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Y LA VIDA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 22, 2026
V DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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

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OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

The purpose of completing our Lenten practices is not the completion of our Lenten practices. Lent leads beyond itself to Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. And Holy Week is almost here!

Here are a few notes to add to the Holy Week Schedule in this week's bulletin.

On Monday, March 30, St. Mary's in Alexandria will host a Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm. "Tenebrae" in Latin means "darkness," and this traditional holy week devotion makes use of the Scriptures, light and darkness (and sound) in a dramatic way. Though Tenebrae isn't an official Holy Week liturgy, it's highly recommended. Hope you'll attend!

On Tuesday, March 31, the diocesan Chrism Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral in Lafayette at 11:00 am. It's open to the public and I highly recommend participating, especially if you've never been to a Mass or other liturgy at the Cathedral. At this Mass, Bishop Doherty blesses the three oils that are used in sacramental preparation and celebration throughout the year.

On Holy Thursday, April 2, at all three parishes, please bring new or nearly new bath and kitchen towels, wash cloths, and dish cloths to donate in connection with the Foot Washing Rite. Even if not used during the rite, they will all be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to be given to people who need them.

At St. Ambrose, the Foot Washing on Holy Thursday night will include the option for everyone present to participate. Those whose feet I wash first will then wash the feet of the next person in line, who will wash the next person's feet, continuing until finished. I will wash the feet of those who cannot physically manage the washing of another person's feet.

Note that the Good Friday Service at St. Mary in Alexandria will begin at 3:00 pm. This means that an afternoon and an evening time for the liturgy are available in the Pastorate.

There are no scheduled confession times during Holy Week. Many additional times for confessions were provided during Lent, which is the intended time for confessions leading to Easter. The focus of Holy Week is on entering into Christ's death and resurrection.

We do this by participating in the Easter Triduum - the Three Days of Easter, from Holy Thursday night through Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. Please participate as fully as you can!

Fr. Tom Metzger

March 23, 2026

PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM...

El propósito de cumplir con nuestras prácticas cuaresmales no es, en sí mismo, el mero hecho de completarlas. La Cuaresma nos conduce más allá de sí misma, hacia la Semana Santa y la celebración de la Pascua. ¡Y la Semana Santa ya está casi aquí! A continuación, presento algunas notas adicionales para complementar el programa de Semana Santa que figura en el boletín de esta semana.

El lunes 30 de marzo, la parroquia de St. Mary en Alexandria acogerá un Servicio de Tinieblas (*Tenebrae*) a las 7:00 pm. La palabra *Tenebrae* significa «tinieblas» u «oscuridad» en latín; esta tradicional devoción de Semana Santa utiliza las Sagradas Escrituras, la luz y la oscuridad (así como el sonido) de una manera dramática. Aunque el Servicio Tenebrae no constituye una liturgia oficial de la Semana Santa, es una práctica sumamente recomendable. ¡Esperamos contar con su asistencia!

El martes 31 de marzo, se celebrará la Misa Crismal diocesana en la Catedral de Lafayette a las 11:00 am. El acceso es libre para el público en general, y recomiendo encarecidamente participar en ella, especialmente si nunca han asistido a una Misa o a cualquier otra liturgia en la Catedral. Durante esta Misa, el obispo Doherty bendecirá los tres óleos que se utilizan a lo largo del año para la preparación y la celebración de los sacramentos.

El Jueves Santo, 2 de abril, en las tres parroquias, les rogamos traer toallas de baño y de cocina —nuevas o en muy buen estado—, así como paños de mano y de cocina, para donarlos en el contexto del Rito del Lavatorio de los Pies. Aun cuando no lleguen a utilizarse durante el rito, todas las donaciones serán entregadas a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl para ser distribuidas entre las personas que las necesiten.

En la parroquia de St. Ambrose, el Lavatorio de los Pies que tendrá lugar la noche del Jueves Santo ofrecerá la opción de participar a todos los asistentes. Aquellas personas a quienes yo les lave los pies en primer lugar, procederán a lavar los pies de la siguiente persona en la fila; esta, a su vez, lavará los pies de la persona que le sigue, y así sucesivamente hasta completar el rito. Yo me encargaré de lavar los pies de aquellas personas que, por motivos físicos, no puedan realizar el lavatorio de los pies de otra persona.

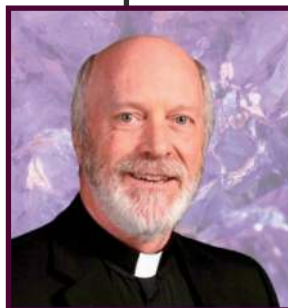
Cabe destacar que el Servicio del Viernes Santo en la parroquia de St. Mary en Alexandria comenzará a las 3:00 pm. Esto significa que, dentro de nuestro pastorado, habrá disponibles dos horarios para la celebración de esta liturgia: uno por la tarde y otro por la noche.

No se han programado horarios específicos para el sacramento de la Confesión durante la Semana Santa. Se ofrecieron numerosos horarios adicionales para confesarse durante el tiempo de Cuaresma, el cual constituye el periodo litúrgico idóneo y destinado para recibir este sacramento como preparación para la Pascua. El enfoque de la Semana Santa reside en adentrarnos en la muerte y resurrección de Cristo.

Lo hacemos participando en el Triduo Pascual — los Tres Días de la Pascua—: desde la noche del Jueves Santo, pasando por el Viernes Santo y la Vigilia Pascual, hasta el Domingo de Pascua. ¡Por favor, participen tan plenamente como les sea posible!

P. Tom Metzger

a 23 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 23 / LUNES, 23 DE MARZO

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Jonm 8:1-11

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Norberto Cruz

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 / MARTES, 24 DE MARZO

Numbers 21:4-9 / John 8:21-30

8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Thomas St. Clair

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 / MIÉRCOLES, 25 DE MARZO

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 / Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Barney Elmer Maynard

11:30AM St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson +Francisco García

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 / JUEVES, 26 DE MARZO

Genesis 17:3-9 / John 8:51-59

8:15 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Robert Aaron Lee

7:00 PM St. Mary Anderson (Spanish) *All Souls' Day intentions*

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 / VIERNES, 27 DE MARZO

Jeremiah 20:10-13 / John 10:31-42

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Robert "Jack" Fisher

8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Rachel Lakes

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 / SÁBADO, 28 DE MARZO

Ezra 37:21-28 / John 11:45-56

4:00 PM St. Mary, Anderson +Roy Grissom

4:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Ints. of Dave & Kathy Varie & fam.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 / DOMINGO, 29 DE FEBRERO

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Matthew 21:1-11 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Phillipians 2:6-11 / Matthew 26:14-27:66

7:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Jerry Gorman

8:30AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Jack Brunt

9:30 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson *People of the Pastorate*

11:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson (Spanish) +Secundino Ibarra

***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 acceder el video en stambrosestmary.org.*



With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.



Please note that there will be NO Eucharistic Adoration at St. Ambrose on Easter Sunday, and that, effective May 3, Adoration at St. Ambrose will be from 10:30am to 1 pm.



Aviso: NO habrá Adoración Eucarística en St. Ambrose el Domingo de Pascua y, a partir del 3 de mayo, la Adoración en St. Ambrose será de las 10:30 am a las 1pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- † Most Thursdays/Jueves, 6:00-6:45pm
St. Mary, Anderson
- † 1st Sunday of the Month/1er domingo del mes, 10:30-100 - 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.

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 2026 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 Monday - March 30

Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm St. Mary Alexandria

Holy Tuesday - March 31

Chrism 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 & St. Mary Alexandria

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)

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)

Lunes Santo - 30 de marzo

Servicio Tenebrae 7:00 pm St. Mary Alexandria

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 (bilingual)

Viernes Santo - 3 de abril

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

Sábado Santo - 4 de abril

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

Vigilia Pascual

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

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, Renew, Rejoice

Remember, Renew, Rejoice

Things to remember about Holy Week:

- Please bring new or barely used towels and washcloths to church on Holy Thursday. Some will be used for the Washing of the Feet during Holy Mass, and all will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- Remember that the liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday night in Anderson will be celebrated this year at St. Ambrose only (and will be bilingual).
- Confessions will not be available on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

Recordatorios referentes a la Semana Santa:

- *Por favor, traigan toallas y paños nuevos o casi nuevos a la iglesia el Jueves Santo. Algunos se usarán para el Lavatorio de Pies durante la Santa Misa y todos serán donados a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl.*
- *Recuerden que las liturgias del Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y Sábado Santo por la noche en Anderson se celebrarán este año únicamente en la parroquia de San Ambrosio (serán bilingües).*
- *No habrá confesiones el Viernes Santo ni el Sábado Santo.*

TENEBRAE

St. Mary Alexandria will host a Tenebrae service at **7:00 pm on Monday, March 30.**

The Tenebrae service is an ancient Holy Week devotion anticipating our Lord's sacrifice, characterized by various Scripture readings and the extinguishing of candles. The interplay of light and dark, readings and silence, makes for a moving experience to prepare your heart for the Triduum. All are welcome for this time of solemn worship.



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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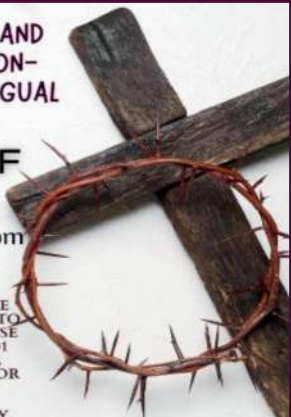


YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND
PARTICIPATE IN THE ANDERSON-
ALEXANDRIA PASTORATE BILINGUAL
LIVING
STATIONS OF
THE CROSS

Friday, April 03, 2026 | 5:00pm
In the gym of Holy Cross School
North Campus
(321 E. 11th ST.
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AFTER THE
STATIONS, WE
WILL TRAVEL TO
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CHURCH (2801
LINCOLN ST.
ANDERSON) FOR
THE 7:00PM
BILINGUAL
GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE

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Let us all pray for the Elect of the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate in 2026, who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion at the Easter Vigil:

Oremos todos por los Elegidos de 2026 del Pastorado de Anderson-Alexandria, quienes se preparan para el Bautismo, la Confirmación, y la primera Eucaristía en la Vigilia Pascual:

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
Gabriel Roper
Jordon Strange
Jennifer Sweet
Lawrence Wilson



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Attention all men 18 and older: **St. Joseph's Helpers** will be meeting on Thursday, March 26th at 6pm in Zimmer Hall at St. Mary Alexandria. Come join our brotherhood in Christ!



Also, St. Joseph's Helpers will be serving coffee & doughnuts next Sunday, March 29th, after the 8:30 Mass. A general trivia game will be played with the school children and the winner receives a giftcard.

Triduum Liturgy Practice

Attention all liturgical ministers who will be serving at a liturgy on Holy Thursday or Good Friday or at the Easter Vigil (altar servers, Communion ministers, hospitality, and at least one musician from each choir): Please make plans to attend the practice session in the church where you will be serving. Holy Week is the high point of our church year and we all want our liturgies to be beautiful. Please attend and arrive on time!

St. Ambrose Church practices:

- For Holy Thursday liturgy—Tues., March 31, 7 pm
- For Good Friday liturgy—Tues., March 31, 8 pm
- For Easter Vigil liturgy—Wed., April 1, 7 pm

St. Mary Alexandria practices:

TBD

(Fr. DeCarlo will contact the scheduled ministers)



Prácticas para las liturgias del Triduo

Atención a todos los ministros litúrgicos que servirán en una de las liturgias del Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo o en la Vigilia Pascual (monaguillos, ministros de la Comunión, hospitalidad y al menos un músico de cada coro): hagan planes para asistir a la sesión de práctica en la iglesia donde servirán. La Semana Santa es el punto más alto del año para la Iglesia y todos queremos que nuestras liturgias sean hermosas. ¡Por favor, asistan y lleguen puntuales!

Ensayos de la iglesia de St. Ambrose:

- Para la liturgia del Jueves Santo: martes, marzo 31, 7 pm
- Para la liturgia del Viernes Santo: martes, marzo 31, 8pm
- Para la liturgia de la Vigilia Pascual: miér., abril 1, 7 pm

Ensayos de St. Mary Alexandria:

Por determinar

(El P. DeCarlo contactará a los ministros.)



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I'm so happy to say thank you to new people who have stepped in to help with our Aldi pick-ups! I was so worried we wouldn't be able to sustain that work but grace and muscles have come and I am

breathing a sigh of relief and gratitude. Thank you so very, very much!

The first two months of 2026 have seen 998 people come to our food pantry and 1,398 neighbors come through our drive-thru distribution. That's a few less at the pantry compared to the first two months of 2025 but almost double the attendance at the drive-thru. We haven't had a cost for the pantry since last September thanks to your incredible generosity. Seriously, pat yourselves on the back for making that happen! The cost of the drive-thru has stayed the same despite nearly doubling in numbers, partially because Second Harvest is currently donating fruits and vegetables. Yay for them!

There are new SNAP (previously called food stamps) rules that are beginning to impact many of our neighbors aged 55-64. Unless you are disabled or caring for a dependent under age 14, veterans, homeless, or anyone in the general population will have to work, volunteer or be in a training program 80 hours a month to receive food assistance. This age group was previously exempt from work requirements.

On its surface that might look like a good ol' pull-yourself-up-by-the-bootstraps kind of work ethic. In reality, if people could do that, they would have done it already. It assumes transportation, skill sets, elder care, stable housing and access. It assumes there is no criminal record that makes hiring difficult even if it was from years ago. It assumes that the manual labor you used to be able to do is still manageable. If you don't or can't meet the new requirements, then you can only get three months of food assistance every three years. Every. Three. Years.

What it looks like at our pantry is the despair of a grizzled grown man in his beat up pick-up telling me he has lost his benefits (about \$189 a month) because he can't get a job. "Who," he asked me, "who is going to hire me?" I don't know. I don't know the answer.

Nobody wants to be poor. No one wants to be discarded or feel useless. Everyone should be able to eat and not be afraid they aren't even worthy of food. Thank you for what you do for our vulnerable community. Can we fix it? No. But we work hard together to be the helpers. Thank you. God bless us all.

~Lawson Hunsicker, Food Ministries Coordinator

¡Estoy muy feliz de agradecer a las nuevas personas que se han sumado para ayudarnos con las recogidas de Aldi! Estaba muy preocupada de que no pudiéramos mantener ese trabajo, pero gracias a su generosidad y apoyo, respiro con alivio y gratitud. ¡Muchísimas gracias!



En los dos primeros meses de 2026, 998 personas acudieron a nuestra despensa de alimentos y 1,398 vecinos vinieron a las distribuciones "drive-thru." Esto representa un poco menos de afluencia en la despensa en comparación con los dos primeros meses de 2025, pero casi el doble de asistencia en el drive-thru. No hemos tenido ningún gasto para la despensa desde septiembre pasado gracias a su increíble generosidad. ¡En serio, felicítense por haberlo hecho posible! El costo del servicio drive-thru se ha mantenido igual a pesar de que la cantidad de personas casi se ha duplicado, en parte porque Second Harvest está donando frutas y verduras. ¡Bravo por ellos!

Las nuevas normas del programa SNAP (antes conocido como cupones de alimentos) están empezando a afectar a muchos de nuestros vecinos de entre 55 y 64 años. A menos que tenga una discapacidad o cuide a un menor de 14 años, sea veterano, persona sin hogar o cualquier persona de la población general tendrá que trabajar, ser voluntario o participar en un programa de capacitación 80 horas al mes para recibir asistencia alimentaria. Este grupo de edad estaba exento de los requisitos laborales.

A primera vista, esto podría parecer una buena muestra de superación personal. En realidad, si la gente pudiera hacerlo, ya lo habría hecho. Se presupone que se cuenta con transporte, habilidades, cuidado de personas mayores, vivienda estable y acceso a servicios básicos. Se presupone que no hay antecedentes penales que dificulten la contratación, incluso si son de hace años. Se presupone que el trabajo manual que antes se podía realizar aún es manejable. Si no se cumplen o no se pueden cumplir los nuevos requisitos, solo se podrá recibir asistencia alimentaria durante tres meses cada tres años. Cada. Tres. Años.

Esto se manifiesta en nuestro despensa, como la desesperación de un hombre adulto, canoso y de aspecto desaliñado, en su camioneta destartada, que me cuenta que ha perdido sus beneficios (unos 189 dólares al mes) porque no encuentra trabajo. "¿Quién?", me pregunta, "¿quién me va a contratar?". No lo sé. No tengo la respuesta.

Nadie quiere ser pobre. Nadie quiere ser descartado ni sentirse inútil. Todos deberían poder comer sin temor a no ser dignos de alimento. Gracias por lo que hacen por nuestra comunidad vulnerable. ¿Podemos solucionarlo? No. Pero trabajamos duro juntos para ayudar. Gracias. Que Dios nos bendiga a todos.

~Lawson Hunsicker
Coordinadora de los ministerios de alimentos



SCHOLARSHIPS

IF YOU KNOW A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO APPLY FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS:

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Application deadline - April 24, 2026
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Two \$1500 scholarships awarded each semester are available for high school graduates attending college or university. Applications can be found online at www.stambrosestmary.org or at the school office. Application deadline - April 24, 2026
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Scholarships will be awarded to Holy Cross or St. Mary graduates currently enrolled at Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville, IN, or students planning to enroll in the fall. Applications can be found online at www.stambrosestmary.org or at the school offices.
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Virtues in Practice

Holy Cross School recognizes our March Virtues in Practice recipients. These students modeled Mercy (Caring for those who suffer):



Elliott Contreras, Preschool, nominated by Mrs. Stevens:

“Elliott responds to others with kindness, compassion and forgiveness. He helps create an environment where everyone is loved and valued. He is quick to forgive and does so with a smile on his face. As he was building with cubes, another friend wanted to build and Elliott graciously took apart his creation to share the cubes with his friend! Another time, a friend bumped into Elliott and they apologized, Elliott immediately said, ‘that’s OK!’”

Marley Spencer, Grade 5, nominated by Mrs. DeLillo:

“Marley Spencer showed mercy when he stood up for a fellow classmate who felt alone and singled out. Marley cared for his suffering friend by telling the teacher what had happened. This act of mercy was witnessed by his friend and helped lift his friend’s spirit, for sure”

Kiara Wheeler, Grade 6, nominated by Mrs. Atkinson:

“While Kiara is known for her incredible energy and winning spirit on the basketball court, her true strength lies in how she uses that power to look out for others. In middle school it is easy to go along with the crowd, but Kiara is direct and courageous; she refuses to let others be pushed around. Her mercy is ‘mercy in action’—the kind that stands up for the underdog and ensures everyone feels included. Kiara brings a unique winning spirit to our school, but what makes her stand out is her protective heart she uses to lift people up rather than tearing them down”

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



ST. MARY SCHOOL ALEXANDRIA

St. Mary School Teacher Spotlight

Name: Katie Wilson

Grade Level you teach: Pre-K 4

Years Teaching/Experience: This is my 5th year teaching and 9th year working in a school system

Favorite Book: The Five People You Meet in Heaven

Hobbies: Spending time with family, camping, and baking

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? Bora Bora

Favorite Bible verse: Isaiah 41:10 “Do not be afraid- I am with you! / I am your God- let nothing terrify you! / I will make you strong and help you; / I will protect you and save you.”

What do you enjoy the most while teaching at St. Mary’s? What I enjoy the most about working at St. Mary’s is how close everyone is to where it truly feels like my second family. I love that no matter what is going on there will be someone there to help. I also enjoy being able to have time to build relationships and connections with our families and littles.

What is something that might surprise us about you? When I was younger, my dream was to become a Veterinarian and open up my own animal shelter.



St. Mary School in Alexandria is seeking a **year-round full time custodian/maintenance technician.**

This person would be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of both the school and church as well as performing minor maintenance duties. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Kathy Tardy at 765-644-5956 or ktardy@parish.dol-in.org.

Prayer and Stitches

Use your knitting or crochet skills to bless people while getting to know other stitchers in the pastorate! Join the bilingual group making **comfort shawls** to be given to the families of organ and tissue donors in their time of sorrow.

When: Mondays from 7 to 9pm

Where: Ambrosian Hall
(basement of St. Ambrose Church)

More info: Angie Pitts (your parish secretary can help you contact her)

This group is part of the Threads of Compassion program through the Indiana Donor Network:
indianadonornetwork.org/donor-families/threads-of-compassion/



Oración y puntadas

Emplee sus habilidades de tejido o crochet para bendecir a las personas y a la vez conozca a otr@s tejedor@s del pastorado! Únase al grupo bilingüe que elabora **chales de consuelo** para obsequiarles a las familias de los donantes de órganos y tejidos en su momento de dolor.

Cuándo: los lunes de 7 a 9pm

Dónde: Ambrosian Hall
(sótano de a Iglesia de St. Ambrose)

Más información: Angie Pitts
(la secretaria de su parroquia le puede indicar cómo contactarla)

Esto grupo forma parte del programa Threads of Compassion (*Hilos de compasión*) de la Indiana Donor Network:
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Pancake Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and coffee or juice this **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 café o jugo este **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 50% de lo recaudado se destinará a la parroquia.



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.



Are you available on Saturday, April 4th, from 11 am to 1 pm? Come help us change the worship environment at St. Mary Anderson from Lent to Easter!

If you are interested in serving as a **Lector** or **Communion Minister**, 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.



What is a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage, but want to make it even better! This is a time for you and your spouse to spend time together and learn about the tools to nourish your Sacrament in a new way. Married couples go home from a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend more in love with each other than ever! Apply now at wwme.org to attend our next experience **April 24-26 at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.** For more information, text or call Mike and Lourdes Padilla (your parish secretary can get you their contact number).

Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: "We want you to know we thought we had a great marriage. But Marriage Encounter helped make it fantastic!"



TMIY: That Man Is YOU!

Men of the Pastorate:

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? (Ask your wife.) Become a more loving father? (Ask your wife.) Build friendships with other like-minded men from your pastorate? Be the best man you can be? **We invite you to attend the *That Man is You* spring semester.** This group of men has been meeting on Saturday mornings for twelve years. Meetings begin with fellowship, prayer, and breakfast at 6:15; the program starts at 6:30. There is discussion afterward, with dismissal by 7:25. Attendance is not taken.

Saturdays from 6:00 to 7:25 am, in Assembly Hall at St. Ambrose (stand-alone building the the parking lot)

For more info, scan QR code or go to paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/. Local coordinator: parishioner Mike Evans (your parish secretary can get you his contact info)



Weekly Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year
July 1- June 30

MARCH 8,
2026

Year to Date
Año hasta la fecha

St. Mary Alexandria	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$4,808	\$173,088
	Received/ Recibido	\$5,171	\$177,148
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$363	(\$4,060)
St. Mary Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$11,110	\$399,960
	Received/ Recibido	\$9,745	\$332,953
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$1,365)	(\$67,007)
St. Ambrose Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$8,805	\$316,980
	Received/ Recibido	\$6,565	\$310,014
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$2,240)	(\$6,966)

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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 are only 9 weeks away from Pentecost and still have some work to do. 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. Estamos a solo 9 semanas de Pentecostés y aún queda trabajo por hacer. 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	\$18,278	23%
St. Ambrose	\$67,000	\$34,598	20%
St. Mary Anderson	\$81,000	\$46,222	14%



Hispanic Ministry

One of the many things the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports is our Hispanic Ministry through the Office of Pastorate Life Services.

Over 20 of our parishioners had the opportunity to participate in the

Called and Gifted program in Spanish because of this ministry.

The Hispanic Ministry also hosted the Diocesan Posada celebration at St. Ambrose Church in December, providing an opportunity for all to experience the joyfulness this event

brings. We are also able to do important work in the migrant camps in our surrounding area due to their support.

None of this is possible without you. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you pray about how you are called to serve through your financial gifts and intentional prayer for the 2026 CMA.



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