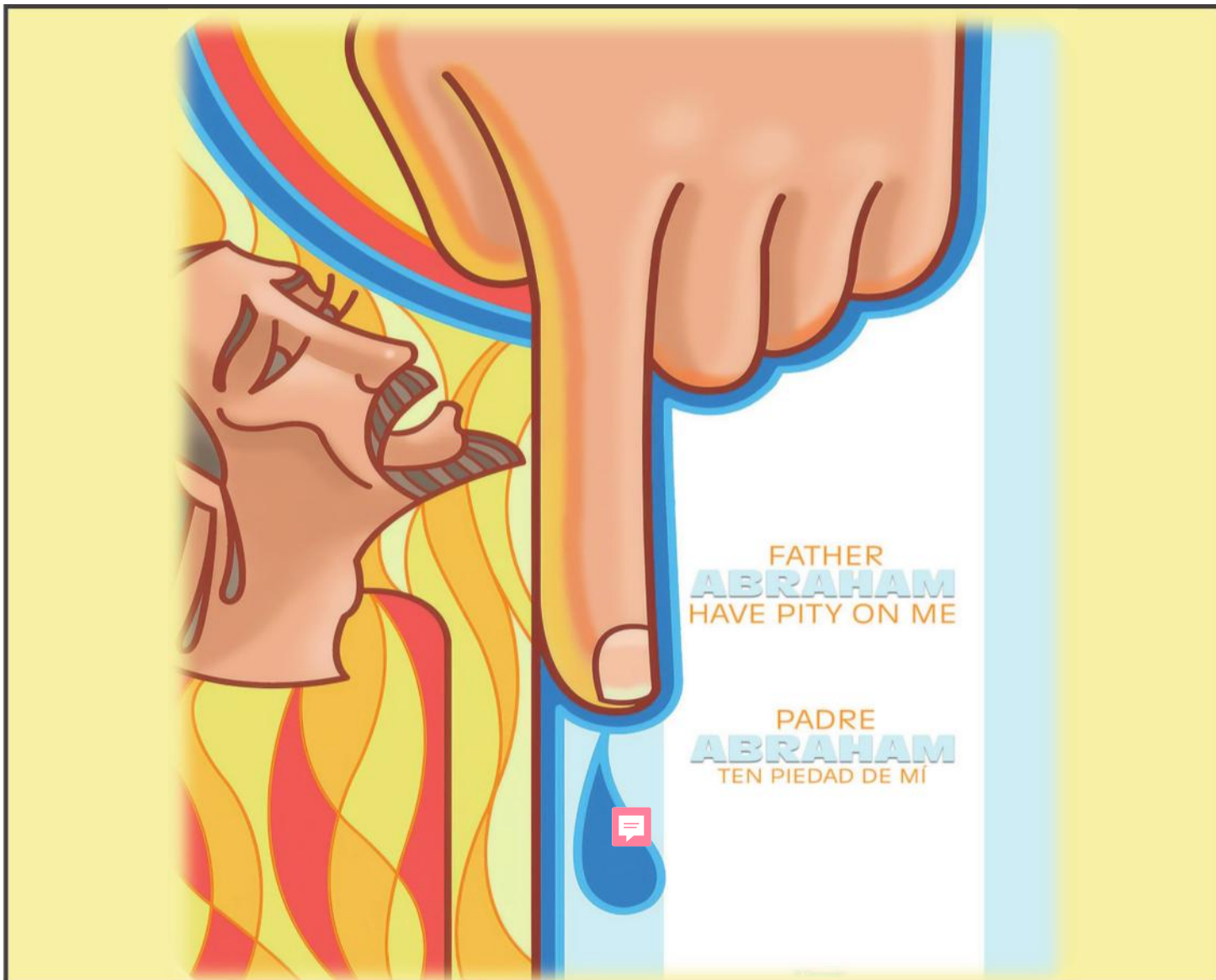




26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
XXVI DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Joyfully proclaim, lovingly serve. † Proclamar con alegría, servir con amor.

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OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

On Monday, September 29, Bishop Timothy Doherty will celebrate his 75th birthday.

At a recent diocesan meeting, the bishop mentioned that he had submitted his letter of resignation to the Papal Nuncio, the Pope's representative to the U.S., to be forwarded to the Holy Father. This was no surprise, as age 75 is the mandatory retirement age for bishops.

What's next? Usually, the Pope accepts a bishop's resignation only when he is ready to announce his successor. Bishop William Higi turned 75 in August 2008, and Bishop Doherty was announced as his successor in May 2010, which is an interval of 21 months.

Over the past few months, I've tracked bishops appointed since Pope Leo's election. (Yes, I am weird.) By my count, Pope Leo XIV has appointed seven diocesan bishops, or "ordinaries." (This doesn't include "auxiliaries," assistants to an ordinary, usually in a larger diocese.) The longest interval between an ordinary's death, departure, or announced retirement and the naming of a successor has been 2 years and 10 months; the shortest, four months.

A successor might be named in 6 to 8 months. That is my wild guess, based on neither inside information nor rumor, and meaning absolutely nothing.

So much for "when." What about "who"? As Bishop Doherty himself said, only half-jokingly, "Please stop asking me!" He has no idea. Guessing who will be our next bishop is even more futile than predicting a parish's next Pastor or Associate Pastor.

Of the seven bishops in our diocese's history, two came from this diocese (our first, Bishop John George Bennett, a priest of the Ft. Wayne diocese from Dunnington, and Bishop Higi). Two were from Ohio (Bishops Raymond Gallagher and George Fulcher), one from Illinois (Bishop Doherty), and one from, of all places, Brooklyn (Bishop John J. Carberry, later Cardinal-Archbishop of St. Louis). Only one, Bishop Fulcher, was already a bishop, the Auxiliary of Columbus. He served our diocese less than a year before a fatal car crash in 1984.

My own "safe," but still probably wrong, guess is that Pope Leo will appoint a priest from outside our diocese, but from the Midwest, as our next bishop.

Although most of this column has been a less-than-serious guessing game, here's the serious part: Please pray for Bishop Doherty, for our diocese, and for whoever will be our next bishop, whenever that may be.

Fr. Tom Metzger
September 28, 2025

PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM...

El lunes 29 de septiembre, el obispo Timothy Doherty celebrará su 75º cumpleaños.

En una reciente reunión diocesana, el obispo mencionó que había presentado su carta de renuncia al Nuncio Apostólico, representante del Papa en Estados Unidos, para que la remitiera al Santo Padre. Esto no fue una sorpresa, ya que los 75 años son la edad de jubilación obligatoria para los obispos.

¿Qué sigue? Normalmente, el Papa acepta la renuncia de un obispo solo cuando está listo para anunciar a su sucesor. El obispo William Higi cumplió 75 años en agosto de 2008, y el obispo Doherty fue anunciado como su sucesor en mayo de 2010, un intervalo de 21 meses.

Durante los últimos meses, he seguido el progreso de los obispos nombrados desde la elección del Papa León XIV. (Sí, soy un poco raro). Según mis cálculos, el Papa León XIV ha nombrado a siete obispos diocesanos, u "ordinarios". (Esto no incluye a los "auxiliares", asistentes de un ordinario, generalmente en una diócesis más grande). El intervalo más largo entre la muerte, la partida o el anuncio de jubilación de un ordinario y el nombramiento de un sucesor ha sido de 2 años y 10 meses; el más corto, de cuatro meses.

Un sucesor podría ser nombrado en un plazo de 6 a 8 meses. Es una suposición arriesgada, que no se basa en información privilegiada ni en rumores, y que no significa absolutamente nada.

Hasta aquí el "cuándo". ¿Y el "quién"? Como dijo el propio obispo Doherty, medio en broma: "¡Por favor, dejen de preguntarme!". No tiene ni idea. Adivinar quién será nuestro próximo obispo es aún más inútil que predecir el próximo párroco o vicario parroquial.

De los siete obispos en la historia de nuestra diócesis, dos provenían de esta diócesis (el primero, el obispo John George Bennett, sacerdote de la diócesis de Ft. Wayne, de Dunnington, y el obispo Higi). Dos eran de Ohio (los obispos Raymond Gallagher y George Fulcher), uno de Illinois (el obispo Doherty) y otro, nada menos, de Brooklyn (el obispo John J. Carberry, posteriormente cardenal-arzobispo de St. Louis). Solo uno, el obispo Fulcher, ya era obispo auxiliar de Columbus. Sirvió en nuestra diócesis menos de un año antes de un accidente automovilístico fatal en 1984.

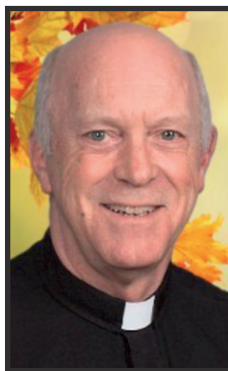
Mi suposición, aunque probablemente errónea, es que el Papa León nombrará a un sacerdote de fuera de nuestra diócesis, pero del Medio Oeste, como nuestro próximo obispo.

Aunque la mayor parte de esta columna ha sido un juego de adivinanzas poco serio, aquí viene la parte seria: Por favor, oren por el obispo Doherty, por nuestra diócesis y por quienquiera que sea nuestro próximo obispo, cuando sea que suceda.

P. Tom Metzger a 28 de septiembre de 2025



Coat of Arms of
the Diocese of
Lafayette in Indiana



Our Mission: We, the Anderson-Alexandria Catholic Pastorate, united in Jesus Christ through His Word, the Sacraments, and the Eucharist, are called to joyfully proclaim His Gospel and lovingly serve His people.

Nuestra misión: Nosotros, el Pastorado Católico de Anderson-Alexandria, unidos en Jesucristo a través de su Palabra, los Sacramentos y la Eucaristía, estamos llamados a proclamar con alegría su Evangelio y servir con amor a su pueblo.

ORDINARY TIME — TIEMPO ORDINARIO INTENTIONS & READINGS INTENCIONES Y LECTURAS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 / LUNES, 29 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a / John 1:47-51

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Jerry Gorman

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 / MARTES, 30 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Zechariah 8:20-23 / Luke 9:51-56

8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Paul Backous

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 / MIÉRCOLES, 1 DE OCTUBRE

Mem. of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Nehemiah 2:1-8 / Luke 9:57-62

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria +Janice McCraner

11:30 AM St. Vincent Hospital, And. +John DeRosa

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 / JUEVES, 2 DE OCTUBRE

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Matthew 18:1-5, 10

8:15 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Conrad & Christina Elpers

7:00 PM St. Mary Anderson (Spanish) Int. of Cristal Pacheco

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 / VIERNES, 3 DE OCTUBRE

Baruch 1:15-22 / Luke 10:13-16

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria +Riley Smith

8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Jesús A. Villegas Hernández

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 / SÁBADO, 4 DE OCTUBRE

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 / Luke 10:1

4:00 PM St. Mary, Anderson +Wayne Carter

4:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria +Kenny & Barbara Siglar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 / DOMINGO, 5 DE OCTUBRE

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

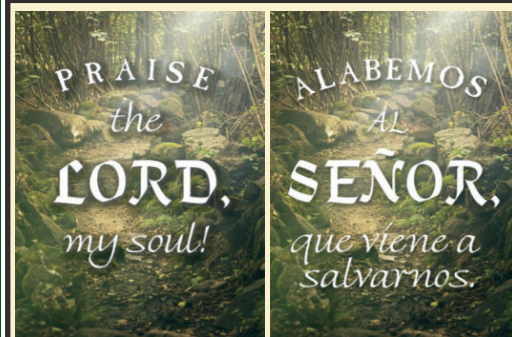
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 / Luke 17:5-10

7:30 AM St. Mary Anderson +Jeremiah Armington

8:30AM St. Mary, Alexandria +John Dockrey

9:30 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Carman Nito

11:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson (Spanish) People of the Pastorate



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place next Sunday, October 5th, from 10:30am to 3:00pm at St. Ambrose Church.

Habrá Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento el próximo domingo 5 de octubre desde las 10:30am hasta las 3:00pm en la iglesia de St Ambrose.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- ✠ Most Thursdays/Jueves, 6:00-6:45pm
St. Mary, Anderson
- ✠ 1st Sunday of the Month/1er domingo del mes, 10:30-3:00 - St. Ambrose
- ✠ 3rd Sunday of the Month/3er domingo del mes, 9:30-12:30 - St. Mary, Alex.

CONFESSIONS

- ✠ Thursdays/Jueves 6:00-6:45 PM
St. Mary Anderson
- ✠ Saturdays/Sábados 2:30-3:30 PM
St. Mary Anderson
- ✠ Saturdays/Sábados 3:30-4:00 PM
St. Mary Alexandria

Read and/or listen to each day's scripture—and see a video with a short reflection about it—at the USCCB website: bible.usccb.org

Ud. encontrará las lecturas diarias en español en la página web de los obispos de los Estados Unidos: bible.usccb.org/es



Don't forget! Our Saturday confessions and vigil Mass in Anderson will be moved from St. Ambrose to **St. Mary Church** beginning the first Saturday in **October** (next week).

*¡No lo olvide! Las confesiones y misa de vigilia del sábado en Anderson se cambiarán de St. Ambrose a la **iglesia de St. Mary** a partir del primer sábado de **octubre** (esta próxima semana).*

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Let's not allow this excellent resource to go to waste!

*El Pastorado de Anderson-Alexandria **renovó recientemente su suscripción a FORMED**, lo que significa que los feligreses podemos seguir accediendo a este contenido católico de calidad (en inglés y en español) de forma gratuita en nuestros teléfonos y computadoras. ¡No desperdiciemos este excelente recurso!*

FORMED CONTENT ABOUT THIS WEEK'S SAINTS



St. Jerome depicted in art
Sept. 30

St. Francis of Assisi
Oct. 4



St. Therese of Lisieux
Oct. 1

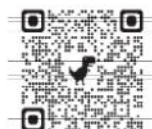
Angels and Cherubim
(The Bible Project) Sept. 29 & Oct. 2



Angels (Bishop Fulton J. Sheen)
Sept. 29 & Oct. 2

CONTENIDO SELECTO DE FORMED EN ESPAÑOL

San Francisco de Asís—4 de octubre
(película en italiano con subtítulos en español)



Beato Pier Giorgio Frassati:
El Hombre de las
Bienaventuranzas

Quinceañera, su origen y
verdadero significado



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Attention Communion Ministers!

If you are a new or continuing Communion Minister **at any of our three parishes** and have *not* recently received training, a final make-up training session will be held, in English, on Wednesday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in Anderson. This is only for ministers who serve during Mass. If you are unable to attend, please leave a message for Kimberly at your parish office.

May we pray for you?

Contact your parish secretary to get connected with our pastorate prayer line.

¿Nos permite orar por usted?

Contacte a la secretaria de su parroquia para que lo conecten con la línea de oración de nuestro pastorado.

PASTORATE VISION PLAN

PLAN DE VISIÓN DEL PASTORADO

Action Plan Progress Report

Last week, we concluded updates of the seven PVP Action Plans. Beginning this week and continuing over the next six weeks, we will revisit each Action Plan and post a Progress Report on activities toward meeting the goals of each Plan.

For a refresher on each of the seven Action Plans, scan the QR code to see Father Tom's August 3rd bulletin column.



Action Plan #1: Elementary Religious Formation

OBJECTIVE: Form an on-going committee consisting of staff and parishioners of the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate, in support of the Director of Evangelization (DOE), to develop, implement and a religious formation program for families with children in grades 1-5. This effort will focus primarily on ministering to children who are not students at St. Mary or Holy Cross schools. (Please see a recommended revision to this text below).

PROGRESS: Work began in April. Committee members were selected. Four people consisting of one from each parish and one from the Hispanic Community are serving on the committee along with the Director of Evangelization. The Committee has begun its meetings.

The members reviewed the Objective and Goal Statements of the Action Plan. Members are suggesting to the PLT a slight revision to the original objective description in order to present a more positive tone than the original wording. Below in highlighted text is the recommended revised wording:

Form an ongoing committee, consisting of staff and parishioners which will develop, implement and maintain a religious formation program for families with children in grades 1-5, with a dedicated focus on families with children attending public school.

The Pastorate is working on opening the registration for Elementary Religious Education families so the Committee can obtain a count and names of families to plan and roll out the program.

Reporte sobre el Plan de Acción

La semana pasada concluimos las actualizaciones de los siete Planes de Acción de PVP. A partir de esta semana y durante las próximas seis, revisaremos cada Plan de Acción y publicaremos un informe de progreso sobre las actividades realizadas para cumplir los objetivos de cada Plan.

Para un repaso de cada uno de los siete Planes de Acción, escanee el código para consultar la columna del boletín del Padre Tom del 3 de agosto.

Plan de Acción # 1: Formación Religiosa en Primaria

OBJETIVO: Formar un comité permanente, compuesto por personal y feligreses del Pastorado de Anderson-Alexandria, en apoyo del Director de Evangelización (DOE), para desarrollar e implementar un programa de formación religiosa para familias con niños de 1.º a 5.º grado. Esta iniciativa se centrará principalmente en la atención a niños que no asisten a las escuelas St. Mary o Holy Cross. (Véase la revisión recomendada de este texto a continuación).

PROGRESO: El trabajo comenzó en abril. Se seleccionaron los miembros del comité. Cuatro personas, una de cada parroquia y una de la comunidad hispana, forman parte del comité junto con el Director de Evangelización. El comité ya ha comenzado sus reuniones.

Los miembros revisaron las Declaraciones de Objetivos y Metas del Plan de Acción. Sugieren al PLT una ligera revisión de la descripción original del OBJETIVO para presentar un tono más positivo que la redacción original. A continuación, en texto resaltado, se encuentra la redacción revisada recomendada:

Formar un comité permanente, compuesto por personal y feligreses, que desarrollará, implementará y mantendrá un programa de formación religiosa para familias con niños de 1.º a 5.º grado, con un enfoque específico en las familias con niños que asisten a escuelas públicas.

El Pastorado está trabajando para abrir la inscripción para familias de Educación Religiosa Primaria para que el Comité pueda obtener un recuento y los nombres de las familias para planificar e implementar el programa.

Another Young Saint + Otra santa joven

Just three weeks ago, Pope Leo XIV canonized Sts. Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis, two men who died young after having lived courageously holy lives. On October 1 we celebrate the life of a young woman who lived only into her twenties. **St. Therese of the Child Jesus** was born in Lisieux, France, in 1873. She died of tuberculosis at the age of just 24 and was canonized in 1925. Therese entered the Carmelite monastery at only fifteen years of age and became known for her "Little Way" to sanctity, which involves **doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love**. Though she never left her cloister, she became known as the **Patroness of Missions** due to her spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries. Her autobiography, entitled *Story of a Soul*, has never gone out of print; it chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be **the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church**.



St. Therese of Lisieux
Painting by Józef Mehoffer
National Museum in Krakow

You cannot be
HALF A SAINT
You must be a
WHOLE SAINT
or no saint at all
ST. THERÈSE OF LISIEUX

*Hace apenas tres semanas, el Papa León XIV canonizó a los santos Pier Giorgio Frassati y Carlo Acutis, dos hombres jóvenes que murieron tras haber vivido vidas de valentía y santidad. El 1 de octubre celebramos la vida de una mujer joven que vivió apenas veintitantos años. Sta. Teresita del Niño Jesús nació en Lisieux, Francia, en 1873. Murió víctima de tuberculosis a la edad de solo 24 años y fue canonizada en 1925. Teresita ingresó al monasterio carmelita con tan solo quince años de edad y se hizo conocida por su "Pequeño Camino" hacia la santidad, misma que implica **realizar las tareas cotidianas con un amor extraordinario**. Aunque nunca abandonó su claustro, llegó a ser conocida como la **Patrona de las Misiones** debido a su comunión espiritual y su devota correspondencia con los misioneros. Su autobiografía, titulada Historia de un alma, nunca ha dejado de imprimirse; relata su perseverancia en la fe a pesar de la duda, lo que la convirtió en la persona más joven jamás nombrada Doctora de la Iglesia.*

All ye holy men and women of God, pray for us!

Todos los santos y santas del cielo, rueguen por nosotros!

We're Hiring!

Holy Cross School is looking for someone to join the cafeteria staff at the North Campus location. This is a part time position from 9:30am-1:00pm two to three days a week. If interested, please contact Kathy Tardy at ktardy@parish.dol-in.org or 765-644-5956 for more details.



If you've ever wondered what the Catholic faith is about, we can help with that! Every Tuesday night from 7:00-8:00 pm a group meets



in the St. Mary Anderson school annex to talk about our journey to a deeper faith in Jesus Christ and what it takes to Become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. You are welcome to join us in a non-threatening low key atmosphere and discover for yourself! For more information, contact your parish office.

Ritual de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA)

Si alguna vez usted se ha preguntado de qué trata la fe católica, ¡nosotros le podemos ayudar! Todos los domingos a las 10 am un grupo se reúne (en español) en el anexo de la escuela St. Mary Anderson para hablar sobre nuestro camino hacia una fe más profunda en Jesucristo y lo que implica convertirse al catolicismo y recibir los sacramentos del Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión. Le invitamos a acompañarnos en un ambiente tranquilo y relajado para que ¡lo descubra usted mismo! Para más informes, llame a la oficina de St. Mary Anderson (donde la secretaria habla español).



Migrant Ministry

Our priests and Director of Evangelization, together with a team of volunteers from our pastorate and from Our Lady of Grace in Noblesville, are ministering to the agricultural migrant workers at the camps in Elwood, Orestes, and Atlanta all through September and into early October. Please keep our migrant brothers and sisters and those ministering to them in your prayers during this season.



This year the World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be observed on October 4–5, coinciding with the Jubilee of Migrants.

Ministerio a Migrantes

Nuestros sacerdotes y Directora de Evangelización, juntos con un equipo de voluntarios de nuestro pastorado y de Our Lady of Grace en Noblesville, están atendiendo a los trabajadores agrícolas migrantes en los campamentos en Elwood, Orestes y Atlanta durante todo septiembre y principios de octubre. Les rogamos mantengan en sus oraciones a estos hermanos trabajadores y a quienes los sirven durante esta temporada.

Este año la Jornada Mundial del Migrante y del Refugiado se celebrará los días 4 y 5 de octubre, coincidiendo con el Jubileo de los Migrantes.



A Prayer for Migrant Workers

Merciful and loving Father, We ask you to watch over all migrant workers, guiding them and protecting them from harm. Grant them strength and courage in their work, and lead them to find decent and rewarding employment where they are treated with dignity and their labor is appreciated. Open our hearts and the hearts of our communities to welcome these brothers and sisters, to offer them refuge, hospitality, and friendship, and to see in them the face of your Son, Jesus. Help us to work for justice for them and to recognize their human dignity. We pray for the safety and well-being of their families left behind and for the day they may be reunited. May we live in solidarity, recognizing that we are all travelers on the road to you, God of all people, forever and ever.
Amen.



Oración por los trabajadores migrantes

Padre misericordioso y amoroso, te pedimos que cuides de todos los trabajadores migrantes, guiándolos y protegiéndolos del daño. Concédeles fuerza y valentía en su trabajo, y guíalos para que encuentren un empleo decente y gratificante donde sean tratados con dignidad y donde su labor sea valorada. Abre nuestros corazones y los de nuestras comunidades para acoger a estos hermanos y hermanas, para ofrecerles refugio, hospitalidad y amistad, y para que veamos en ellos el rostro de tu Hijo, Jesús. Ayúdanos a trabajar por la justicia para ellos y a reconocer su dignidad humana. Rogamos por la seguridad y el bienestar de sus familias que quedaron atrás y por el día en que puedan reunirse. Que vivamos en solidaridad, reconociendo que todos somos viajeros en el camino hacia ti, Dios de todos los pueblos, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

The Daughters of Mary will be leading the Rosary at St. Mary Alexandria each Sunday during the month of October, beginning at 8:00am. You are invited to come early to Mass and pray along!

Annual Right-to-Life Baby Shower!

ITEMS TO BENEFIT
FIRST CHOICE FOR WOMEN,
ANDERSON

Daughters of Mary are collecting donations throughout October

Look for the list of desired items at the donation table in the Narthex of St. Mary Alexandria.



The 3rd annual Many Faces of Mary as together we honor our Eucharistic Lord and our Lady of the Holy Rosary

Bilingual Eucharistic Rosary Procession
Saturday, Oct 25, 2025 10:30 am
from St Joseph Church, Delphi
to
Schoenstatt Mother of the Eucharist
Wayside Shrine on US421
1 mile

Those who can not make the walk are welcome to meet us at the Shrine for prayers and Benediction

Refreshments afterward



Sponsored by
St. Joseph Church
and
Schoenstatt
Indiana.



All groups and individuals who love Jesus AND Mary are invited to bring banners, flags and special images of our Mother, as well as umbrellas if it rains.



Join us this Sunday after the 8:30 Mass for coffee and doughnuts and to witness the drawing for the three lucky winners! (Zimmer Hall)

ST. JOSEPH'S HELPERS ANNUAL

Raffle

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
THE PASTORATE

JUST
\$10 A
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THIS YEAR:
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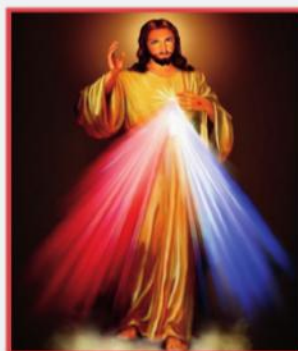
ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL
BE SOLD, SO HURRY
TO GET YOURS!

3 LUCKY
WINNERS
OF \$500
EACH!

DRAWING:
SUNDAY,
SEPT. 28
AFTER 8:30
MASS IN
ALEXANDRIA

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER
MASS FROM SEPT. 6 - 28

Divine Mercy



The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the church at St. Mary in Alex.

Everyone is invited to come and join in prayer.

If you are unfamiliar with this devotion, no worries! Prayer cards are available to help you learn how to pray this short but powerful prayer.



Anderson-Alexandria
Pastorate Schools



Holy Cross School
Anderson

St. Mary School
Alexandria

South Campus (St. Ambrose) will be open to explore following the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, September 13, and after the 9:30 Mass on Sep

will host its Open House following the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, September 28 at St. Mary Church, Alexandria.

This weekend!
(St. Mary School) will be open following the 7:30am and 11:30am Masses on September 14.

OPEN
HOUSE



The Holy Father's prayer intention for September:

For our relationship with all of creation.

Scan to pray with Pope Leo XIV.



Shadyside Park, Anderson, Indiana / September, 2025

Intención de oración del Santo Padre para el mes de septiembre:

Por nuestra relación con toda la creación.

Escanee para orar con el Papa León XIV.



5th Diocesan Congress on the Hispanic Family: *The Family, Sign of Hope for Today's World*

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 8am to 5pm

St. Paul Catholic School, Marion, IN

Cost: \$15/person - \$40/family (household)

Childcare available for children 3-12.

Italy Pilgrimage Choir Concert



St. Mary Anderson parishioners Penny Bundy and Kimberly Lyle-Ippolito will be singing and playing with the Italy Pilgrimage Choir from Our Lady of Grace Church. **You are invited to a free concert before this 30-member choir sets off on a tour of Italy.** The group will be singing in Florence, Assisi, and in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican. The program includes music in English, Spanish, and Latin. Penny and Kimberly would love to see members from our pastorate at this local performance!

*Las señoras Kimberly Lyle-Ippolito y Penny Bundy, feligresas de St. Mary Anderson, cantarán y tocarán con el Coro de Peregrinación a Italia de la iglesia de Our Lady of Grace. **Usted queda invitado a un concierto gratis antes de que este coro de 30 miembros emprenda una gira por Italia.** El grupo cantará en Florencia, Asís y en la Capilla Sixtina del Vaticano. El programa incluye música en inglés, español y latín. A Penny y a Kimberly ¡les encantaría contar con la presencia de algunos miembros de nuestro pastorado en esta presentación local!*



Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025 - 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Grace Church

9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville

Park in the back; enter through door 3.

Concert is open to the public.

Adult Confirmation



If you are an adult who is needing the sacrament of Confirmation, registration is now open on our website under the tab of "Sacraments & Devotions." Contact Esmeralda Sánchez at St. Mary Anderson with any questions.

Si usted es un adulto que necesita el sacramento de la Confirmación, la inscripción ya está abierta en nuestra página web en la sección "Sacramentos y Devociones." Para cualquier duda, contacte a Esmeralda Sánchez en St. Mary Anderson.

Wanted: RaiseRight Coordinator

Holy Cross School is hoping to reestablish the RaiseRight (formerly "Scrip") fundraising initiative. We are seeking an organized and enthusiastic volunteer to coordinate this effort. Responsibilities would include record keeping, placing orders, and handling money.

The RaiseRight Coordinator will NOT be expected to sell cards at Masses, as this program is now largely online and more streamlined than before.

If you are interested in learning more, contact rfrey@holycrossschool-anderson.org.

ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA PASTORATE

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

At least *one* parent or guardian of a child receiving First Communion in May 2026 **must** attend *one* parent information session:



SEPT. 29 ➤ 6-7PM @ ST. MARY ALEXANDRIA

OCT. 1 ➤ 6-7PM @ ST. MARY ANDERSON

OCT. 12 ➤ 10:45-11:45AM @ ST. AMBROSE

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Contact Esmeralda with any questions by emailing esanchez@parish.dol-in.org

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SESION INFORMATIVA PARA PADRES DE PRIMERA COMUNION

Al menos *un* padre o tutor que tenga un niño que vaya a recibir el sacramento de la Primera Comunión en mayo del 2026 **debe** asistir a *una* de las siguientes sesiones informativas:



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Laity and deacons are invited to an Open House for the Graduate Theology Program of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. In-person Sat., Oct 11 OR online Wed., Nov 19 at 6:30pm CT. Discover how our Master of Arts and certificate programs in theology can deepen your understanding of the faith and support your call to ministry or discipleship. Visit saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse.



Where's Sister?



Can you identify exactly where in our pastorate this photo of Sister Mary Mary Ambrose was taken? Look for the answer here next week.

¿Dónde Anda?

¿Logra usted identificar exactamente en qué parte de nuestro pastorado

se tomó esta foto de Sor Mary Mary Ambrose? Busque la respuesta aquí la semana entrante.

Where was Sister? In last week's photo, Sr. Mary Mary Ambrose posed for us on the porch outside the St. Ambrose parish office.

¿Dónde andaba? En la foto de la semana pasada, Sor Mary Mary Ambrose posó sobre el porche a la entrada de la oficina parroquial de St. Ambrose.



ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA

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October 8
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Weekly Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year
July 1- June 30

Sept. 14,
2025

Year to Date
Año hasta la fecha

St. Mary Alexandria	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$4,808	\$52,888
	Received/ Recibido	\$4,176	\$48,835
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$632)	(\$4,053)
St. Mary Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$11,110	\$122,210
	Received/ Recibido	\$6,427	\$125,105
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$4,683	\$2,895
St. Ambrose Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$8,805	\$96,855
	Received/ Recibido	\$6,979	\$78,141
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$1,929)	(\$18,714)

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