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MARCH 29, 2026

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OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

Today we enter Holy Week. The Easter Triduum (“three days”) begins this Thursday. Here are a few preparatory notes. Check the Holy Week schedule in this bulletin for details.

Monday evening, St. Mary’s in Alexandria hosts a Tenebrae Service, a traditional devotion making use of the Scriptures, light, darkness, and sound, solemnly leading into Holy Week.

The Chrism Mass is on Tuesday at 11 A.M. at St. Mary Cathedral, 1207 Columbia Street, Lafayette. All are invited!

TRIDUUM: In Anderson, the bilingual liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday will take place ONLY at ST. AMBROSE. And there are two different times for the Good Friday liturgy in Anderson and Alexandria.

There are no scheduled confession times in the Pastorate during Holy Week, as we focus on celebrating Christ’s death and resurrection in the Easter Triduum.

HOLY THURSDAY: At both parishes, please bring new or nearly new towels, wash cloths, and dish cloths to donate in connection with the footwashing rite. They will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

At St. Ambrose, everyone present will be invited (not required) to participate in the footwashing.

GOOD FRIDAY: On this day of fasting and abstinence, those between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast (eating only one normal-sized meal and two smaller meals that do not together equal one full meal). Those aged 14 and over are required to abstain from all meat (beef, pork, lamb, and poultry). (For those outside those age limits, fasting and abstinence are encouraged.)

The Hispanic Community will present a bilingual Living Way of the Cross, beginning at 5:00pm in the Holy Cross School gym (at St. Mary Anderson).

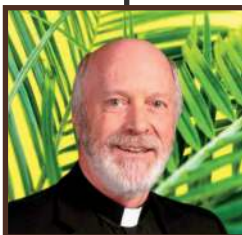
HOLY SATURDAY: At St. Ambrose and St. Mary Alexandria, we celebrate the final preparatory rites for those receiving the Sacraments at the Vigil, followed by the blessing of Easter foods. (Bring a basket with your main Easter Dinner ingredients to be blessed!)

The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night is the high point of the church’s year of worship. Yes, it’s long, and it runs late! (But after the Vigil, you can sleep in on Easter Sunday morning!) What a great way to bring your Lenten preparation to its ultimate conclusion.

The Easter Sunday Mass schedule is different from our usual Sunday schedule. Please plan accordingly.

I hope to see you at the Easter Triduum!

Fr. Tom Metzger March 29, 2026



PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM...

Hoy entramos en la Semana Santa. El Triduo Pascual (“tres días”) comienza este jueves. A continuación, presentamos algunas notas preparatorias. Consulte el horario de la Semana Santa en este boletín para obtener más detalles.

El lunes por la noche, la parroquia de St. Mary en Alexandria acogerá un Servicio de Tinieblas (Tenebrae), una devoción tradicional que utiliza las Escrituras, la luz, la oscuridad y el sonido para introducirnos solemnemente en la Semana Santa.

La Misa Crismal se celebrará el martes a las 11:00 a. m. en la Catedral de St. Mary, ubicada en el 1207 de Columbia Street, Lafayette. ¡Todos están invitados!

TRIDUO: En Anderson, las liturgias bilingües del Jueves Santo, el Viernes Santo y el Sábado Santo se llevarán a cabo ÚNICAMENTE en ST. AMBROSE. Asimismo, habrá dos horarios diferentes para la liturgia del Viernes Santo tanto en Anderson como en Alexandria.

No hay horarios programados para confesiones en el Pastorado durante la Semana Santa, ya que nos centramos en celebrar la muerte y resurrección de Cristo durante el Triduo Pascual.

JUEVES SANTO: En ambas parroquias, por favor traigan toallas, toallitas de mano y paños de cocina —nuevos o casi nuevos— para donar en el contexto del rito del lavatorio de los pies. Estas donaciones se entregarán a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl.

En St. Ambrose, se invitará a todos los presentes (sin que sea obligatorio) a participar en el lavatorio de los pies.

VIERNES SANTO: Este es un día de ayuno y abstinencia, las personas entre los 18 y los 59 años de edad tienen la obligación de ayunar (consumiendo solo una comida de tamaño normal y dos comidas más pequeñas que, sumadas, no equivalgan a una comida completa). Las personas de 14 años en adelante tienen la obligación de abstenerse de consumir todo tipo de carne (res, cerdo, cordero y aves). (Para aquellos que se encuentren fuera de estos rangos de edad, se les anima a practicar el ayuno y la abstinencia).

La Comunidad Hispana presentará un Vía Crucis Viviente bilingüe, que comenzará a las 5:00 p. m. en el gimnasio de la Escuela Holy Cross (en St. Mary, Anderson).

SÁBADO SANTO: En St. Ambrose y St. Mary (Alexandria), celebraremos los ritos preparatorios finales para aquellos que recibirán los Sacramentos durante la Vigilia, seguidos de la bendición de los alimentos de Pascua. (¡Traigan una canasta con los ingredientes principales de su comida de Pascua para que sean bendecidos!).

La Vigilia Pascual, que se celebra la noche del Sábado Santo, constituye el punto culminante del año litúrgico de la Iglesia.

Sí, es larga, ¡y termina tarde! (Pero después de la Vigilia, ¡podrán dormir hasta tarde de la mañana del Domingo de Pascua!). Qué gran manera de llevar su preparación cuaresmal a su culminación definitiva.

El horario de las Misas del Domingo de Pascua es diferente a nuestro horario habitual de los domingos. Por favor, planifiquen en consecuencia.

¡Espero verlos en el Triduo Pascual!

P. Tom Metzger

a 29 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.

HOLY WEEK † SEMANA SANTA

INTENTIONS & READINGS INTENCIONES Y LECTURAS

MONDAY, MARCH 30 / LUNES, 30 DE MARZO

Isaiah 42:1-7 / John 12:1-11

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Sue Land

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 / MARTES, 31 DE MARZO

Isaiah 4:1-6 / John 13:21-33, 36-38

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 / MIÉRCOLES, 1 DE ABRIL

Isaiah 50:4-9a / Matthew 26:14-25

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Miriam Auth

11:30AM St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson +Joan Jamison

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 / JUEVES, 2 DE ABRIL

Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / John 13:1-15

7:00 PM St. Mary, Alexandria All Souls's Day intentions

7:00 PM St. Ambrose (bilingual) +Rachel Lakes

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 / VIERNES, 3 DE ABRIL

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 / Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / John 18:1-19:42

3:00 PM St. Mary, Alexandria*

7:00 PM St. Ambrose, Anderson

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 / SÁBADO, 4 DE ABRIL

Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Genesis 1:1, 26-31a / Gen 22:1-18 / Exodus 14:15-15:1 / Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 / Isaiah 55:1-11 / Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4 / Ezra 36:16-17a, 18-28 / Romans 6:3-11 / Matthew 28:1-10

8:30 PM St. Ambrose (bilingual) +Walter & Nancy Sheeler

8:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Irene Wiegert

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 / DOMINGO, 5 DE ABRIL

The Resurrection of the Lord

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

8:00 AM St. Ambrose +Steve Witsken

8:30AM St. Mary, Anderson +Stephanie Farran Miller

9:00 AM St. Mary Alexandria People of the Pastorate

10:00AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Larry & Marilyn Hexamer

11:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson (Spanish) Ints. of Ernesto Sierra

*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.

Dios mío, Dios mío,
¿POR QUÉ ME HAS
ABANDONADO?

Please note that there will be NO Eucharistic Adoration at St. Ambrose on Easter Sunday, and 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, 10:30-1:00 - 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



My God, my God, why?
HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?

Holy Week

Semana Santa

2026

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, Renovar, Regocijarse

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.



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



¿Está usted disponible el sábado 4 de abril, de las 11 am hasta la 1 pm? ¡Venga a ayudarnos a transformar el ambiente de la iglesia de St. Mary Anderson de Cuaresma a Pascua!

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

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St. Joseph's Helpers will be serving **coffee & doughnuts** after the 8:30 Mass in Alexandria this Sunday, March 29th. There will be a trivia game with the school children, and the winner will receive a gift card.



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.)

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
Jordan Strange
Jennifer Sweet
Lawrence Wilson



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

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NOCTURNAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

April 10, 2026

9:30pm-11:00pm

Saint Mary's Anderson:

302 E. 11th Street Anderson, IN 46016

You Don't Need Many Words

Simply being there matters. Silence before Jesus
often heals more than long prayers.

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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 education.dol-in.org/scholarships.



SCHOLARSHIPS

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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
- GUERIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS**
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. Awards will be between \$250-\$1000 per student, per year. Payment goes directly to Guerin Catholic High School. Re-apply each school year thereafter for up to 4 years.
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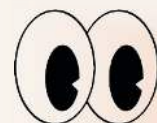
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2019 participant

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, April 2 (Holy Thurs.), 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.



**Need to announce something in this
bulletin?** Email the text and graphics
to rgrose@parish.dol-in.org at least two
weeks before you wish it to appear in the
bulletin. Don't wait until the last minute!

Many of us will be familiar with this nursery rhyme song from our childhoods: “*Hot cross buns! Hot cross buns! One a penny, Two a penny, Hot cross buns!*” (If you don’t recall the tune, a quick YouTube search will bring it up right away.)

Though most may remember the song, perhaps fewer of us have actually eaten one of these delightful sweet breads. Hot cross buns come to us from Medieval England, where (as well as in some other lands colonized by the English) they are eaten on Good Friday to this day. The buns were **so closely associated with Catholicism** that, during the Reformation (when England cut ties with the Catholic Church), the sale of them was tightly restricted, so hot cross buns became something that were usually made at home. Fortunately, these tasty morsels are slowly beginning to be available commercially in the United States, so you may come across some of them at a large supermarket or specialty store and have a chance to try one. Or, if you get inspired to bake your own, there are many hot cross bun recipes online.

But what exactly is a hot cross bun?

It’s a yeast bread made with spices, usually containing raisins, often glazed, that is topped with the shape of a cross made from a lighter-colored flour paste or icing. These buns mark the end of the season of Lent, as they traditionally appear on Good Friday. **The cross on top refers to the crucifixion of Jesus, and the spices used to flavor the dough represent the spices used to embalm his body.**

There are quite a few beliefs surrounding hot cross buns in English folklore. Since they are associated with such a holy day of the year, it was thought that, when baked on Good Friday, they would never spoil and that pieces of the bread could be given to the sick to help them recover. A bun was often hung in the kitchen in the belief that all breads made throughout the year there would turn out perfectly. Hot cross buns were even said to protect against shipwreck when taken on a sea voyage. None of these notions have survived scientific rigor, of course, but they do make for interesting conversation!

Around this time last year, we published a brief article about **capirotada**, the Mexican bread pudding that has some things in common with hot cross buns—such as being traditional for Lent and giving religious meaning to its ingredients. You can read that by visiting stambrosestmary.org/bulletins or scanning the QR code and searching for the April 13, 2025 bulletin. You can also read about **how pretzels are related to Lent** in the April 6, 2025 bulletin.



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Taste & See...

Hot Cross Buns



Bollitos de cruz

a menudo glaseado, coronado con una cruz hecha de una pasta de harina o un lustre de color más claro. Estos bollos marcan el final de la Cuaresma, ya que tradicionalmente se comen en Viernes Santo. **La cruz en la parte superior alude a la crucifixión de Jesús, y las especias utilizadas para aromatizar la masa representan las que se usaron para embalsamar su cuerpo.**

Existen varias creencias en torno a los *hot cross buns* en el folklor inglés. Dado que se asociaban con un día tan sagrado del año, se creía que, horneados el Viernes Santo, nunca se echarían a perder y que se podía dar trozos a los enfermos para ayudarlos a recuperarse. A menudo se colgaba un bollo en la cocina con la creencia de que todo el pan que se hiciera allí durante el año saldría perfecto. Incluso se decía que los bollitos de cruz protegían contra los naufragios en los viajes por mar. Ninguna de estas ideas ha sobrevivido al rigor científico, por supuesto, ¡pero sin duda dan pie a algunas pláticas interesantes!

El año pasado en esta época publicamos un breve artículo sobre la **capirotada**, el budín mexicano que comparte algunas similitudes con los bollitos de cruz, como la de ser una tradición de Cuaresma y la de atribuirse un significado religioso a sus ingredientes. Puede leer esa información visitando stambrosestmary.org/bulletins o al escanear el código QR y buscar el boletín del 13 de abril de 2025. También puede leer sobre **la relación de los pretzels con la Cuaresma** en el boletín del 6 de abril de 2025.

Existe en inglés una antigua canción infantil sobre los *hot cross buns* (bollitos de cruz). Si usted no la conoce, una búsqueda rápida en Youtube se la mostrará enseñuida.

Aunque la mayoría de los angloamericanos recordarán la canción, quizás pocos hayan probado uno de estos deliciosos panes dulces. Los *hot cross buns* provienen de la Inglaterra medieval, donde (al igual que en otros países colonizados por los ingleses) se consumen en Viernes Santo hasta el día de hoy. Estos bollitos estaban tan **estrechamente ligados al catolicismo** que, durante la Reforma (cuando Inglaterra rompió lazos con la Iglesia Católica), su venta se restringió severamente, por lo que estos bollos se volvieron un producto que generalmente se preparaba en casa. Afortunadamente, estos sabrosos panecillos están empezando a estar disponibles comercialmente en Estados Unidos, así que es posible que usted los encuentre en un supermercado grande o en una tienda especializada y tenga la oportunidad de probar uno. O, si se anima a hornearlos usted mismo, hallará muchas recetas en línea.

Pero, ¿qué es exactamente un hot cross bun? Es un pan de levadura con especias, generalmente con pasas,

JOYFUL FIRE YOUTH COMMUNITY ANDERSON



On February 22, the Middle School Youth Ministry presented its first youth group, Joyful Fire Youth Community, to the St. Mary Anderson church community. Father Tom offered a special blessing for the youth and their leaders, encouraging them to continue on their journey of faith.



Then, on February 28, the youth attended an archdiocesan event called Holy Fire, where they experienced a truly unforgettable day. The Holy Spirit was truly present. Our youth enjoyed a wonderful, age-appropriate experience, full of emotions—like a spiritual roller coaster.

If you're interested in becoming part of this youth community, don't wait any longer. We await you with open arms!

El pasado 22 de febrero, el Ministerio Juvenil para Middle School presentó su primer grupo juvenil, que lleva por nombre Joyful Fire Youth Community, ante la comunidad eclesial de St. Mary Anderson. El padre Tom ofreció una bendición especial para los jóvenes y sus líderes, invitándolos a continuar en el camino de la fe.

Luego, el 28 de febrero, los jóvenes asistieron a un encuentro arquidiocesano llamado Holy Fire, donde vivieron un día sin precedentes. Realmente, el Espíritu Santo se hizo presente. Nuestros jóvenes disfrutaron de una maravillosa experiencia, adecuada para su edad, cargada de emociones; toda una montaña rusa espiritual.

Si te interesa formar parte de esta comunidad juvenil, no esperes más. ¡Te estamos esperando con los brazos abiertos!



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.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL ANDERSON

HCS's **Academic Decathlon** team fought hard in our school's first-ever competition on Saturday, March 7, in St. Charles, Illinois!



HCS recognizes our **Q3 Above and Beyond** recipients. These students use time wisely and demonstrate an enthusiasm for learning:

Pre (Brinson): Adalyn Bedolla Flores
 Pre (Stevens): Emily Velasco-Perez
 Kindergarten: Juan Santiago Lorenzo
 Grade 1: Hector Rojas Diaz
 Grade 2: Esmeralda Bautista Cruz
 Grade 3: David Rojas Diaz
 Grade 4: Jessenia Sierra
 Grade 5: Elijah Smith
 Grade 6: Jesus Lopez
 Grade 7: Chloe Weston
 Grade 8: Yajaira Bautista Cruz



On March 11, HCS students and staff donated **172 cans of chili beans** to the St. Mary Soup Kitchen.

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 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.

St. Mary School Teacher Spotlight

Name: Erin Muller **Grade Level you teach:** 1st Grade

Years Teaching/Experience: This is my first year in my own classroom. Last year, I was the Title 1 teacher at both St. Mary and AMES. :)

Favorite Book: Wonder or Out of my Mind. I loved these books growing up and the message behind them.

Hobbies: Crafting (cross stitch, embroidery, crochet), walking my pup, visiting state parks, and seeing musicals!

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? I have always wanted to go to Italy and Greece!

Favorite Bible verse: Jeremiah 29:11.

What do you enjoy the most while teaching at St. Mary's? I enjoy the strong sense of community at St. Mary among both staff and students! One of the most rewarding parts of my role is watching students grow not only academically, but also in their relationship with the Lord!

What is something that might surprise us about you? I am quite the thrill seeker and I have jumped out of a plane!



HOLY OILS IN ALEXANDRIA

The ambry (cabinet where the holy oils are stored) at St. Mary Alexandria was recently moved out of the sacristy, where it had been for some years, back into the main part of the church. It is now situated on the west wall of that church.

The oils in the ambry at every Catholic church are blessed by the bishop at the Chrism Mass, celebrated each year during Holy Week. The Chrism Mass for our diocese this year will take place at the cathedral in Lafayette on Tuesday, March 31, at 11 am, and it is open to the public.

Fr. Tom wrote about the Chrism Mass and all the different oils that are consecrated there in one of his columns last year. It's interesting and very informative. To read it now, visit stambrosestmary.org/bulletins or scan the QR code, then locate the bulletin for **March 30**,



Los santos óleos en Alexandria

El sagrario donde se guardan los santos óleos de la iglesia de St. Mary en Alexandria fue trasladado recientemente de la sacristía, donde había estado durante algunos años, de vuelta a la nave principal. Ahora se encuentra en la pared del lado oeste de la iglesia.

Los óleos del sagrario de cada iglesia católica son bendecidos por el Obispo durante la Misa Crismal, que se celebra cada año durante la Semana Santa. La Misa Crismal de nuestra diócesis de este año tendrá lugar en la

catedral de Lafayette el martes 31 de marzo a las 11:00 am y está abierta al público.

El padre Tom escribió sobre la Misa Crismal y sobre los diferentes óleos que se consagran en ella en una de sus columnas del año pasado. Es muy interesante. Para leerla ahora, stambrosestmary.org/bulletins o escanee el código QR y busque el boletín del 30 de marzo de 2025.



In search of People and Storage

For many years the St. Vincent de Paul Society has served the community of Anderson. Members from St. Ambrose and St. Mary's serve in various capacities. There is now a need for new people to give of their time and talents to serve in numerous ways. If you feel you are being called to serve please, contact Phyllis Kay; your parish secretary can connect you with her.

Also needed is free, secure, dry, mouse-free storage for a large amount of donated furniture that the Society has been blessed with recently. This furniture will later be distributed to our clients. If you know of any available storage space that SVdP could borrow, please contact Joe Hellmann.

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.)

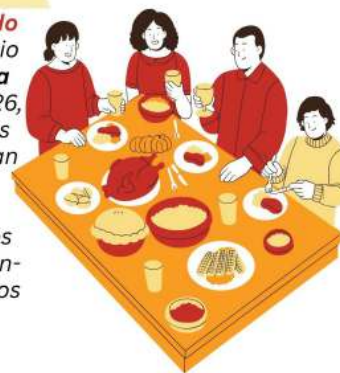
Se buscan voluntarios para la Jornada de Limpieza de Primavera del Cementerio St. Mary de este año, programada para el sábado 18 de abril, de 9:00 am 12:00 pm. Se les pide a los voluntarios que traigan sus propios guantes y rastrillos. Se proporcionará agua. Para más información, contacten a Lora o Reinhold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

Save the date

reserve la fecha

El Pícnic Anual del Pastorado se celebrará en San Ambrosio el **Domingo de la Santísima Trinidad, 31 de mayo** de 2026, comenzando con Misa a las 10:30 am. Esta será una gran oportunidad para encontrarse con viejos amigos y hacer otros nuevos en el Pastorado de Anderson-Alexandria; ¡esperamos verlos allí! Acompáñenos para compartir fe, comida, convivencia y diversión!

The annual **Pastorate Picnic** will be held at St. Ambrose on **Trinity Sunday, May 31st, 2026**, beginning with Mass at 10:30 am. This will be a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones in the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate, and we look forward to seeing you there. Join us for faith, food, fellowship, and fun!



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Weekly Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year
July 1- June 30

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2026

Year to Date
Año hasta la fecha

St. Mary Alexandria	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$4,808	\$177,896
	Received/ Recibido	\$5,119	\$182,267
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$311	\$4,371
St. Mary Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$11,110	\$411,070
	Received/ Recibido	\$12,387	\$344,440
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$1,277	(\$66,630)
St. Ambrose Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$8,805	\$325,785
	Received/ Recibido	\$11,538	\$321,552
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$2,730	(\$4,233)

Parish offices will be closed on
Friday, April 3, and Monday, April 6.

*Las oficinas parroquiales permanecerán
cerradas el viernes 3 y el lunes 6 de abril.*

ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA PASTORATE STAFF

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Office of the Permanent Diaconate

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate supports formation, education and retreats for our deacons, deacon candidates, aspirants, their wives and their families; to utilize their gifts in the service of the Church following the model of Jesus Christ.

"As Christians, we are called to love our neighbor... We deacons, assisted by the laity, seek out the downtrodden and the oppressed of the world. We need to reach out to those people to help them with their conversion, yes, but most of all to let them know that they are loved." ~Deacon Charles L. "Chuck" Springer and Sheila Springer

Next time you see Deacon Mike, take a minute to thank him for the gifts he brings to our Pastorate.

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.



Our Pastorate goal is to meet our pledge goal by Pentecost and have an increase in the number of households participating. We are only 8 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.

La meta de nuestro Pastorado es alcanzar nuestra meta de compromiso para Pentecostés y aumentar el número de hogares participantes. Estamos a solo 8 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	Households participating
St. Mary Alexandria	\$37,000	\$29,758	41%
St. Ambrose	\$67,000	\$39,233	25%
St. Mary Anderson	\$81,000	\$51,672	17%





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