

## ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024**

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 10th

### DIRECTORY

**Bishop** Most Rev. Ronald Hicks  
**Pastor** Rev. Mark J. Rosenbaum

#### Weekend & Daily Mass Assistant Priests

Fr. Nhan Van Tran SVD  
Fr. Johnus Cherunilath  
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**Deacon** Ron Madsen (630) 279-7433

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Dolly Foley (630) 832-7588

#### R.E. Office Hours/Horario de Oficina:

Monday/Lunes 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Saturday/Sábado 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Parish Website:** [www.stjohnvillapark.org](http://www.stjohnvillapark.org)

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### RECTORY / PARISH OFFICE

**630-279-7404**

**330 N. Westmore Ave.**

**Villa Park IL 60181**

**sttacc@comcast.net**

### OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday: 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Saturday 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

**Saturday:** 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM en Español

**Weekdays:** 7:45 AM except Thursday at 7:00 PM

### Baptisms / Bautizos

Baptism Preparation / Preparación para el bautismo

*Contact the parish office to register.*

*Contacte la oficina parroquial para registrarse.*

### Confessions / Confesiones

Mondays 5 - 6:00 PM—or by appointment / o con cita.

### Weddings / Bodas / Quinceañeras

*Contact the parish office to schedule.*

*Contacte la oficina parroquial para programar.*

### MISSION STATEMENT

**The Catholic Community of St. John the Apostle Parish** commits to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, guided by the Holy Spirit and rooted in prayer. Together we continue the mission of Christ through Evangelization, Discipleship and Charity.

**La Comunidad Católica de la Parroquia San Juan Apóstol** se compromete a vivir las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, alimentada por la Eucaristía, guiados por el Espíritu Santo y con raíces en la oración. Juntos continuamos la misión de Cristo a través de la evangelización, discipulado y Caridad.

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST.** As a parish family, we at St. John the Apostle pray for all the members of our parish. We especially pray for our parishioners and their relatives who are currently on active duty in the military:

- Staff Sgt. DeWitt
- Staff Sgt. Adam Griswold
- Pvt. Aren Menor
- Pvt. Joseph Aguayo-Ludvik
- USMC Joseph Ciesla
- 2nd Lt. Colleen Corcoran
- Spc. Thomas
- AIC Darren Menor
- A1C Ryan Pemberton
- Sgt. Andrew J. Peterson
- Sgt. Donald J. Peterson
- A1C Anthony Pieroni—USAF
- Pvt. Jeremy Schumacher
- Spc. MP Catherin R. Stover/Peterson
- Corp. Robert Stover
- Pfc. Stephen Winter.
- E3-Yesenia Vivero

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK:

*If you would like your name added to or removed from this list for prayers, please call the parish office.*

### **Volunteer Trip to the Northern Illinois Foodbank**

In the spirit of Lenten charity, a volunteer trip to the Northern Illinois Foodbank has been arranged by the CCW of St. John the Apostle.

All parishioners aged 8 and older are invited to join us at the foodbank. We will be helping to sort and pack food for distribution to our hungry neighbors.

Saturday, March 16h

9:00-12:00

273 Dearborn Court in Geneva

The foodbank requires a list of participants prior to the event. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule the weekends of March 3rd and 10th. If you wish to attend, please register by the 10th.

All participants under the age of 18, must be accompanied by an adult. We will be working in a warehouse environment, so closed shoes are required (no sandals)

For more info, contact Terry at

**tlb1004@att.net** or text or

call **630-235-2966**.

### **Events For The Week**

#### **Monday, March 11th**

Confessions-5:00-6:00 PM/Church  
RE/G6/FF/C2-6:45-8:15 PM/ RE Classrooms

#### **Tuesday, March 12th**

CCW Game Night-7:00-9:00 PM/Library

#### **Wednesday, March 13th**

Legion of Mary (Span)-6:00-8:00 PM/Library

#### **Thursday, March 14th**

Spanish Bible Study-5:00-7:00 PM/Library

#### **Friday, March 15th**

Seton Stations of the Cross-2:00-2:30 PM/Church  
Spanish Stations of the Cross- 6:00-7:00 PM/CH

#### **Saturday, March 16th**

RE K-5-9:00-11:00 AM/RE Classrooms

#### **Sunday, March 17th**

Nothing on Schedule

### **Collections**

Sunday, February 26th-\$3,317.00  
By Mail-\$782.00

Sunday, **TOTAL: \$4,099.00**

Thank you for supporting the good work  
of St. John the Apostle Parish!

### **ARE YOU A ROMAN CATHOLIC? 7 HOURS OF CONFESSION**

When was the last time you received  
Reconciliation?

Was it recently?

In the past year?

The priests of Eastern Dupage County  
will be available to celebrate the  
Sacrament of Forgiveness of Sin!

**Saturday, March 16, from 8 AM until 3 PM**

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

**All are invited to receive God's grace**

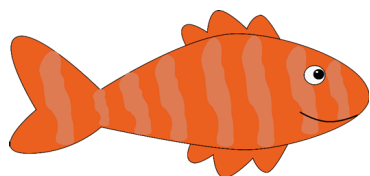
**Immaculate Conception Church  
132 Arthur St.  
Elmhurst, IL**

**630-530-8515**

Are you addicted to yarn? Or would you like to be? "Mittens for Mary" invites all knitters and crocheters to join us in making hats, scarves, mittens and other things for those in need. If you don't know how to knit or crochet - no worries - we will teach you! We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month in the Sisters' Room at St. Alexander parish, after the morning Mass (app. 9:30 am). We also welcome contributions from anyone who cannot attend meetings, but is willing to contribute their work. The projects go to the Franciscan Outreach Mission in Chicago. Any questions? Contact Carol Baker ([carolrose4MK@gmail.com](mailto:carolrose4MK@gmail.com)), Fran Gilles ([francesagilles@yahoo.com](mailto:francesagilles@yahoo.com)), Pat Ivanauskis ([leonpat1963@gmail.com](mailto:leonpat1963@gmail.com)) or Daina K. ([dkojelis@yahoo.com](mailto:dkojelis@yahoo.com))



## Help St. Alexander's 100th Anniversary



### FISH FRY VILLA PARK VFW

FRIDAYS DURING LENT FROM  
5:00 – 8:00

MENTION ST ALEXANDER OR  
PRESENT FLYER

AND \$2 PER MEAL WILL BE  
DONATED TO OUR

PARISH 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21  
*Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33  
*Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

### MARIAN REFLECTION



In a robe of striking colors she is led to the king; behind her the virgin companions are brought to you. They are home in with gladness and rejoicing; they enter the palace of the king.

**-Ps 45:15-16**

With reason is Mary called “the Virgin of virgins”; for she, without the counsel or example of others, was the first who offered her virginity to God.

Thus did she bring all virgins who imitate her to God, as David foretold (in Psalm 45).

**-St. Albert the Great**

### CMAA

If you already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! If we all join together, we can meet our parish's goal of \$21,500.

Each gift, regardless of size, truly matters and makes a difference. If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can support the CMAA this year to help those in need throughout our diocese, *For the Glory of God. Pledge envelopes are still available. We also welcome online gifts at: [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org).*

**LENT  
PREPARE  
THE WAY OF  
THE LORD**





**\$120/  
PERSON**  
(18+ YEARS OLD)

### Includes:

- Bus transportation
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner at Olive Garden

Scan the QR code to register  
online



**DEADLINE**  
April 1st

### JOIN US!!

Join St. Petronille in Marching for Life at  
the state capital on April 17, 2024.

St. Petronille Parish will have a 7 am Mass  
and depart at 8 am with a return  
approximately  
7:30 pm.

Registration, waiver forms, and payment may be  
completed in-person at St. Petronille Parish.

For more information contact:  
Gabi McMahon  
youngadults@stpetschurch.org  
630-469-0404, ext. 2106

Nancy and Tim Donahue  
adultfaith@stpetschurch.org  
630-469-0404, ext. 2107

*Easter eggs are so much fun.  
They represent new life begun.  
On Easter we have a giant celebration.  
Because of Jesus we have salvation.*

**All children ages 10 and under  
are invited to the  
CCW Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Holy Saturday, March 30th  
Parish grounds**

**The Easter Egg Hunt begins promptly  
at 10:45 AM.**

**Bring your basket to collect your eggs.**



## Blessing of the Easter Food

Our parish tradition of blessing foods on Holy Saturday will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 30, 2024.

Families are invited to bring a basket of foods to be blessed that will be shared and eaten among your family and friends on Easter. The types of food found in the baskets vary according to the

custom of what is served at the family Easter Meal. No matter what culture, everyone is invited to bring a basket with one serving or more of food to be blessed.

**Children's Easter baskets will also be blessed.**

**"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself." –St. Pius X**

## Bulletin Deadline For Easter

If you want your bulletin article to be in the Easter addition, copy must be in the rectory office no later than **March 18th Noon**.

For March 24, **March 12th Noon**.

## How Does Online Giving Benefit Me and My Parish?

**Convenient** anytime, anywhere access through the internet. Secure and Confidential. Adheres to banking security standards.

**Flexible.** Schedule and make changes to your contributions at anytime. Simple. No need to contact your bank or the parish office. You may contribute using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.

**Functional.** You will receive reminders and notifications about transactions. Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically.

**Secure.** No need to store parishioner account information.

**Simple.** Add or change contributions at any time. Makes it easy for everyone to contribute

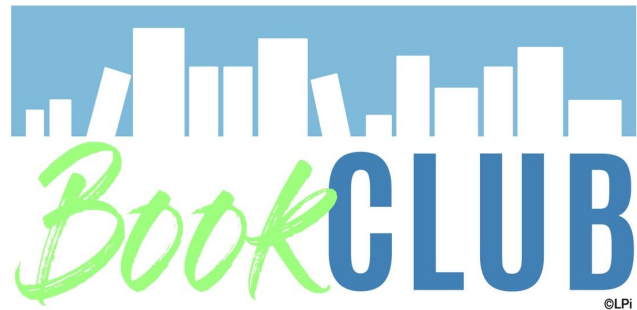


## CCW BOOK CLUB

CCW's book club is resuming on

**WEDNESDAY, 3/27** at 7:00 in the library.

We will be reading  
The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn.



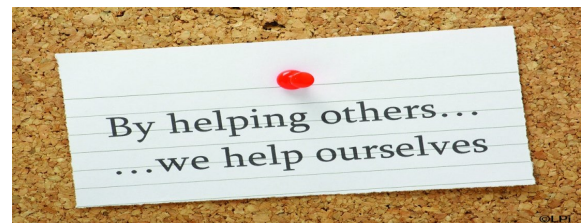
We've partnered with FreeWill to make planned giving easier than ever.

Visit:

[freewill.com/diocesefojoliet](http://freewill.com/diocesefojoliet)

to write a will at no personal cost, and include the necessary language to support St. John the Apostle Parish with a gift in your plans.

FreeWill's online will-writing tools allow you to make a lasting gift to the St. John the Apostle Parish quickly and easily.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Alexander's St. Vincent de Paul Conference serves anyone living within the boundaries of both St. John the Apostle and St. Alexander Parishes. We field calls and meet with clients seeking our help primarily for rental assistance, utility payments, and food. We are looking for people who could give us 1-2 days a month, Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. If you can help out or would like more information,

please call Carre at 630-280-8296 or Colette at 630-947-2903.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK – -March 10th-March 17th

Date	Intention	Requested by
Sunday, March 10th 9:00 AM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
11:00 AM	1. Thanksgiving & Honor of Seven Sundays Of St. Joseph	Josephina Bermejo
12:30 PM	1. Pedro & Olympia Blanco (+) 2. Jorge Alejandro Silva-Por su cumpleaños	Josefina Borromeo Micaelay & Hector Gru
Monday, March 11th 7:45 AM	1. Guadalupe Robles-Health & Grace	Teresa Ortega
Tuesday, March 12th 7:45 AM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Wednesday, March 13th 7:45 AM	1. Don Estrada –Health	The Estrada Family
Thursday, March 14th 7:00 PM	1. Adalyn Battigla-Birthday Blessings	The Family
Friday, March 15th 7:45 AM	1. Carmen Cruz (+)	The Tan Family
Saturday, March 16th 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle 1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Sunday, March 17th 9:00 AM	1. Rob Young (+) 1. Jerry Konrardy (+)	Jeannie Young & Family The Konrardy Family
11:00 AM	1. Coleman Foley, Ann Foley, Fr. James Duffy, Patrick Dunlea (+) 2. Mary Jo Bode	The Foley Family Terry Bode
12:30 PM	1. Josefina Bermejo-Birthday Blessings 2. Thanksgiving of 7 Sundays for St. Joseph	Josefina Josefina Bermejo

### La Vida Incómoda en la Luz

Si alguna vez has sido una mujer mayor de 30 años que se alojó en un motel económico, conoces el horror de despertarse en una habitación oscura, encender las luces del baño y gritarle a la bruja arrugada que encuentras escondida allí.

Y conoces el sentimiento de decepción que florece en la boca de tu estómago cuando te das cuenta de que la bruja arrugada es tu propio reflejo mirándote bajo el resplandor despiadado de la iluminación fluorescente del techo.

Quizás también conozcas el alivio que supone visitar un buen restaurante al anochecer y mirarte en el espejo. Te inclinas hacia adelante, hipnotizada por lo diferente -- ¡qué mate! ¡Qué suave! — lucen los contornos de tu rostro en lo que llamamos "luz indulgente." Pero esta expresión simplemente no es correcta. No es luz y no perdona. Es oscuridad y simplemente oculta.

Pero se siente mucho mejor, ¿no? La salvación puede parecer una condenación, cuando lo único que sabes es estar perdido. A veces es mucho más cómodo vivir perdido en las sombras.

Es posible anhelar la oscuridad. La oscuridad cubre tantas cosas. La luz tiene una dureza que casi puede parecer exigente, reveladora. La luz puede blanquear. La luz puede quemar.

"¿Soy realmente yo?" piensas en ese baño de hotel económico, examinando cicatrices de acné que nunca habías visto y patas de gallo que parecen haberse desarrollado de la noche a la mañana. La respuesta es sí. Sí, realmente eres tú, toda, cada centímetro. No hay nada que temer, sólo entra a la luz y aduéñate de ella.

*"La causa de la condenación es ésta: habiendo venido la luz al mundo, los hombres prefirieron las tinieblas a la luz, porque sus obras eran malas." — Juan 3:19*