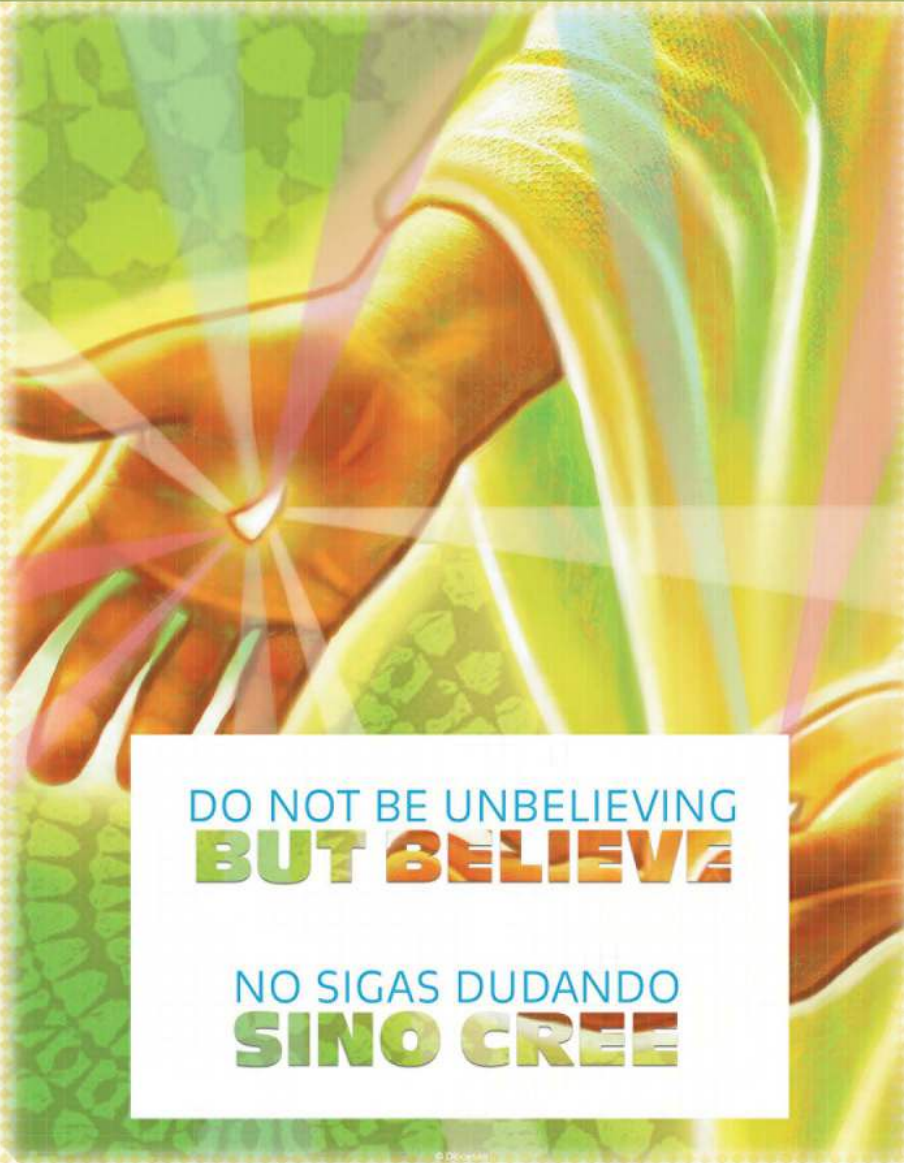




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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 12, 2026
DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

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

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OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Risen indeed! Alleluia!
I'm typing this column on Easter Monday morning, having slept late after the demanding (but rewarding) Easter Triduum.

The highlight of the Triduum is the Easter Vigil, on Holy Saturday night, and the highlight of the Vigil is the celebration of the Easter Sacraments—Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist.

In our Pastorate, we conducted 9 adult baptisms, received 7 adults into the Catholic Church, and celebrated Confirmation and 1st Eucharist with 3 baptized Catholic adults.

For context, there are two different approaches in the Catholic Church for baptizing children. Before a child reaches the age of reason (about 7), the child's parents prepare for the sacrament and make baptismal promises on behalf of their children. After reaching age 7, children prepare for the sacrament, make their own baptismal promises, and receive Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Their preparation process is adapted from the adult initiation process, and includes the involvement of parents. (Yes, that's confusing information, but it's necessary. Stay with me!)

Of the nine persons baptized as adults, five were children over the age of 7, two were teens, and two were adults, properly speaking. Along with the seven received into the church, the three baptized Catholics who became "fully Catholic," AND five children under age 7 who were also baptized, the total number is 26.

This comes as some American dioceses are reporting significant, even historic, growth in the number of people becoming Catholic in 2026. This growth can be interpreted in many ways, but it should prompt us to prayerfully consider the Church's essential mission of evangelization and what evangelization could look like in the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate and its parishes.

Evangelization is more than "counting converts," although we do need to consider what happens in our parishes if we have more funerals than baptisms every year. As I have mentioned before, mission is more important than maintenance, and we cannot expect to survive unless we aim to thrive.

Numbers are not the most important criterion. But 26 is not a bad number! Even so, imagine doubling or tripling that number in our Pastorate.

- How would we accomplish that (aided by the Holy Spirit, of course)?
- How would our parishes benefit from this growth?
- How would our parishes adjust to this growth?
- Will we commit to our essential mission of evangelization?

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Risen indeed!
Alleluia!

Fr. Tom Metzger

Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, 2026

PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM...

¡Aleluya! ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!
¡Aleluya!

Estoy escribiendo esta columna la mañana del Lunes de Pascua, tras haber dormido hasta tarde después del exigente (pero gratificante) Triduo Pascual.

El momento culminante del Triduo es la Vigilia Pascual, la noche del Sábado Santo, y el momento culminante de la Vigilia es la celebración de los sacramentos pascuales: el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión.

En nuestra parroquia, realizamos 9 bautismos de adultos, recibimos a 7 adultos en la Iglesia católica y celebramos la Confirmación y la 1a. Eucaristía con 3 adultos católicos bautizados.

Para contextualizar, en la Iglesia católica existen dos enfoques diferentes para bautizar a los niños. Antes de que un niño alcance la edad de razón (alrededor de los 7 años), los padres del niño se preparan para el sacramento y hacen las promesas bautismales en nombre de sus hijos. Después de cumplir los 7 años, los niños se preparan para el sacramento, hacen sus propias promesas bautismales y reciben el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión. Su proceso de preparación se adapta del proceso de iniciación de los adultos e incluye la participación de los padres. (Sí, es una información confusa, pero es necesaria. ¡No se pierdan!)

De las 9 personas bautizadas como adultos, cinco eran niños mayores de 7 años, dos eran adolescentes y dos eran adultos, propiamente hablando. Junto con los siete recibidos en la Iglesia, los tres católicos bautizados que se convirtieron en "plenamente católicos", Y los cinco niños menores de siete años que también fueron bautizados, el número total es de 26.

Esto ocurre en un momento en que algunas diócesis estadounidenses están registrando un crecimiento significativo, incluso histórico, en el número de personas que se hacen católicas en 2026. Este crecimiento puede interpretarse de muchas maneras, pero debería impulsarnos a reflexionar en oración sobre la misión esencial de evangelización de la Iglesia y sobre cómo podría ser la evangelización en el Pastorado de Anderson-Alexandria y sus parroquias.

La evangelización es más que "contar conversos" aunque sí debemos considerar qué sucede en nuestras parroquias si cada año tenemos más funerales que bautismos. Como he mencionado antes, la misión es más importante que el mantenimiento, y no podemos esperar sobrevivir a menos que aspiremos a prosperar.

Los números no son el criterio más importante. ¡Pero 26 no es un mal número! Aun así, imaginen duplicar o triplicar ese número en nuestro Pastorado.

- ¿Cómo lo lograríamos (con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo, por supuesto)?
 - ¿Cómo se beneficiarían nuestras parroquias de este crecimiento?
 - ¿Cómo se adaptarían nuestras parroquias a este crecimiento?
 - ¿Nos comprometeremos con nuestra misión esencial de evangelización?

¡Aleluya! ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya!

P. Tom Metzger

Segundo domingo de Pascua, 12 de abril 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.

EASTER † TIEMPO PASCUAL

INTENTIONS & READINGS

INTENCIONES Y LECTURAS

MONDAY, APRIL 13 / LUNES, 13 DE ABRIL

Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Dee Borgerding

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 / MARTES, 14 DE ABRIL

Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Rachel Lakes

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 / MIÉRCOLES, 15 DE ABRIL

Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

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

11:30AM St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson +Norm, Ed, & Esther Lind

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 / JUEVES, 16 DE ABRIL

Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

8:15 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Bernadette Hemphill

7:00 PM St. Mary Anderson (Spanish)+Emiterio Vázquez

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 / VIERNES, 17 DE ABRIL

Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Mary Lou Flecker

8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Martha Clark

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 / SÁBADO, 18 DE ABRIL

Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

4:00 PM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Larry & Marilyn Hexamer

4:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Toni Elsworth

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 / DOMINGO, 19 DE ABRIL

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35

7:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Connie Roberts

8:30AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Bill Chafin

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

11:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson (Spanish) +Cristobalina Cano Herrera



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

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, April 19, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Mary Alexandria.

Habrará Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento el domingo 19 de abril, desde las 9:30am hasta las 12:30pm 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, 10:30-1:00 - St. Ambrose
- ✠ 3rd Sunday of the Month/3er domingo del mes, 9:30-12:30 - St. Mary, Alex.

CONFESSIONS

Thursdays/Jueves 6:00-6:45 PM
St. Mary Anderson

✠ Saturdays/Sábados 2:30-3:30 PM
St. Ambrose

✠ Saturdays/Sábados 3:30-4:00 PM
St. Mary Alexandria

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

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



St. Mary Church, Alexandria



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026

Eucharistic Adoration
beginning at
9:30am.

Divine Mercy
Chaplet 3:00pm

Join us for this
beautiful devotion.

Not familiar with the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy? No worries! Materials will be provided to help you follow along.

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 week-ends of the month. They will be singing 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.

"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).*

Need to announce something here? 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!



¿Necesita anunciar algo aquí? Envíe la información/imágenes a rgrose@parish.dol-in.org al menos dos semanas antes de la fecha en que desea que aparezca en el boletín. ¡No espere hasta el último instante!

Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate



"I am the bread of life."
- John 6:35

"Yo soy el pan de vida."
- Juan 6:35

First Holy Communion Masses 2026 Misas de Primera Comunión

In Alexandria:
St. Mary Alexandria - Sunday, May 3, 8:30 am

In Anderson:
(bilingual - bilingüe)
St. Ambrose - Saturday, May 9, 10:00 am

All are warmly invited to attend!
Todos están invitados ¡Acompáñenos!

ST. JOSEPH'S HELPERS
ST. MARY ALEXANDRIA

SPRING
RAFFLE

Tickets only \$10 each
Drawing: April 26, 2026 after 8:30 Mass

5 WINNERS OF \$500 EACH

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Abril: Mes de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil

Did you know? Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond the societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offence against human dignity.



¿Lo sabía usted? El abuso infantil se presenta de muchas formas. La mayoría de la gente identifica el abuso infantil con golpear físicamente a un niño. La negligencia también es una forma de maltrato. No proporcionar a un niño una nutrición, alojamiento y supervisión adecuados puede causar un daño irreparable. Las expectativas de que un niño participe activamente en el cuidado de la casa y la familia, o incluso en trabajos adecuados para su edad, forman parte de un desarrollo sano. Pero las exigencias excesivas pueden convertirse en una forma de servidumbre que va más allá de las normas sociales. La pornografía infantil es una forma de abuso sexual, con víctimas reales en cada imagen. El ver estas imágenes es una ofensa a la dignidad humana.

Ten Tips for Protecting Children and Offering Outreach to Victims/Survivors

- 1. Sexual abuse is about the victim.** Many people are affected by abuse but the individual most impacted is the victim who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect his or her entire life.
- 2. No one has the right to have access to children.** No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children or young people who are in the care of the Church without proper screening and without following the rules.
- 3. Common sense is not all that common.** Dioceses, schools, parishes, and especially families, must educate themselves and others on how to protect children.
- 4. Child sexual abuse can be prevented.** It is critical to build safety barriers around children and young people too keep them from harm—such as protective guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies and procedures, and safety training programs.
- 5. The residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime.** The sense of violation goes deep into the person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. Those who have been abused can heal, but it often takes time, therapy, and the support of loved ones.

To be continued next week

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC, 2018

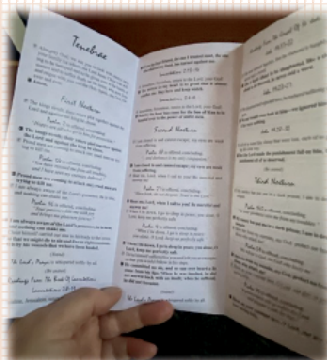


Diez consejos para proteger a los niños y brindar apoyo a las víctimas/sobrevivientes

- 1. El abuso sexual gira en torno a la víctima.** Muchas personas se ven afectadas por el abuso, pero la persona que sufre el mayor impacto es la víctima, quien ha padecido una violación de la confianza que puede repercutir en toda su vida.
- 2. Nadie tiene derecho a tener acceso a los niños.** Nadie—sin importar quién sea—tiene un derecho automático a estar cerca de niños o jóvenes que se encuentran bajo el cuidado de la Iglesia sin haber pasado por los debidos procesos de evaluación y sin acatar las normas establecidas.
- 3. El sentido común no es tan común como parece.** Las diócesis, las escuelas, las parroquias y, muy especialmente, las familias deben informarse y educar a los demás sobre cómo proteger a los niños.
- 4. El abuso sexual infantil se puede prevenir.** Resulta fundamental establecer barreras de seguridad en torno a los niños y jóvenes para mantenerlos a salvo de cualquier daño; entre estas medidas se incluyen la designación de tutores protectores, la implementación de códigos de conducta, la realización de verificaciones de antecedentes, el establecimiento de políticas y procedimientos, y la puesta en marcha de programas de capacitación en seguridad.
- 5. Las secuelas de haber sufrido abuso pueden perdurar toda la vida.** La sensación de violación cala hondo en la psique de la persona, y sentimientos como la ira, la vergüenza, el dolor y la traición pueden intensificarse mucho tiempo después de que el abuso haya tenido lugar. Quienes han sido víctimas de abuso pueden sanar, aunque a menudo esto requiere tiempo, terapia y el apoyo de sus seres queridos.

Continuará la próxima semana...

Fuente: Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, Washington, DC, 2018



TENEBRAE SERVICE † MARCH 30
ST MARY ALEXANDRIA



HOLY WEEK IN OUR PASTORATE

2026

LA SEMANA SANTA EN NUESTRO PASTORADO



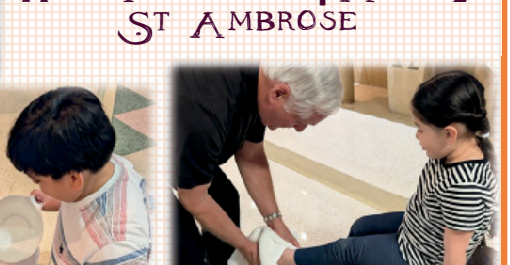
HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 2
ST MARY ALEXANDRIA

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CHRISM MASS
CATHEDRAL IN
LAFAYETTE
MARCH 31





HOLY THURSDAY † APRIL 2
ST AMBROSE



GOOD FRIDAY
† APRIL 3
ST MARY
ALEXANDRIA



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APRIL 3 †
HOLY CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY † APRIL 3
ST AMBROSE



TO BE CONTINUED...
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Si usted toma fotos de eventos en nuestro pastorado y quiere verlas en este boletín, envíelas a rgrose@parish.dol-in.org.

CALLED & GIFTED

Your journey toward Pentecost...

...where are you called?

You are invited to begin discerning your spiritual gifts at our Called & Gifted workshop.

St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church | Fishers, IN
Saturday, April 18 | 9:00am-5:00pm ET



Visit www.dol-in.org/CGHamiltonCounty for details & registration.

\$70 cost covers print & online materials and follow-up opportunities.

This program is partially funded by a generous gift from Lilly Endowment Inc. under the Phase III National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders.



Don't forget: Saturday 4:00 pm Mass in Anderson is celebrated at St. Ambrose Church from April through September.

The Holy Father's prayer intention for April *For priests in crisis*

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Intención de oración del Santo Padre para el mes de abril

Por los sacerdotes en crisis

Oremos por los sacerdotes que atraviesan momentos de crisis en su vocación, para que encuentren el acompañamiento que necesitan y para que las comunidades los sostengan con comprensión y oración.

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER, TIPTON



May 9, July 11, or August 29, 2026
 \$25, includes lunch

New! Saturday Get Away for a Day

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Tuesday, May 5, 2026
 \$35, includes lunch

Marian Day of Reflection with May Crowning

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April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19 or Sept. 16, 2026
 \$25, includes lunch

Silent Day Away

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Friday, June 12, 2026
 \$35, includes lunch and Little Office of the Sacred Heart of Jesus booklet

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Day of Reflection

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April 7, May 12, June 9, July 7, August 11 or September 8, 2026
 \$25, includes lunch

Get Away for a Day

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For a list of all the retreats available during the Easter season and throughout 2026, visit stjosephretreat.org/



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LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

Training sessions have been scheduled for those wanting to be **Communion Ministers** or **Lectors**. If you are interested in serving in either of these ministries, please contact your parish office. We need an accurate count of those who will attend in order to prepare teaching materials. **Training is only done once a year, and you cannot serve until you have been trained.**

Communion Ministers - you should attend the session at your parish:

St. Mary Anderson (English) - Sat., April 25, 9-10am

St. Mary Anderson (Spanish) - Thurs., April 30, 8-9pm

St. Ambrose—Wed. April 29, 7-8 pm

St. Mary Alexandria—Thurs., April 30, 7-8 pm

Lectors - training will take place at St. Mary Anderson for all (English) lectors in the pastorate. There will be additional follow-up sessions at St. Ambrose and St. Mary Alexandria to learn the local procedures.

St. Mary Anderson, Sat., May 16, 10:00-11:30 am (Spanish lector training will be announced at a later date.)

CAPACITACIÓN PARA MINISTROS LITÚRGICOS

Se han programado sesiones de formación para aquellos que deseen ser **Ministros de la Comunión** o **Lectores**. Si usted está interesado en servir en cualquiera de estos ministerios, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de su parroquia. Necesitamos un recuento exacto de quienes asistirán para poder preparar los materiales didácticos. **La capacitación se realiza solo una vez al año, y no podrá ejercer el ministerio hasta haber recibido dicha formación.**

Ministros de la Comunión: deben asistir a la sesión que se llevará a cabo en su propia parroquia:

St. Mary Anderson (inglés) — Sáb., 25 de abril, 9-10am

St. Mary Anderson (español) — Jue., 30 de abril, 8-9am

St. Ambrose — Mié., 29 de abril, 7-8pm

St. Mary Alexandria — Jue., 30 de abril, 7-8pm

Lectores: la formación se llevará a cabo en St. Mary Anderson para todos los lectores de habla inglesa del pastorado. Habrá sesiones de seguimiento adicionales en St. Ambrose y St. Mary Alexandria para aprender los procedimientos locales. St. Mary Anderson — Sáb., 16 de mayo, 10- 11:30am

La formación para lectores en español se anunciará en una fecha posterior.

Pilgrimage of a Lifetime

There's still time to sign up for the 12-day pilgrimage to an abundance of wonderful Catholic sites in Portugal, Spain, and France with Fr. DeCarlo in August/September! Visit and experience all of the following and **more**:

- ° Birthplace of St. Anthony of Padua
- ° Eucharistic Miracle of Santarém
- ° Full day & night at Fatima (including Rosary and Candlelight Procession)
- ° The Carmelite convent where Sister Lucia (seer of Fatima) lived
- ° Tomb of St. James (apostle) in Compostela
- ° Gothic cathedral in Burgos
- ° Sanctuary of St. Ignatius of Loyola (founder of the Jesuits)
- ° Full day & night at Lourdes (including Rosary & Candlelight procession)
- ° Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar in Zaragoza
- ° Sagrada Familia Church in Barcelona

Check it out while space is still available: tinyurl.com/pzp59j6u



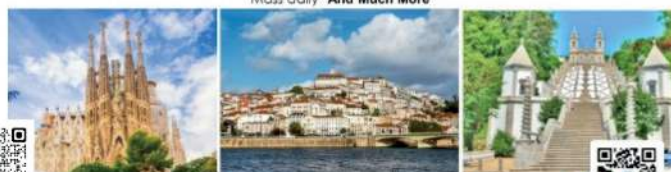
Aug. 24 - Sep. 04, 2026 | Indianapolis, IN (IND) | Package Price \$5290

Marian Shrines

Fatima & Lourdes



Package Price includes: Round-trip airfare * Breakfast and dinner * Accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels * Transportation in a private bus * English-speaking licensed tour guide * Mass daily * And Much More



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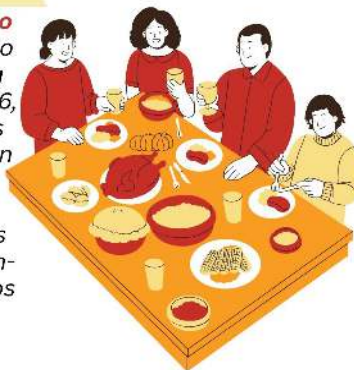
**Sign up by
May 1st**

Save the date

reserve la fecha

El **Picnic 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 reencontrarse con viejos amigos y hacer otros nuevos en el Pastorado de Anderson-Alexandria; ¡esperamos verlos allí! Acompañenos 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!



SCHOLARSHIPS

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

- **HERMAN AND ANN LEAF EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**
\$2,000 each semester available for first year freshman attending college or university in Indiana. Applications can be found online at www.stambrosestmary.org or at the school office.
Application deadline - April 24, 2026
- **ST. AMBROSE AND ST. MARY ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIPS**
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.
Application deadline - April 24, 2026



In search of people & storage: The St. Vincent de Paul Society has served the community of Anderson for many years. 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 Keith Olson; your parish secretary can connect you with him.

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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

If you have been confirmed within the last two years or will be confirmed in November of 2026, this retreat is for you!

Saturday April 18th

St. Mary school
820 W Madison St Alexandria, IN

8:30am 3:30pm

We will conclude with mass at
4:30pm

Register here



Deadline for registration April 13th

*All Are
Welcome*

Questions? Contact Evelyn Reyes



RETIRO DE CONFIRMACIÓN

Si has recibido tu confirmación en los últimos dos años o la recibirás en noviembre de 2026, ¡este retiro es para ti!

Sábado 18 de abril

Escuela de Santa María
820 W Madison St Alexandria, IN

De 8:30 a 15:30.

Concluiremos con la misa a las
4:30 p. m.

Regístrate aquí



Fecha límite de inscripción: 13 de abril.

*Todos son
bienvenidos*

¿Preguntas? Comuníquese con Evelyn Reyes.



Weekly Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year
July 1- June 30

MARCH 29,
2026

Year to Date
Año hasta la fecha

St. Mary Alexandria	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$4,808	\$187,512
	Received/ Recibido	\$3,155	\$189,366
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$1,653)	\$1,854
St. Mary Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$11,110	\$433,290
	Received/ Recibido	\$8,854	\$360,362
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$2,256)	(\$72,928)
St. Ambrose Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$8,805	\$343,395
	Received/ Recibido	\$12,411	\$339,377
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$3,606	(\$4,018)

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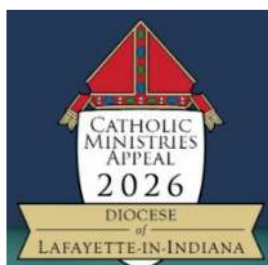
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Donations are starting to slow down. Let's keep it going! Thank you to all who have pledged or donated to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We need your help to reach our pastoral goal of \$185,000 by Pentecost, just 6 weeks away. Please ask the 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.

Las donaciones están comenzando a menguar. ¡Sigamos adelante! Gracias a todos los que han hecho una promesa de contribución o han donado al Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026. Necesitamos su ayuda para alcanzar la meta de nuestro pastorado de \$185,000 para Pentecostés, que está a tan solo 6 semanas de distancia. Por favor, pidan al Espíritu Santo que los guíe mientras oran y reflexionan sobre cómo están llamados a servir a través de sus ofrendas económicas y de su oración intencional.

	Goal	Pledged	Housholds participating
St. Mary Alexandria	\$37,000	\$36,875	49%
St. Ambrose	\$67,000	\$49,278	32%
St. Mary Anderson	\$81,000	\$62,897	22%



Marriage Tribunal

Did you know that your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal funds the Marriage Tribunal? Many former and current parishioners of our Pastorate have been able to access this important and healing ministry. The Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana is one of, if not the only, Diocese that provides this assistance at no cost to parishioners. This would not be possible without Catholic Ministries Appeal gifts.

The Marriage Tribunal responds to requests that are made by those who have received a divorce to investigate whether or not their former marriage was validly established according to the church's understanding of marriage. The specially trained priests and lay people who work in the Marriage Tribunal look upon their efforts as a healing ministry, an expression of the Church's compassion and concern for those whose marriages have ended.



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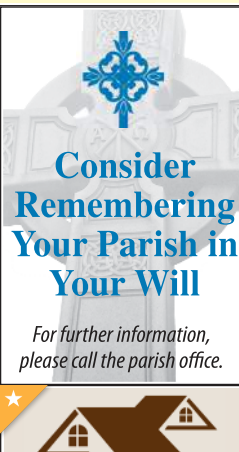
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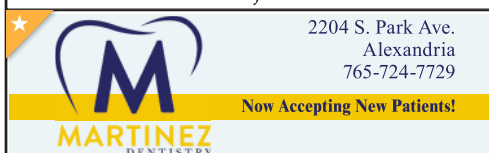
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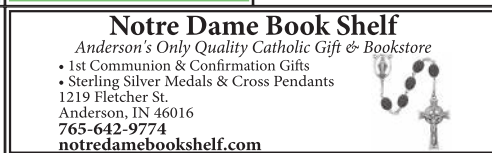
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