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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parishioners,



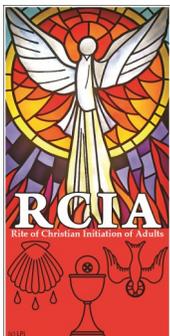
It's already October, it's hard to believe that we are  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through 2018. We should be well into our fall routines. Football season is a few games old, baseball is winding down, hockey and basketball are around the corner. Parents, students, and teachers should be used to the school routine with school work and all the extracurriculars. The one thing that sometimes gets forgotten in all the routine and running from one event to another is our faith. Church can all of a sudden become an afterthought, maybe we can fit it in between all of our other activities. And if it doesn't fit in, oh well, it's not that important.

What seems to have gotten lost on modern society is the importance of our faith life and taking an hour on Sunday morning just to be with God because it has eternal implications. Nobody would like the thought of God saying He has no time for us.

You have either received or are going to receive very soon the materials for this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our Parish goal this year is \$21,825. Last year we went over our goal and received back from the diocese \$2,110. This is money we get back without having to pay a subsidy to the diocese that helps us to keep the bills paid here at the parish. So going over our goal is a great way to give to the parish also. With help from everyone we can achieve our goal again and more. Some can give a lot, some can give a little, but most everyone can give something, and everyone can pray for the success of this year's appeal. The consequence of not achieving our goal is that the money comes out of general parish operational funds which is not budgeted for and that helps no one. I have always been impressed at how generous this parish can be, let's continue that legacy now and into the future.

October 27<sup>th</sup> is the diaconal ordination of 5 men from around the diocese, two from the Wisconsin Rapids area. One of the two, Richard Skifton, is from Sacred Heart and after his ordination will be assigned to Sacred Heart and St. Alexander. Sacred Heart/St. Alexander has organized a coach bus to take parishioners down to the ordination that Saturday morning. The bus will start loading at 6:30am and leave at 6:45am. The bus will drop everyone off right at the Cathedral and after the ordination will take everyone to the civic center for the reception that follows, which includes lunch. The bus will load for the return trip at 2:30pm in front of the civic center and bring everyone back to Sacred Heart. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person and you get to ride down to and from La Crosse in comfort and you have no worries about trying to find a parking spot, which is never easy at an ordination. This is a great opportunity to witness these men starting their life of service to God and His Church and to show our support for someone who will be serving this parish.

**I hope everyone has a wonderful fall season, and may God bless your month.**



### What is RCIA?

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and is the process for entrance into the Catholic Church. It consists of a formation program to help one understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. It is a time when an individual comes to some knowledge and consideration of Jesus Christ and is attracted to the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church through the RCIA process please contact Deacon Mark at 715-887-3012 for further information as the program will begin October 4 at Sacred Heart. A good resource for information about what RCIA is [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org) (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). Once there type RCIA into the search box and you will find good descriptions about the RCIA process and what to expect.



## A NOTE FOR SNOWBIRDS

If you will be gone this winter please notify the parish of the dates you will be away and your away address as soon as possible. Ministry schedules are produced 2–3 months in advance and our envelope company requires us to order 3 months in advance! Also, if you would like your year-end contribution statement sent to your away address please notify us.

The best way to notify us of all this info is by email at [stalexander@wctc.net](mailto:stalexander@wctc.net) that way we have all the needed information in writing. While you are away please stay up-to-date on parish activities by visiting often our parish website: [saintalexander.weebly.com](http://saintalexander.weebly.com). There you can get the latest info, bulletin, ministry lists, calendar activities, forms, etc, as well as connect to our facebook page. Also, our parish app has tons of information. God bless your time away and we look forward to your return.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH FOR OUR ST. ALEXANDER PARISH ANNUAL FALL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

### We Need:

- 80-100 workers! Please call Stephanie Vela to volunteer at 715-697-6133.
- Donations to cover the cost of food in the amount of \$800-\$900! Please make your check payable to St. Alexander Parish, write on the memo line and envelope that it is for Fall Pancake Breakfast Food, and place in the collection plate.

**This is a large fundraiser for our parish operations.**

**Any and all help is greatly appreciated.**

## Christmas Raffle

The PCCW will be having their Christmas Raffle again this year.



Would you please help us by selling or buying these tickets? The tickets will be at the ends of the pews around the end of October. You can either put the tickets in the collection basket or mail them back. Please make checks out to: *St Alexander PCCW*.

**Mark your calendar and join us for refreshments in the Church hall after the 9:00 am mass on December 2,**

In Gratitude to God and You in the Service of this Parish,

Deacon Mark Quayhackx