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Pastor..... Rev. John Swing  
Pastoral Associate, RCIA, Deacon..... Deacon Mark Quayhackx  
Deacon..... Deacon Rick Skifton  
Director Rel Ed/Lit. Music ..... Peggy Wettstein  
Parish Administrative Assistant ..... Kelly Lysne  
Assumption Catholic School Central Office...715-422-0900

## Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
[cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13  
Mk 6:45-52  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17  
Lk 4:14-22a  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
Lk 5:12-16  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and  
9b/Jn 3:22-30  
**Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]  
Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 ©LPi

# SAINT ALEXANDER

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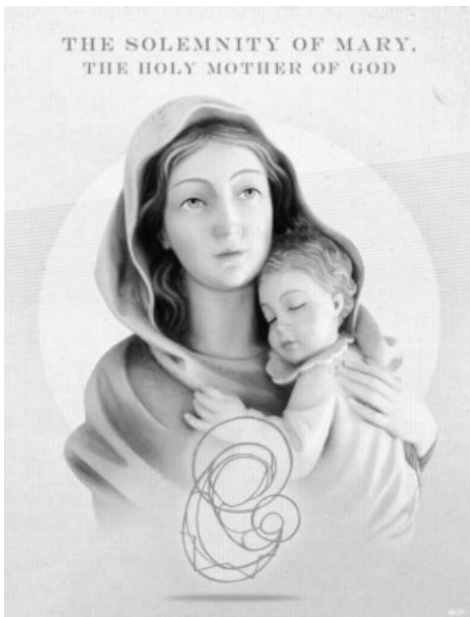
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**Mass Schedule**

<b>Monday, January 3</b>	7:30 am <b>For the Health of Marge Jung</b> by Family & Friends
<b>Tuesday, January 4</b>	<b>Irene Pavelec</b> by Carol Metcalf
<b>Wednesday, January 5</b>	8:00 am At St. Alexander
<b>Thursday, January 6</b>	7:30 am <b>Leroy &amp; Nancy Koll</b> by Jim & Jacki Koll
<b>Friday, January 7</b>	7:30 am <b>Armando Gomez</b> by Nekoosa Port Edwards Knights of Columbus
<b>Saturday, January 8</b>	5:00 pm <b>For the People of Sacred Heart &amp; St Alexander Madeline Stensberg</b> by Family
<b>Sunday, January 9</b>	7:30 am <b>Miriam Somers</b> by Dan & Patty Heeg
	10:30 am <b>Bill Brost</b> by Family

**Please Note: Times listed for the weekdays/weekend are public Masses with the Sunday 10:30am Mass live-streamed for your viewing.**

**Liturgical Ministers**

Saturday, Jan 8 & Sunday, Jan 9

**Lectors**

Sat 5:00 pm	Bobbie Schmidt
Sun 7:30 am	Kevin Collins
Sun 10:30 am	Georgianne Elsen

**Altar Servers**

Sat 5:00 pm	Alex Jacoby Aaron Jacoby
Sun 7:30 am	Onna Shymanski Finley Shymanski
Sun 10:30 am	Owen Daliege Aiden Daliege

**Ushers**

Sat 5:00 pm	Marty Cattanach, Jim Fisher, Jim Koll
Sun 7:30 am	Joseph Baciak, Scott Linzmeier, Al Taylor
Sun 10:30 am	John Ritchay, Bob Benkowski, Tom Wright

**Rosary Leaders**

Sat 5:00 pm	Diane Sailer
Sun 7:30 am	Kevin Collins
Sun 10:30 am	Pam Bilderback

**SCRIP**

Sat 5:00 pm	Sarah Sigler
Sun 7:30 am	Ann Taylor
Sun 10:30 am	Kathy Sailer

**Financial Engineers**

Larry, Caroline, Marilyn

**Altar Linen Cleaner ~ January**

Cheryl Erickson

**Vacuum Cleaners ~ Jan 3 - Jan 8**

Jackie Hagen



**Sacred Heart  
PCCW Meeting  
Tuesday, Jan 4  
6:30pm**

Please come to our monthly meeting and share your thoughts and ideas to make our PCCW group a vibrant ministry of Sacred Heart. All are welcome! Questions: Call Darlene Johnson at 715.886.5725 or Ann Taylor 715.325.2250 (co-presidents).

*Additional Sacred Heart  
Christmas Flower Memorials  
in Memory of:*

**Dick Rucinski & Richard Thomas**  
by Terry Rucinski

**Charles & Irene Reichert**  
by Fred & Pat

**Barbara Jensen**  
By Vickie Buchanan

**FOR BOTH PARISHES:****LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi

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## Sacred Heart Directory

### Foundation Board

Fr. John Swing, Patty Heeg, Robb Sigler

### P.C.C.W.

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### Education

Peggy Wettstein

**Honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Your Home**  
 For Enthronement Information ....715-886-3422

### Prayer Chain Requests

Colleen Voit.....715-570-3273

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm;  
 Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 am

### Sacraments

Reconciliation.....Saturday 4:30 pm  
 or by appointment.  
 Baptism ..... contact Father John  
 Marriage .....Contact Fr. John  
 ..... 6 months in advance

Please remember our Sacred Heart Foundation when making or changing your Will.

SCRIP Is available at the parish office weekday mornings, Monday - Friday, and after all weekend Masses. Please pay with correct change or check.

Electronic Deposit for contributions is available. Forms are available on the bulletin board, in the ministry rack in the sacristy in church, and on the website.

### Sacred Heart Income

#### Saturday, Dec 18 & Sunday, Dec 19

Adults ..... \$14331.00  
 Electronic Contributions: (Jan 6) ..... \$  
 Students ..... \$  
 Offertory.....\$5546.26  
 Other Income: Votives ..... \$33.00  
 Grant Donation .....\$2500.00  
 Christmas Flower Memorials ..... \$90.00  
 Total Received This Week..... \$22500.26

### Dioc/Non-Operating Income

Religious Retirement..... \$115.00

ACS website ..... www.assumptioncatholicschools.org  
 Relevant Radio 93.9 online ..... www.relevantradio.com  
 Weekly bulletins are available online ..... www.SeekAndFind.com  
 Sacred Heart Masses every Sunday at 9am.....Public Access Channel




**ACS Mission Statement:** To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition.

**Religious Education News...From the desk of Mrs P Wettstein**

**NO CLASSES THIS WEEK – CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 12**

**January 12 – Confirmation Retreat, 5 – 9 pm, Sacred Heart Church Basement**

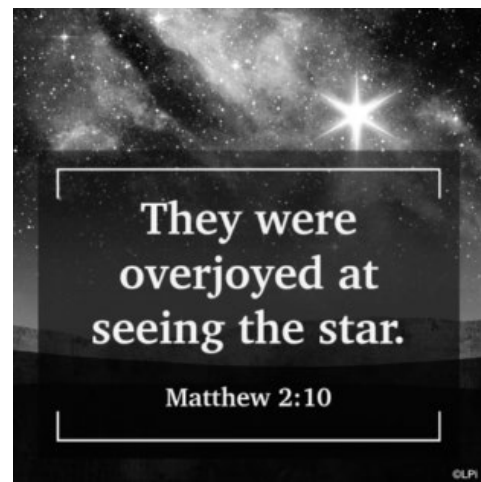


### Parish Council Meetings


**St Alexander**  
 Wednesday, January 5 at 6:30

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish**  
 Thursday, January 6 at 6:30

Location will be at the church hall for both parishes



**Have you thought about becoming a substitute teacher for Assumption Catholic Schools?**



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 Assumption Catholic Middle School (6-8) 715.422.0950  
 Assumption Catholic High School (9-12) 715.422.0910

The drawing took place as scheduled on Sunday, December, 2021 at 4:00pm at Assumption High School. If you have any questions, contact an individual whose name is at the bottom of this letter. The drawing of tickets was recorded, drawn by Father Bill Menzel, and witnessed by Mr. Marv Walloch and Mr. Al Villeneuve.

<p><b>First Prize</b> Sylvia Sigler                  \$2000.00 Port Edwards, WI</p> <p><b>Third Prize</b> Carol Brey                  \$500.00 Wi. Rapids, WI</p> <p><b>Fourth Prize</b> Vic &amp; Kathy Kopacz                  \$200.00 Wi. Rapids, WI</p> <p><b>Fourth Prize</b> Bill &amp; Diane Reitz                  \$200.00 Wi. Rapids, WI</p> <p><b>Fourth Prize</b> John Galbreath                  \$200.00 Wi. Rapids, WI</p>	<p><b>Second Prize</b> Carol Brey                  \$1000.00 Wi. Rapids, WI</p> <p><b>Third Prize</b> Ted Feenstra                  \$500.00 Wi. Rapids, WI</p> <p><b>Fourth Prize</b> Mike Meinel                  \$200.00 Wi. Rapids, WI</p> <p><b>Fourth Prize</b> Bernadine Ladick                  \$200.00 Wi. Rapids, WI</p>
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**Thank you to everyone who entered the drawing and supported AHS Athletics.**

### Mission Statement

Be part of the family—St. Alexander Parish “Do not neglect hospitality for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.” Hebrews 13:2

### Prayer Chain

Carol Kuehl..... 715-887-3938

### Mass Schedule

#### Wednesday, January 5

8:00 am †John Montag  
by Steve & Peg McDonald

#### Sunday, January 9

9:00 am †Gladys & Lawrence Boinski  
by Family  
†Robert Marchenkuski  
by Mary Lila  
†Lawrence & Cornelia Flugaur  
by Kathy Marcoux

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:30pm at Sacred Heart or by appointment.

**Baptism, Marriage & RCIA Contact:**  
Fr. John Swing

### OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

**No financial due to early bulletin deadline.**

Total Operating Budget...\$174,796.00  
Adult Envelopes.....\$  
Offertory Plate.....\$  
EFT Giving.....\$  
Total Support this Week.....\$

**Please Note: The fifth Sunday plate collection goes to St. Pat's Mission. Thank You.**

**Next Electronic Contribution (EFT) will be January 6th.**

### THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

You donated:

- \$1,520 for the Annual St. Pat's Navajo Christmas Project

### Liturgical Ministers

#### Weekend of January 9th, 2021

##### Lector

Sun. Rita Eichsteadt

##### Ushers

Sun. Todd Joosten, Jack Krekowski

##### Elevator

Sun. Todd Joosten

##### Scrip

Sun. LeAnn Gotz

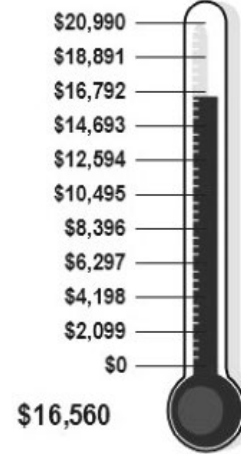
##### Money Counters

Sun. Le Ann Gotz, Kerri Martinson

##### Servers

Sun. Trey and Odyn France

### St. Alexander DAA



Thanks to everyone who has donated to our St. Alexander Parish DAA goal of \$20,990. Let's try to get 100% parish participation and reach our goal!



### SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor the sanctuary lamps the suggested donation is \$40 per intention and we accept multiple intentions for each month. Please place your intention in the collection plate or contact the parish office. Thank you.

### PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK:

That our parish community will nurture marriage, blessed single lives, and religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action in the world.



Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year! Check out the program FORMED Now! How to Pray on Formed.org. Login: 54457 It's free to you!

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS



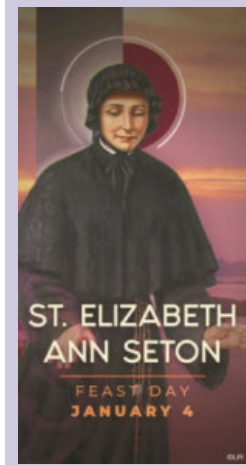
**T**hey were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11



**Dropped Host Question:** What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

**Answer:** This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: *How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?* If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.). ©LPi



## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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You are invited! Saturday, January 8

## Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner



Each year, Valentyna Pavsukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy, a pro-life mission to Ukraine, hosts a Ukrainian Christmas Dinner at the Lillydale Event Center in Chippewa Falls. All proceeds from this delicious multicourse meal served by young people in full Ukrainian garb, go to benefit the work of the mission. To learn more, visit [diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy](http://diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy).



## VOCATIONS CORNER

Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest?

To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please

contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

## Pray for Dobbs, Pray for our Supreme Court Justices by Name



Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health is the Supreme Court case that could overturn Roe v. Wade—the decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. Nine justices stand between life and death for millions of innocent children and their mothers. The hearing began Dec. 1, with a ruling expected in June. Please fast and pray for God's grace to touch our Supreme Court justices. Pray for them by name: John Roberts, Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett, Brett Kavanaugh, Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, and Stephen Breyer. For more information and resources, visit [PrayforDobbs.com](http://PrayforDobbs.com).



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