce & Ken on the birth of their twins, Navy Rose & Ezra Zachariah

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
Lisa & Jim	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.

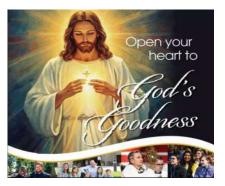
If you are interested, please contact Judy Emerson @ 630-620-1425 to sign up for the Vocations Cross.

Stewardship

Due to an early bulletin deadline, financials could not be reported at this time.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Alexander.

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



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PLEDGE REPORT: Nov. 30, 2025

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Amount Pledged:	\$76,344
Amount Paid:	\$74,599
Remaining Balance:	\$1,745
Donor Count	246
2025 Rebate	\$18,479
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Parish Goal:	\$23,200
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Parish Goal: \$23,200
Amount Pledged: \$30,625
Amount Paid: \$28,830
Remaining Balance: \$1,796
Donor Count 119
2025 Rebate \$3.941

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

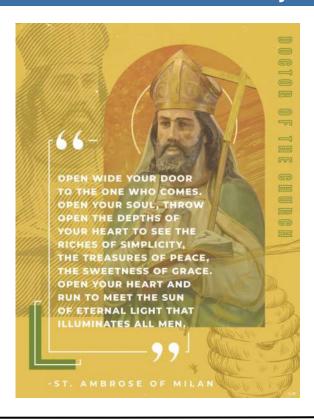
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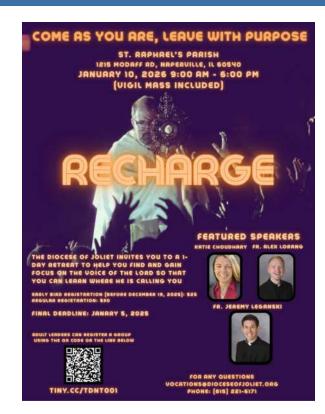
We are blessed to have you with us today—and every weekend! Our liturgies are enhanced by your presence and participation. We hope that you find the experience here at St. Alexander's to include a warm and inspiring celebration of the Eucharist and the faith that we profess.

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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> 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:

Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri/Sat: 8:30 a.m. Thursday..... 6:30 p.m. Saturday:.... 4:30 p.m.

Sunday:..... 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 12:30p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Domingo en Español

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday & 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

Reverend Mark Rosenbaum Pastor:

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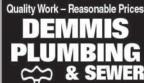
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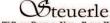
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