

I WAS BLIND
AND NOW I SEE

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LAETARE SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 15, 2026

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

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ALEXANDRIA
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OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

On February 28, the United States and Israel launched a major joint military operation against Iran. There has been plenty of political commentary concerning the war's justification and legitimacy.

For Catholics, the ultimate criterion for making these judgments is the teaching of the Church itself, usually called "Just War Doctrine." It's important to understand that Catholic Just War Doctrine does not justify war. Rather, it states several principles intended to limit the waging of war, and to spell out the limited circumstances when war may be justified.

I learned about Catholic Just War Doctrine in the seminary and since, but for this column I consulted the websites of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (with references to the Catechism of the Catholic Church), EWTN, Ave Maria Press, and the Archdiocese for the Military Services (which oversees chaplain ministry and other pastoral services to military personnel and families). Here are the principles of Catholic Just War Doctrine:

JUST CAUSE – There must be real, lasting, grave and certain damage inflicted by an aggressor on a nation or community of nations [to justify waging war against that nation]. (Here, the word "aggressor" applies to Iran. What damage did Iran inflict which justified these military operations?)

LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY – The right to declare a war belongs to the legitimate representative of the people of a certain nation.

COMPARATIVE JUSTICE – The rights and values involved in the conflict must be important enough to justify killing.

RIGHT INTENTION – There must be a commitment to post-war reconciliation and peace, not personal gain. (What is the post-war vision of the U.S. and Israel for Iran and the surrounding region?)

PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS – The odds of success should be compared to the likely cost of human life. (This refers not only to the cost of U.S. and Israeli military personnel, but also to Iranian human lives. And what does "success" mean? When and how will we know that U.S. and Israeli forces have succeeded?)

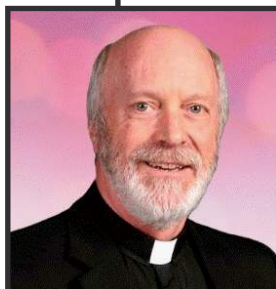
PROPORTIONALITY – The damage and costs of the war should be proportionate to the good expected. (What is the "expected good" of this war? How do we measure that proportion?)

LAST RESORT – All peaceful efforts have been tried and exhausted before entering into war. (What was the status of the negotiations taking place when the attacks were initiated?)

Those are the principles. What judgment does Catholic doctrine make on our war against Iran?

Fr. Tom Metzger

March 15, 2026



PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM...

El 28 de febrero, Estados Unidos e Israel lanzaron una importante operación militar conjunta contra Irán. Ha habido abundantes comentarios políticos sobre la justificación y legitimidad de la guerra.

Para los católicos, el criterio fundamental para emitir estos juicios es la enseñanza de la propia Iglesia, generalmente llamada "Doctrina de la Guerra Justa". Es importante comprender que la Doctrina Católica de la Guerra Justa no justifica la guerra. Más bien, establece varios principios destinados a limitar el desarrollo de la guerra y a especificar las circunstancias limitadas en las que la guerra puede estar justificada.

Aprendí sobre la Doctrina Católica de la Guerra Justa en el seminario y desde entonces, pero para esta columna consulté los sitios web de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (con referencias al Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica), EWTN, Ave Maria Press y la Arquidiócesis para los Servicios Militares (que supervisa el ministerio capellánico y otros servicios pastorales para el personal militar y sus familias). Estos son los principios de la Doctrina Católica de la Guerra Justa:

CAUSA JUSTA: Debe existir un daño real, duradero, grave y cierto infligido por un agresor a una nación o comunidad de naciones [para justificar una guerra contra esa nación]. (Aquí, el término "agresor" se aplica a Irán. ¿Qué daño infligió Irán que justificó estas operaciones militares?)

AUTORIDAD LEGÍTIMA: El derecho a declarar una guerra pertenece al representante legítimo del pueblo de una nación determinada.

JUSTICIA COMPARATIVA: Los derechos y valores involucrados en el conflicto deben ser lo suficientemente importantes como para justificar matar.

INTENCIÓN CORRECTA: Debe existir un compromiso con la reconciliación y la paz posbélicas, no con el beneficio personal. (¿Cuál es la visión posbélica de EE. UU. e Israel para Irán y la región circundante?)

PROBABILIDAD DE ÉXITO: Las probabilidades de éxito deben compararse con el probable costo en vidas humanas. (Esto se refiere no solo al coste del personal militar estadounidense e israelí, sino también a las vidas humanas iraníes. ¿Y qué significa "éxito"? ¿Cuándo y cómo sabremos que las fuerzas estadounidenses e israelíes han tenido éxito?)

PROPORCIONALIDAD: Los daños y los costes de la guerra deben ser proporcionales al bien esperado. (¿Cuál es el "bien esperado" de esta guerra? ¿Cómo medimos esa proporción?)

ÚLTIMO RECURSO: Se han agotado todos los esfuerzos pacíficos antes de entrar en guerra. (¿Cuál era el estado de las negociaciones cuando se iniciaron los ataques?)

Esos son los principios. ¿Qué juicio emite la doctrina católica sobre nuestra guerra contra Irán?

P. Tom Metzger

a15 de marzo de 2026

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.

LENT † CUARESMA INTENTIONS & READINGS INTENCIONES Y LECTURAS

MONDAY, MARCH 16 / LUNES, 16 DE MARZO

Isaiah 65:17-21 / John 4:43-54

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +*Connie Roberts*

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 / MARTES, 17 DE MARZO

Ezra 47:1-9, 12 / John 5:1-16

8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +*Heather Rose Wilbur*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 / MIÉRCOLES, 18 DE MARZO

Isaiah 49:8-15 / John 5:17-30

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +*Harry & Rosalie Metzger*

11:30AM St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson +*Rick Lawson*

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 / JUEVES, 19 DE MARZO

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Luke 2:41-51a

8:15 AM St. Mary, Anderson *All Souls's Day intentions*

7:00 PM St. Mary Anderson (Spanish)+*Pablo Saldivar*

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 / VIERNES, 20 DE MARZO

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 / John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +*Sr. Patricia Anne Mehling*

8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +*Heidi Laux*

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 / SÁBADO, 21 DE MARZO

Jeremiah 11:18-20 / John 7:40-53

4:00 PM St. Mary, Anderson +*Patty Baker*

4:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria* +*Mary Lou Flecker*

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 / DOMINGO, 22 DE FEBRERO

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezra 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45

7:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson *Int. of Fr. Tom Metzger*

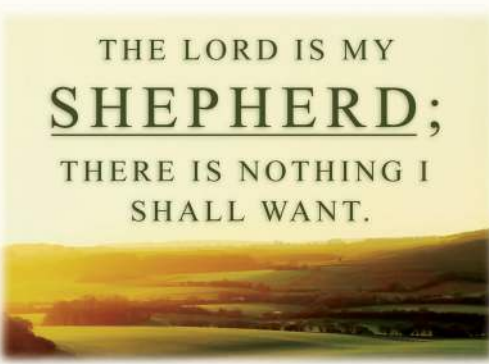
8:30AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +*Janice Jackson*

9:30 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +*Carl & Josephine Witsken*

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

***St. Mary Alexandria
Masses are live-streamed,
though not recorded.
You may access them at
stambrosestmary.org.**

**Las misas en St. Mary
Alexandria se transmiten
en vivo, mas no se
graban. Se puede
accesar el video en
stambrosestmary.org.*



EL SEÑOR ES MI
PASTOR,
NADA ME FALTARÁ.



Eucharistic Adoration

will take place this Sunday, March 15, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at St. Mary in Alexandria.

Habrà Adoración Eucarística este domingo 15 de marzo de las 9:30 am hasta las 12:30 pm en St. Mary Alexandria.



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 DURING LENT

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



Come pray the Stations of the Cross

with us each Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm, either in English at St. Mary Alexandria and St. Ambrose, or in Spanish at St. Mary Anderson!



¡Acompáñenos a rezar el Via Crucis! los viernes de Cuaresma a las 7 pm, ya sea en español en St. Mary Anderson o en inglés en St. Mary Alexandria y St. Ambrose.

Anderson-Alexandria Catholic Pastorate

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Lent 2026 Cuaresma

Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross)

Fridays @ 7:00 pm at all three parishes
(in Spanish at St. Mary Anderson)
"Living Stations" on Good Friday (see below)
Please note: Confessions are not scheduled for Friday evenings.

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00-4:00 pm St. Mary Alexandria
Saturdays 2:00-3:30 pm St. Mary Anderson
Community Penance Service
Wednesday, March 11
7:00 pm St. Ambrose (bilingual)
Please note: Confessions will not be available on Good Friday or Holy Saturday

Via Crucis (Estaciones de la Cruz)

Los viernes a las 7:00 pm en las tres parroquias
(en español en St. Mary Anderson)
"Estaciones vivientes" el Viernes Santo (véase abajo)
Tenga en cuenta que no se han programado confesiones para los viernes.

Confesiones

Los sábados de 3:00 a 4:00 pm St. Mary Alexandria
Los sábados de 2:00-3:30 pm St. Mary Anderson
Servicio Comunitario de Penitencia
Miércoles, 11 de marzo
7:00 pm St. Ambrose (bilingüe)
Nótese: No habrán confesiones ni el Viernes Santo ni el Sábado Santo.



Don't forget!
Beginning on April 11 and through the end of September, the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass in Anderson will be celebrated at St. Ambrose Church.

¡No lo olvide!
A partir del 11 de abril y hasta finales de septiembre, la misa del sábado a las 4:00 pm en Anderson se celebrará en la iglesia de St. Ambrose.

Holy Week Semana Santa

Palm Sunday - March 29

Regular Sunday Mass schedule:
Vigil (Saturday) 4:00 pm - St. Mary Anderson
4:30 pm - St. Mary Alexandria
7:30 am - St. Mary Anderson
8:30 am - St. Mary Alexandria
9:30 am - St. Ambrose
11:30 am - St. Mary Anderson (Spanish)

Holy Tuesday - March 31

Chrim Mass 11:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette

Holy Thursday - April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 pm St. Mary Alexandria
7:00 pm St. Ambrose (bilingual)

Good Friday - April 3

Service: 3:00 pm - St. Mary Alexandria
Living Way of the Cross (bilingual) 5:00 pm in the gym of Holy Cross School, North Campus
Service: 7:00 pm - St. Ambrose (bilingual)

Holy Saturday - April 4

Preparatory Rites for Elect & Candidates and Blessing of Food:
9:00 am St. Ambrose Church

Easter Vigil Mass

8:30 pm St. Mary Alexandria
8:30 pm St. Ambrose (bilingual)

Easter Sunday - April 5

8:00 am - St. Ambrose
8:30 am - St. Mary Anderson
9:00 am - St. Mary Alexandria
10:00 am - St. Ambrose
11:30 am - St. Mary Anderson (Spanish)

Remember, Renew, Rejoice

Domingo de Ramos - 29 de marzo

Horario normal de misas dominicales:
Vigilia (sábado) 4:00 pm - St. Mary Anderson
4:30 pm - St. Mary Alexandria
7:30 am - St. Mary Anderson
8:30 am - St. Mary Alexandria
9:30 am - St. Ambrose
11:30 am - St. Mary Anderson (español)

Martes Santo - 31 de marzo

Misa Crismal 11:00 am en la Catedral de St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception en Lafayette

Jueves Santo - 2 de abril

Misa de la Cena del Señor
7:00 pm St. Mary Alexandria
7:00 pm St. Ambrose (bilingüe)

Viernes Santo - 3 de abril

Servicio: 3:00 pm - St. Mary Alexandria
Via Crucis Viviente (bilingüe) 5:00 pm en el gimnasio de la Escuela Holy Cross, campus norte
Servicio: 7:00 pm - St. Mary Ambrose (bilingüe)

Sábado Santo - 4 de abril

Ritos preparatorios para los Elegidos y Candidatos y Bendición de alimentos:
9:00 am St. Ambrose

Vigilia Pascual

8:30 pm St. Mary Alexandria
8:30 pm St. Ambrose (bilingüe)

Domingo de Resurrección - 5 de abril

8:00 am - St. Ambrose
8:30 am - St. Mary Anderson
9:00 am - St. Mary Alexandria
10:00 am - St. Ambrose
11:30 am - St. Mary Anderson (español)

Recordar, Renovar, Regocijarse

This Week's Special Collection
Catholic Relief Services

La colección especial de esta semana

Your church offering packet contains an envelope for CRS. The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds six agencies working to reveal Christ's love to those in need overseas and here in the United States. The collection shares its name with the flagship international relief and development agency of the Catholic bishops of the United States, but it also supports other initiatives. Visit www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection or scan the QR code to read more about how your contributions are used to reveal Christ's love.



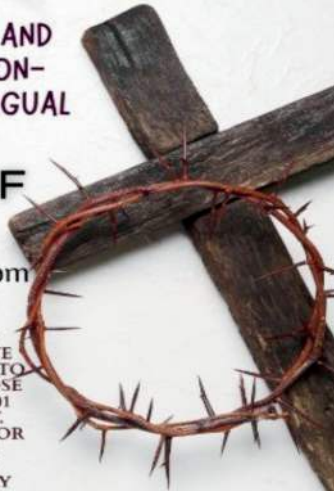
Su paquete de sobres para ofrendas incluye un sobre para CRS. La Colecta de Catholic Relief Services financia a seis agencias que trabajan para revelar el amor de Cristo a quienes lo necesitan en el extranjero y aquí en Estados Unidos. La colecta comparte su nombre con la principal agencia internacional de ayuda y desarrollo de los obispos católicos de Estados Unidos, pero también apoya otras iniciativas. Visite www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection o escanee el código QR para leer (en inglés) sobre cómo se utilizan sus contribuciones para revelar el amor de Cristo.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA PASTORATE BILINGUAL LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 03, 2026 | 5:00pm
 In the gym of Holy Cross School
 North Campus
 (321 E. 11th ST.
 Anderson, IN 46016)

AFTER THE STATIONS, WE WILL TRAVEL TO SAINT AMBROSE CHURCH (2801 LINCOLN ST. ANDERSON) FOR THE 7:00PM BILINGUAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA PASTORATE | A PASTORATE OF THE DIOCESE-IN-INDIANA

EL PASTORADO ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA LE INVITA A CONTEMPLAR Y PARTICIPAR EN EL

VIACRUCIS VIVIENTE

Viernes, abril 03, 2026 | 5:00pm
 en el gimnasio de la escuela Holy Cross
 North Campus (321 E. 11th St.
 Anderson, IN)

DESPUES DE LAS ESTACIONES, VIAJAREMOS A LA PARROQUIA DE SAN AMBROSIO (2801 LINCOLN ST. ANDERSON) PARA EL SERVICIO BILINGUE DE VIERNES SANTO A LAS 7:00PM



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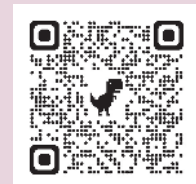
ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER, TIPTON

In a world that emphasizes always “doing more,” an invitation to step away—to rest, reflect, and be renewed—is a precious gift. That’s exactly what a retreat offers. Rooted in the Catholic tradition, retreats provide a time and place to encounter God in silence, in community, and in the depths of your heart.



Saint Joseph Retreat & Conference Center
A ministry of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana
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For a list of all the retreats available during Lent and throughout 2026, visit stjosephretreat.org/events



On Sunday, February 22, 10 catechumens from our pastorate participated in the Rite of Election in the Cathedral in Lafayette and became our Elect. A few hundred others from around the diocese did the same, becoming the Elect of their own parishes. The Elect are those unbaptized adults and older children who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church by receiving Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion at the Easter Vigil. What happened on Feb. 22nd was part of the OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) process, which since the 1980s is the usual way by which people in the United States who were not baptized as infants or small children become Catholic. The Rite of Election in our diocese takes place each year near the beginning of Lent. Each catechumen is presented by name to the Bishop by his or her godparent, who testifies that the catechumen is ready to be called to the sacraments. The Bishop questions the catechumens as to whether it is their will to be initiated into the sacraments. The catechumens indicate their desire to join the Church, then sign the Book of the Elect, giving them the title “members of the Elect.”

El domingo 22 de febrero, 10 catecúmenos de nuestro pastorado participaron en el Rito de Elección en la Catedral de Lafayette y se convirtieron en nuestros Elegidos. Cientos de personas de toda la diócesis hicieron lo mismo, convirtiéndose en los Elegidos de sus propias parroquias. Los Elegidos son aquellos adultos y niños mayores no bautizados que se preparan para ingresar a la Iglesia Católica al recibir el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión en la Vigilia Pascual. Lo que sucedió el 22 de febrero formó parte del proceso RICA, que desde la década de 1980 es la forma habitual en que los estadounidenses que no fueron bautizados de bebés o niños pequeños se convierten al catolicismo. El Rito de Elección en nuestra diócesis se lleva a cabo cada año cerca del inicio de la Cuaresma. Cada catecúmeno es presentado por su nombre al Obispo por su padrino o madrina, quien da testimonio de que está listo para ser llamado a los sacramentos. El Obispo pregunta a los catecúmenos si desean ser iniciados en los sacramentos. Los catecúmenos manifiestan su deseo de unirse a la Iglesia y firman en el Libro de los Elegidos, otorgándoles el título de “miembros de los Elegidos.”



Let us all pray for the Elect of the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate in 2026:

Oremos todos por los Elegidos de 2026 del Pastorado de Anderson-Alexandria:

Shawn Begley
Caden Brace
Asher Brown
Declan Brown
Shawn Ferguson
Olivia King-Ortiz
Ezra Lee Nicholson
Aaliyah Esperanza Ochoa Arellano
Ava Grace Ochoa Arellano
Gael Alexander Tula

Let us also pray for our candidates, those who are already baptized (and therefore already part of the Church) and are now preparing to enter into the fullness of the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil:

Oremos también por nuestros candidatos, los que ya están bautizados (y por ende, ya forman parte de la Iglesia) y ahora se preparan para entrar en la plenitud de la fe católica en la Vigilia Pascual:

Lacey Balbuena
Carlos Cruz Lopez
Timothy Elsten II
Mary King
Jose Anthony Lemus-Gonzalez
Alexis Pitman (Rivera)
Gabriel Roper
Jordon Strange
Jennifer Sweet
Lawrence Wilson



Holy Hour for Peace



Hora Santa por la Paz



A beautiful Holy Hour for Peace was held at St. Mary Church in Anderson on March 1st, followed by discussion sessions to brainstorm ways in which we can assist our immigrant neighbors. The event was well attended, and Fr. Tom reported on it in his March 8 bulletin column; scan the QR code to read that now.



El 1 de marzo se celebró una hermosa Hora Santa por la Paz en la iglesia de St. Mary en Anderson, seguida de sesiones intercambio de ideas sobre cómo poder ayudar a nuestros vecinos inmigrantes. El evento tuvo buena asistencia y el Padre Tom reportó sobre ello en su columna del 8 de marzo; escanee el código QR para leerla ahora.



If you take photos of events in our Pastorate and would like to see them in this bulletin, email them to rgrose@parish.dol-in.org.
Si usted toma fotos de eventos en nuestro pastorado y quiere verlas en este boletín, envíelas a rgrose@parish.dol-in.org.

ANDERSON CHOIR SCHEDULE The St. Mary/St. Ambrose (English) choir sings at the 4:00 pm Saturday and 7:30 am Sunday Masses on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month. They will be singing March 21/22, April 2 (Holy Thursday), April 4 (Easter Vigil), April 18/19, May 2/3 & 16/17, and May 31 (Most Holy Trinity). **If you are interested in joining the choir**, please contact your parish office and leave a message for Kimberly.

If you are interested in serving as a **lector** (reading the first and second scripture passages at Mass), please contact your parish office. The deadline for notifying us is March 28, and training will occur during the Easter season. Training is conducted once a year.



Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and coffee or juice on **Sunday**,

March 22 9:30-11:00 am at St. Mary Alexandria. The cost is just \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 & under. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the parish.

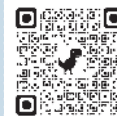


Desayunos de Hotcakes

Los Caballeros de Colón servirán panqueques, huevo revuelto, salchichas, panes con gravy y café o jugo el **domingo 22 de marzo, de 9:30 a 11:00 am, en St. Mary Alexandria.** El costo es de solo \$10 para adultos y \$5 para niños menores de 12 años. El cincuenta por ciento de lo recaudado se destinará a la parroquia.



DIOCESAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



- Christopher Warner Memorial Scholarship
- Diocesan Leadership Scholarship
- Northcentral Indiana Hispanic Scholarship

Applications for the Diocesan College Scholarships for Seniors in High School are now available to fill out. These scholarships are open to any senior students attending public, private or home school. **Applications must be submitted by April 6, 2026.** For additional information and applications please go to <https://education.dol-in.org/scholarships>.

We've received the following report from the Glenmary Home Missioners following their visit last August:

Our pastorate contributed \$10,915 to support sacramental ministry and outreach in mission counties. Our gifts will help pay for the education of Glenmary seminarians at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and support transitional housing, prison ministry, and evangelization efforts, including service at a pregnancy center and mobile medical unit in rural communities. Fr. Chet and Fr. Steve expressed their gratitude for the hospitality and generosity of our parishioners. Thanks to all!



Recibimos el informe a continuación de los Misioneros de Glenmary tras su visita en agosto pasado: Nuestro pastorado contribuyó con \$10,915 para apoyar el ministerio sacramental y la extensión en los condados de misión. Nuestras donaciones ayudarán a financiar la educación de los seminaristas de Glenmary en el Seminario y Escuela de Teología de Saint Meinrad, así como a apoyar viviendas de transición, el ministerio penitenciario y las iniciativas de evangelización, incluyendo el servicio en un centro de maternidad y una unidad médica móvil en comunidades rurales. Los Padres Chet y Steve expresaron su gratitud por la hospitalidad y generosidad de nuestros feligreses. ¡Gracias a todos!



“The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honors the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit.”

~Catechism of the Catholic Church #2300



Annual Cemetery Clean Up
Limpieza anual del cementerio

The St. Mary's Cemetery Board is looking for volunteers to help with this year's Spring Cleanup Day, scheduled for **Saturday, April 18th, from 9am to noon**. Volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves and rakes. Water will be provided. For more information, contact Lora or Reinhold Mueller. (Your parish secretary can get you connected.)

*Se buscan voluntarios para la Jornada de Limpieza de Primavera del Cementerio St. Mary de este año, programada para el **sábado 18 de abril, de 9:00 am 12:00 pm**. Se les pide a los voluntarios que traigan sus propios guantes y rastrillos. Se proporcionará agua. Para más información, contacten a Lora o Reinhold Mueller. (La secretaria de su parroquia puede ponerlos en contacto).*

SOUP KITCHEN

FOOD MINISTRIES

COMEDOR COMUNITARIO

For I was hungry and you gave me food.” (Mt 25:35)

We will be serving vegetable beef soup, cheese and crackers, and fruit at Alternatives Shelter for Women and Children and the Christian Center Shelter on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

Everyone is encouraged to bring any of the following food items to church (Anderson parishes) and place them in baskets during the weekend Masses on March 21/22, 2026:

- 14.5-oz. cans of corn, diced tomatoes, green beans, peas, sliced carrots, and diced potatoes
- Onions
- Bunches of celery
- Packages of American cheese
- Jars of bouillon cubes
- 1.4-oz jars of marjoram and thyme
- Boxes of saltine crackers
- Quart- or gallon-sized cans of fruit



Porque tuve hambre, y me disteis de comer. (Mt 25:35)

Serviremos sopa de verduras con carne, queso, galletas y fruta en el Refugio Alternatives para Mujeres y Niños y en el Refugio del Centro Cristiano el miércoles 25 de marzo de 2026.

Se anima a todos a traer cualquiera de los siguientes ingredients a la iglesia (parroquias de Anderson) y depositarlos en canastas durante las misas de fin de semana del 21 y 22 de marzo de 2026:

- Latas de 14.5 onzas de granos de maíz, tomates picados, ejotes, chícharos, zanahorias en rodajas y papas picadas
- Cebollas
- Manojos de apio
- Paquetes de queso americano
- Frascos de cubitos de consomé
- Frascos (1.4 onzas) de mejorana y tomillo
- Cajas de galletas saladas
- Latas de fruta de un cuarto o de un galón



ST. MARY SCHOOL ALEXANDRIA

St. Mary School Teacher Spotlight

Name: Meredith Powell

Grade Level you teach:
Third Grade

Years Teaching/Experience:
17 years

Favorite Book:
I'm Gonna Like Me



Hobbies: I love going for walks, doing puzzles, and going to thrift stores!

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? I would go to Portugal!

Favorite Bible verse: Hebrews 10:23 - Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess for he who promised is faithful.

What do you enjoy the most while teaching at St. Mary's? I love the community of families that are involved at St. Mary. Everyone does their best to meet the needs of others, both inside and outside the classroom.

What is something that might surprise us about you? I was in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade when I was in high school!

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Great Job Opportunity at Holy Cross School!

HCS's Assistant to the Principal, Mrs. Amanda Granger, has served our school well for many years. Starting this fall, she will transition into this same role at St. Mary's School in Alexandria. She will finish the 2025-26 school year at HCS.

We are seeking an innovative and enthusiastic full-time Assistant to the Principal starting in the 2026-27 school year. The Assistant to the Principal plays an integral role in supporting the operations and mission of our school. Ideal candidates are committed to Catholic education, highly organized, and proactive. Candidates must possess strong technical skills, professionalism, and the ability to handle sensitive information with discretion. Candidates must also possess a valid and current Indiana teaching license (administrative license not required) and be able to manage digital systems, track data with accuracy, and communicate across multiple platforms.

For more information, contact Principal Rob Frey at rfrey@holycrossschool-anderson.org

HCS will soon be using a variety of billboards to promote our school within our community. Through the spring, we've reserved space at 13 different locations in and around Anderson. While the primary message will be to make the public aware of our new busing program, we're highlighting other important aspects of our school culture as well. Also, we're promoting our new domain name of hcs-anderson.org.



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July 1- June 30

MARCH 1,
2026

Year to Date
Año hasta la fecha

St. Mary Alexandria	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$4,808	\$168,280
	Received/ Recibido	\$5,143	\$171,977
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$335	\$3,697
St. Mary Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$11,110	\$388,850
	Received/ Recibido	\$13,692	\$322,308
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$2,582	(\$66,542)
St. Ambrose Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$8,805	\$308,175
	Received/ Recibido	\$19,488	\$303,449
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$10,683	(\$4,726)

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We communicated at the beginning of the CMA 2026 campaign that our Pastorate goal is to meet our pledge goal by Pentecost and have an increase in the number of households participating. **We have only 10 weeks left to meet our goal. Please consider donating to CMA 2026.** Below is a summary of our progress. There is a slight delay in reporting so these numbers may actually be a little higher.

*Al inicio de la campaña CMA 2026, comunicamos que la meta de nuestro Pastorado es alcanzar nuestra meta de compromiso para Pentecostés y aumentar el número de hogares participantes. **Sólo quedan 10 semanas para alcanzar nuestra meta. Por favor, considere colaborar con la colecta para la diócesis 2026.** A continuación, se presenta un resumen de nuestro progreso. Hay un ligero retraso en los informes, por lo que es posible que estas cifras sean un poco mayores.*

	Goal	Pledged	Housholds participating
St. Mary Alexandria	\$37,000	\$11,615	17%
St. Ambrose	\$67,000	\$17,796	11%
St. Mary Anderson	\$81,000	\$40,034	6%



Vocations

Did you know that the total cost for ONE seminarian is \$300,000 to \$350,000 over the 7-9 year timeline?

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