



## ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024**

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

## The Third Sunday of Lent-March 3rd

### 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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#### Director of Religious Education / Directora de Educacion Religiosa

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#### 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

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#### 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.*

Pete Connelly

### **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**.

### **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**

### **Events For The Week**

#### **Monday, March 4th**

Confessions-5:00-6:00 PM/Church

#### **Tuesday, March 5th**

CCW General Meeting-7:00-9:00 PM/Hall

#### **Wednesday, March 6th**

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

#### **Thursday, March 7th**

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

#### **Friday, March 8th**

Seton Stations of the Cross-2:00-2:30 PM/Church

Spanish Stations of the Cross- 6:00-7:00 PM/CH

#### **Saturday, March 9th**

Diaconate Ordination-11:00 AM/Cathedral

Second Collection-Catholic Relief Fund

#### **Sunday, March 10th**

Second Collection-Catholic Relief Fund

### **Collections**

Sunday, February 18th-\$2,860.00

By Mail-\$1,325.00

Utility Fund-\$115.00

Ash Wednesday-\$1,240.00

Eastern Europe-\$289.00

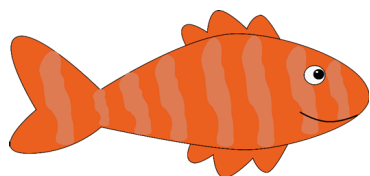
Sunday, **TOTAL: \$5,829.00**

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

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 Ivanauski ([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:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/  
Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/  
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/  
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**Next 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

## 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).*

## ACTIVE SENIOR EXPO

All seniors in the parish are invited to attend Active Senior Expo at no charge (regular admission is \$2). The event will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at Lorena's Banquets, 543 West Lake Street in Addison.

The Expo features hundreds of products and services for seniors, free seminars, free health screenings, free giveaways, free musical entertainment and free door prizes.

**Show hours are 9:30-2:00 PM.**

Parking is free. Simply present this bulletin (or a photocopy) at the door and you and all members of your party will be admitted free of charge.

For more information:

Call: **630-620-6347**

Email:

**activeseniorexpo@hotmail.com**

## Women's Day of Reflection

The St. John the Apostle CCW invites all women of our parish and St. Alexander's to our

## Women's Day of Reflection

### "40 Days Lead to 3 Holy Days"

Join us as we discover ways to make Lent and Easter more meaningful

**Saturday, March 9**

8:00 Mass (optional)

8:30 continental breakfast

9:00 program

\$5 per person

There will be sign-up sheets in the vestibule at St. John's the weekend of March 2nd and 3rd.

Please contact Terry to register

630-235-2966

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## ETHIOPIA



People fast from all meat products for Fasika, the 55 days leading up to Easter Sunday in Ethiopia. They break their fast at Easter Supper, a feast even more popular than Christmas dinner there!

## LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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# A Heart Centered Approach to the Spiritual Exercises



**BELLARMINE**  
Jesuit Retreat House

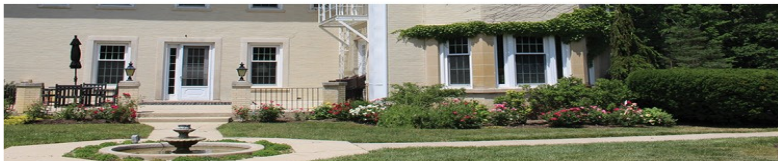
**March 28-30, 2024**

**Ignatian, Silent  
Weekend Retreat for Adults**

The measure of our love for God depends upon how deeply aware we are of God's love for us. St. Ignatius' "Exercises" are designed to deepen our awareness of God's love. Our retreat will focus on the relationship between our hearts and God's.



**Retreat Leader: Fr. James Kubicki, SJ**  
Contributes to Relevant Radio



Scan the  
QR Code to  
register!



**847-381-1261 | [JesuitRetreat.org](http://JesuitRetreat.org)**

**EVERY FRIDAY  
DURING LENT**

**IN SPANISH**

**6:00-7:00 PM  
In the church**



**SICILY**



In the city of San Biagio Platani, people build Archi di Pasqua or Easter Arches. These are large, building-like structures people can walk under made entirely of bread and other foods.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK – -March 3rd-March 10th

Date	Intention	Requested by
Sunday, March 3rd 9:00 AM	1. Amelia Grace Rediens (+) 2. CCW Mass	Mary & Jim Haas
11:00 AM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
12:30 PM	1. Thanksgiving & Honor of Seven Sundays Of St. Joseph	Josephina Bermejo
Monday, March 4th 7:45 AM	1. Jerry Howden (+)	Marguerite & Wayne Legutki
Tuesday, March 5th 7:45 AM	1. Jerry Howden (+)	Marguerite & Wayne Legutki
Wednesday, March 6th 7:45 AM	1. Bill Morris (+)	Peggy Butler
Thursday, March 7th 7:00 PM	1. Jerry Howden (+)	Marguerite & Wayne Legutki
Friday, March 8th 7:45 AM	1. Jerry Howden (+)	Marguerite & Wayne Legutki
Saturday, March 9th 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle 1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
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-per so cumpleaños	Josefina Borromeo Mieaelay & Hector Gru

### 3 de marzo de 2024 3<sup>er</sup> Domingo de Cuaresma

En la aridez del desierto es donde se puede experimentar con más realidad la necesidad del agua. La sed y el calor del agobiante sol mata. El agua es esencial para la vida. Las lecturas de hoy nos revelan a Dios como fuente de agua que salva a su pueblo, haciendo que brotara agua de la roca en medio del desierto por medio de Moisés. *“Golpearás la roca y de ella saldrá agua, y el pueblo tendrá para beber. Moisés lo hizo así, en presencia de los jefes de Israel” (Éxodo 17,6)*. El agua tan esencial en aquellos tiempos y en los de ahora. En muchas partes del mundo hay sequía extrema. Cuidemos el agua actuemos con responsabilidad para que llegue a todos los que la necesitan.

Pero, más importante que el agua que da vida al cuerpo, es el agua viva que da Jesús en el Espíritu a la mujer samaritana. *“Señor, dame de esa agua, y así ya no sufriré la sed ni tendré que volver aquí a sacar agua” (Juan 4,15)*. La promesa de Jesús para todos se sigue cumpliendo. Basta que le pidamos agua para nuestras sequedades de la vida. Y responderá: *“El agua que yo le daré se convertirá en él en un chorro que salta hasta la vida eterna” (Juan 4,14)*. Egoísmos, infidelidades, injusticias, falta de compasión y de entrega a los necesitados. Es lo que podemos pedir hoy al Señor, para que nos lave y quedando limpios salgamos como la mujer samaritana a proclamar. *“Vengan a ver...”* todo lo que he cambiado, gracias a Jesús, para bien de todos.