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12^º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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



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OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

Last Friday afternoon, I celebrated a wedding Mass for a couple from outside our pastorate. I had never met them in person before the rehearsal on Thursday, having only spoken to them on the phone. They were married at St. Ambrose because of its proximity to their reception venue.

Saturday morning, we celebrated a Quinceañera Mass at St. Ambrose. The Quinceañera is the traditional celebration of a girl's fifteenth birthday in Mexican and other Hispanic cultures.

Soon after, I received a call from Community Hospital to administer the Last Rites to a cancer patient who would soon be removed from life support.

After returning to St. Ambrose, I heard confessions and prepared for the evening Mass. Before Mass began, I celebrated the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with two parishioners. (This was scheduled, not impromptu.)

Following Mass, I traveled to Muncie for a family gathering, including my sister who was in town from California.

Sunday morning began with Mass at St. Mary in Alexandria. What felt like a long drive when I arrived here in 2020 now feels much more manageable.

From there I returned to Anderson for our 11:30 a.m. Spanish Mass at St. Mary Anderson, during which we celebrated the baptism of the child of a couple in our parish. That afternoon I had a phone conversation about an upcoming funeral with the family member of the person who had died.

It was a full weekend, and it also included the usual aspects of my weekend schedule.

This is not a commentary on my workload. I'm not complaining or bragging, but simply reflecting on and marveling at the variety of experiences, emotions, and forms of ministry that are part of the life of the priest.

And what is true of the priest is even truer for the life and ministry of the Church. The Church accompanies people through all the important moments of life, and through the Church's ministry, God works in countless ways in the lives of his people.

How is God "showing up" in both the ordinary and extraordinary events of your life, and how are you participating in God's work in the lives of his people?

Fr. Tom Metzger June 21, 2026

PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM...

El viernes pasado por la tarde, celebré una misa de boda para una pareja que no es de nuestro pastorado. Nunca los había conocido en persona antes del ensayo del jueves, ya que solo había hablado con ellos por teléfono. Se casaron en St. Ambrose debido a la cercanía con el lugar de su recepción.

El sábado por la mañana, celebramos una misa de Quinceañera en St. Ambrose. La Quinceañera es la celebración tradicional del decimoquinto cumpleaños de una niña en la cultura mexicana y otras culturas hispanas.

Poco después, recibí una llamada de Community Hospital para administrar los Últimos Sacramentos a un paciente con cáncer que pronto sería retirado del soporte vital.

Después de regresar a St. Ambrose, escuché confesiones y me preparé para la misa de la tarde. Antes de que comenzara la misa, celebré el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos con dos feligreses. (Esto estaba programado, no fue espontáneo).

Después de la misa, viajé a Muncie para una reunión familiar, incluyendo a mi hermana que estaba de visita desde California.

El domingo por la mañana comenzó con la misa en St. Mary en Alexandria. Lo que me parecía un viaje largo cuando llegué aquí en 2020 ahora se siente mucho más manejable.

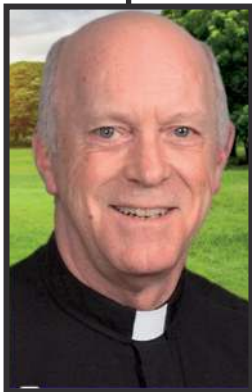
Desde allí regresé a Anderson para nuestra misa en español a las 11:30 am en St. Mary Anderson, durante la cual celebramos el bautismo del hijo de una pareja de nuestra parroquia. Esa tarde tuve una conversación telefónica sobre un funeral próximo con un familiar de la persona que había fallecido.

Fue un fin de semana lleno, que también incluyó los aspectos habituales de mi horario de fin de semana. Esto no es un comentario sobre mi carga de trabajo. No me estoy quejando ni presumiendo, simplemente estoy reflexionando y maravillándome de la variedad de experiencias, emociones y formas de ministerio que forman parte de la vida del sacerdote.

Y lo que es cierto para el sacerdote es aún más cierto para la vida y el ministerio de la Iglesia. La Iglesia acompaña a las personas en todos los momentos importantes de la vida, y a través del ministerio de la Iglesia, Dios actúa de innumerables maneras en la vida de su pueblo.

¿Cómo está "apareciendo" Dios en los eventos tanto ordinarios como extraordinarios de tu vida, y cómo estás participando en la obra de Dios en la vida de su pueblo?

P. Tom Metzger a 21 de junio 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.

ORDINARY TIME + TIEMPO ORDINARIO INTENTIONS & READINGS INTENCIONES Y LECTURAS

MONDAY, JUNE 22 / LUNES, 22 DE JUNIO

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 / Matthew 7:1-5

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Joanne Reed

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 / MARTES, 23 DE JUNIO

2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 / Matthew 7:6, 12-14

8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Catherine Strahlhoff

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 / MIÉRCOLES, 24 DE JUNIO

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26 / Luke 1:57-66, 80

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* Int. of the Newly Confirmed

11:30AM St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson +Mike Kemp

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 / JUEVES, 25 DE JUNIO

2 Kings 24:8-17 / Matthew 7:21-29

8:15 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Connie Roberts

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 / VIERNES, 26 DE JUNIO

2 Kings 25:1-12 / Matthew 8:1-4

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Deanna Miller

8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Mary Guviecki

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 / SÁBADO, 27 DE JUNIO

Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 / Matthew 8:5-17

4:00 PM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Anna Sokol

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 / DOMINGO, 28 DE JUNIO

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

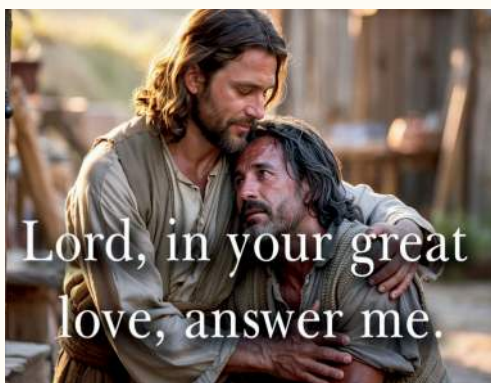
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a / Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 / Matthew 10:37-42

7:30 AM St. Mary Anderson +Wayne Renschler

8:30AM St. Mary, Alexandria* People of the Pastorate

9:30 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +María de Jesús Martínez

11:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson (Spanish)+Martín Sánchez



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

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Sunday, June 21, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Mary Church in Alexandria.

Habrà Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento este domingo 21 de junio, desde las 9:30am hasta la 12:30pm en la iglesia de St. Mary en 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



BAKE SALE!

The Daughters of Mary are hosting a bake sale after the Masses in Alexandria this weekend (June 20/21). Don't leave without purchasing something yummy!



St. Joseph's Helpers will be serving **coffee and doughnuts** after Mass in Alexandria on Sunday, June 28. There will be a general trivia game for the school children with a gift card for the winner. Come for fun and fellowship.



Any men 18 years old and older who are interested in joining Saint Joseph's Helpers may do so just by attending the next meeting this Thursday, June 25, at 6 pm in Zimmer Hall (Alexandria).

Come join our brotherhood in Christ!

Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the church at St. Mary in Alexandria. Everyone is invited to come and join in prayer. If you are unfamiliar with this devotion, no worries! Prayer cards are available to help you learn how participate in this short but powerful prayer.



Do you want to grow in your understanding of Catholic theology?

Register for discounted online theology courses created by Notre Dame professors.



www.mcgrath.nd.edu/online-courses/step/

The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana has partnered with the STEP program through the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame.

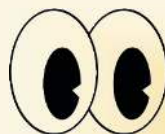
- Parishioners within the diocese pay approximately \$50 per course.
- Please reach out to your parish office for the discount registration code.
- Courses are available in English and Spanish.

Calling All Artsy Eyes & Green Thumbs!

Do you enjoy decorating around the holidays or keeping indoor/outdoor plants? The Church Environment Team might be the perfect place for you!

We're looking to assemble a team of people willing to help care for live plants and decorate seasonally within the church sanctuary and narthex at **St. Mary Alexandria**.

Schedules are very flexible. If you are interested in joining, please contact Emarie Warner. Alexandria school/parish secretary Traci can help you get in touch with Emarie..

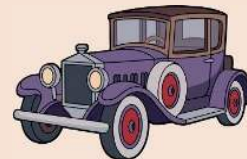


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Email the text and graphics to rgrose@parish.dol-in.org at least two weeks before you wish it to appear in the bulletin. Don't wait until the last minute!

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A former parishioner wanting to come back to church needs a ride to Mass. She lives on the southeast side of Anderson, close to Tony's on East 67. For more information, please call the St. Ambrose parish office at 765-644-5956.



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The Holy Father's prayer intention for June: for the values of sports.

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Intención de oración del Santo Padre para el mes de junio: por los valores del deporte

Oremos para que el deporte sea un instrumento de paz, encuentro y diálogo entre culturas y naciones, y para que promueva valores como el respeto, la solidaridad y el crecimiento personal.

FOOD PANTRY

I've been pondering on our food pantry and if there is a way to improve how we serve people. I haven't come up with any answers yet. The need is only growing as more and more cuts are made to federal and state food support systems. Have you ever thought about who gets to eat? Who gets food? Who deserves food? Who deserves to be hungry? I wonder if our lawmakers think about the cost of hunger vs the cost of food. I'm grateful and thankful for this faith family, doing what you can, sharing so generously.

I don't know of another food pantry that works the way ours does. We operate from one wall in an ex-classroom. We don't store food—it comes in, it goes out. I don't want to be a warehouse, but sometimes it does get scary and I wonder what will we give people?? Then you all bring in cereal or cans of chicken, or pasta and sauce, or rice and beans, Aldi comes through, and God supplies food for the people he brings the next day.

When people come to our pantry we greet them and hopefully get to talk a few minutes. If they're new, we show them a list of all available resources in the area, from pet food to clothes plus food. We don't ask for ID or proof of address - that doesn't matter to us. If you come for food, we will share what we have. I do ask for a name, how many adults and children in the household. Families can come once a month.

One of the hardest things is deciding what to give people. For the Drive-Thru twice a month, everyone gets the same thing—whatever we bought from Second Harvest, our area food bank. For the pantry we have to decide how much of what to give. It's often a hard choice. We try to figure out what food matches the need without asking embarrassing questions. For example, I would never ask if someone is homeless, I ask *what are you cooking on these days?* Answers I've heard include campfires, my brother lets me use his oven, such-and-so gas station lets me use their microwave. I might ask someone if they prefer ready-to-eat food or if they like to cook. We need both kinds of foods, like dry beans that take time, pots and a heat source, and ready-to-eat canned beans. It's thoughtful, deliberate decisions that aren't really explainable but involve a lot of asking for the Lord's wisdom!

We always need helpers, people who are willing and happy to meet with people. We talk with working families, veterans, grandparents raising their grandchildren, retirees, unhoused men and women, single



FOOD MINISTRIES

moms— everyone comes to the food pantry. Want to help? Call me! Thank you and God bless us all!

~Lawson Hunsicker
Food Ministries
Coordinator

FOOD MINISTRIES

He estado reflexionando sobre nuestra despensa de alimentos y si existe alguna forma de mejorar la manera en que atendemos a las personas. Aún no he encontrado respuestas. La necesidad no hace más que aumentar a medida que se aplican más recortes a los sistemas federales y estatales de asistencia alimentaria.

¿Alguna vez se ha detenido a pensar sobre a quién le toca comer? ¿Quién recibe alimentos? ¿Quién merece recibir comida? ¿Quién merece pasar hambre? Me pregunto si nuestros legisladores consideran el costo del hambre frente al costo de los alimentos. Me siento agradecida por esta familia de fe que hace lo que puede y comparte con tanta generosidad.

No conozco otra despensa de alimentos que funcione como la nuestra. Operamos desde una pared en lo que antes era un aula. No almacenamos comida: lo que llega, se reparte. No quiero convertirnos en un almacén, pero a veces la situación impone respeto y me pregunto: “¿Qué les vamos a dar a la gente?” Entonces, ustedes traen cereales, latas de pollo, pasta y salsa, o arroz y frijoles; Aldi responde a nuestras necesidades y Dios provee el alimento para las personas que llegan al día siguiente.

Cuando la gente acude a nuestra despensa, los saludamos y, con suerte, conversamos unos minutos con ellos. Si son nuevos, les mostramos una lista de todos los recursos disponibles en la zona: desde comida para mascotas y ropa hasta alimentos básicos. No pedimos identificación ni comprobante de domicilio; eso no nos importa. Si alguien viene a buscar comida, compartimos lo que tenemos. Si pregunto el nombre y cuántos adultos y niños hay en el hogar. Las familias pueden acudir una vez al mes.

Una de las cosas más difíciles es decidir qué entregar a las personas. En el servicio de entrega desde el vehículo (*drive-thru*), que realizamos dos veces al mes, todos reciben lo mismo: aquello que compramos en Second Harvest, el banco de alimentos de nuestra zona. Para la despensa, en cambio, debemos decidir qué cantidad de cada producto entregar. A menudo es una decisión difícil. Intentamos determinar qué alimentos se ajustan a las necesidades sin hacer preguntas que puedan resultar incómodas. Por ejemplo, nunca pregunto si alguien vive en la calle; en su lugar, pregunto: *¿Dónde está cocinando estos días?* Entre las respuestas que he escuchado se incluyen: fogatas, el horno que me presta mi hermano o el microondas de tal o cual gasolinera. A veces pregunto a las personas si prefieren alimentos listos para consumir o si les gusta cocinar. Necesitamos ambos tipos de productos: desde frijoles secos—que requieren tiempo, ollas y una fuente de calor para prepararse—hasta frijoles enlatados listos para comer. Son decisiones meditadas y deliberadas que no siempre tienen una explicación sencilla, ¡pero que implican pedir constantemente la sabiduría del Señor!

Siempre necesitamos colaboradores, personas dispuestas y contentas de interactuar con los demás. Atendemos a familias trabajadoras, veteranos, abuelos que crían a sus nietos, jubilados, personas sin hogar y madres solteras; todo tipo de gente acude a nuestro banco de alimentos. ¿Quiere ayudar? ¡Llámemme! ¡Gracias y que Dios nos bendiga a todos!

~Lawson Hunsicker
Coordinadora de los ministerios de alimentos



The **Prayer and Stitches** group recently presented Fr. Tom and Fr. DeCarlo with their very own handmade afghans! Group members prayed over these gifts as they stitched them. The group meets in Assembly Hall at St. Ambrose Church on Mondays from 7 to 9 pm. Everyone is welcome to come to the bilingual sessions to knit, crochet, or do some other craft while praying and socializing with other members of our pastorate.



*El grupo **Oración y Puntadas** entregó recientemente al P. Tom y al P. DeCarlo unas mantas tejidas a mano especialmente para ellos. Los miembros del grupo oraron sobre estas piezas mientras las confeccionaban. El grupo se reúne en Assembly Hall de la iglesia de St. Ambrose los lunes de 7 a 9 pm. Todos son bienvenidos a estas sesiones bilingües para tejer o realizar otras manualidades mientras oran y conviven con otros miembros de nuestro pastorado.*

St. Mary Anderson parishioners **Paul and Nancy Muething** were honored at a luncheon on June 4th for their 35 years of faithful service to Habitat for Humanity. Friends from our pastorate were there to witness their reception of this award. The Muethings are also an important part of the volunteers that make our Food Ministries possible. They make soup for the Soup Kitchen, haul donations from Aldi and elsewhere for the Food Pantry, pick up bread from Panera, and in general make themselves indispensable in their quiet, service-focused way. Thank you, Paul and Nancy!



*Well done, good and faithful servant.
Matthew 25:21*

MORE FROM THE CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & PROCESSION JUNE 7, 2026 † ST. MARY, ANDERSON



See the June 14th bulletin for more photos from this event: stambrosestmary.org/bulletins
Consulte el boletín del 14 de junio para ver fotos adicionales de este evento.



The Immigration Boom

Catholic presence in the USA was greatly increased in the 19th century by the millions of immigrants arriving from Ireland, Germany, Italy, Poland, and Eastern Europe. Though many people of other faiths arrived in the waves of massive immigration to the United States between 1840 and 1920, Catholics were the most numerous. In 1850 Catholics made up only 5% of the total U.S. population. By 1906, we made up 17% percent and formed the single largest religious denomination in the land.

Until about 1845, the Catholic population of the United States had been a small minority of mostly upper class English Catholics. That all changed beginning with millions of Irish who fled the devastating potato famine in their land in the 1840s. In only about five decades, the Catholic population in the United States transformed from a tight-knit group of landowning, educated aristocrats into an incredibly diverse mass of urban and rural immigrants of different social statuses who came from many different countries and spoke different languages.

Early public schools were largely Protestant and students from Catholic immigrant families faced discrimination of their religious beliefs, so Catholic leaders created their own school system. The government refused to fund these separate religious schools, so local parishes funded them, depending on nuns and priests to serve as teachers. Religious orders and clergy established a huge network of schools, colleges, hospitals, and orphanages.

However, the rapid growth of the Catholic population fueled anxiety among many in the Protestant majority. The American public's resistance to immigration culminated in a series of restrictive immigration laws passed in the early 1920s that placed quotas on the numbers of people allowed in from each foreign country. Quotas for Catholic countries were set so low that Catholic immigration had mostly stopped by 1924.



Next time: **Integration into Public Life**

To read previous installments of this column, see back issue of the bulletin beginning with May 31. If you can't find your paper copies, consult the bulletin archive online at stambroestmary.org/bulletins

Catholics in the USA



Los católicos en los EE.UU.

La presencia católica en los Estados Unidos aumentó considerablemente en el siglo XIX gracias a los millones de inmigrantes que llegaban de Irlanda, Alemania, Italia, Polonia y Europa del Este. Aunque muchas personas de otras confesiones llegaron durante las oleadas de inmigración masiva a Estados Unidos entre 1840 y 1920, los católicos constituían el grupo más numeroso. En 1850, los católicos representábamos solo el 5 % de la población total del país. Para 1906, esa cifra había ascendido al 17 %, convirtiéndose en la denominación religiosa más grande de la nación.

Hasta alrededor de 1845, la población católica de Estados Unidos había sido una pequeña minoría compuesta mayoritariamente por católicos ingleses de clase alta. Todo esto empezó a cambiar con la llegada de millones de irlandeses que huían de la devastadora hambruna de la papa en su tierra natal durante la década de 1840. En apenas cinco décadas, la población católica estadounidense pasó de ser un grupo reducido y cohesionado de aristócratas terratenientes e instruidos a convertirse en una masa increíblemente diversa de inmigrantes—tanto urbanos como rurales y de distintas clases sociales—procedentes de numerosos países y hablantes de distintos idiomas.

Las primeras escuelas públicas eran mayoritariamente protestantes y los alumnos de familias inmigrantes católicas sufrían discriminación por sus creencias religiosas, por lo que los líderes católicos crearon su propio sistema escolar. El gobierno se negó a financiar estas escuelas religiosas independientes, así que las parroquias locales asumieron los costos, recurriendo a religiosas y sacerdotes para ejercer como docentes. Las órdenes religiosas y el clero establecieron una vasta red de colegios, universidades, hospitales y orfanatos.

Sin embargo, el rápido crecimiento de la población católica generó inquietud entre gran parte de la mayoría protestante. La resistencia de la opinión pública estadounidense a la inmigración culminó con la aprobación, a principios de la década de 1920, de una serie de leyes restrictivas que establecían toques al número de personas admitidas desde cada país extranjero. Los toques fijados para los países católicos fueron tan bajos que, para 1924, la inmigración católica se había detenido prácticamente por completo.

La próxima vez:

La integración a la vida pública

Para leer los capítulos anteriores de esta columna, véanse los números atrasados del boletín, comenzando por el del 31 de mayo. Si ud. no localiza sus copias impresas, consulte el archivo de boletines en línea: stambroestmary.org/bulletins



**APPLE PIE,
OLD GLORY,
AND AN
AMERICAN POPE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026
5:30-7:00 PM (AFTER 4:30 MASS)**

**ZIMMER HALL
ST. MARY CHURCH
820 W. MADISON, ALEXANDRIA**

**COME ENJOY FOOD, FELLOWSHIP,
AND A FUN TRIVIA NIGHT!**

**BURGERS + BRATS WILL BE PROVIDED!
BRING AN APPLE PIE TO SHARE, IF YOU CAN!**

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Catholic Pastorate

June: month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

candidate/whatever.” The heart is truly the universal symbol of love.

Catholic tradition pictures Jesus’ heart as living token of redemptive love. The Gospels describe Jesus’ heart as “meek and humble” (Matthew 11:29), “full of compassion” (Matthew 9:36), a “fountain of living water” (John 7:37-39), of “blood [Eucharist] and water Baptism” (John 19:34), sacraments of the church’s birth, new Eve from new Adam’s side.

The Sacred Heart devotion blossomed in the seventeenth century, countering an overemphasis on spiritual unworthiness and an increasing secular contempt for religion with loving affection for Jesus and encouragement of frequent Communion. The devotion’s “apostle” was the humble nun Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-90), who envisioned Jesus, pointing to his burning, wounded heart and lamenting the world’s indifference: **“Behold the Heart that has loved people so and is loved so little in return!”**

This cherished Catholic devotion reminds us that, no matter how sophisticated the theology in our heads, discipleship is also, perhaps more so, a matter of the heart. ~Peter Scagnelli

Scan QR code or go to the url to view the Prayer to the Sacred Heart for the occasion of the consecration of the USA to the Most Sacred Heart on June 11, 2026:

uscbb.org/prayers/prayer-sacred-heart-jesus

Think of countless T-shirts and bumper stickers: “I (big red heart) a city/pet/

Pensemos en las innumerables camisetas y calcomanías para carros que dicen:

“Yo (corazón rojo) a una ciudad/candidato/etc.” El corazón es, verdaderamente, el símbolo universal del amor.

La tradición católica representa el corazón de Jesús como un signo vivo del amor redentor. Los Evangelios describen el corazón de Jesús como “manso y humilde” (Mateo 11, 29), “lleno de compassion” (Mateo 9, 36), una “fuente de agua viva” (Juan 7, 37-39) y manantial de “sangre [Eucaristía] y agua [Bautismo]” (Juan 19, 34); sacramentos del nacimiento de la Iglesia, la nueva Eva surgida del costado del nuevo Adán.

La devoción al Sagrado Corazón floreció en el siglo XVII; surgió para contrarrestar tanto el énfasis excesivo en la indignidad espiritual como el creciente desprecio secular hacia la religión, promoviendo en su lugar un afecto amoroso hacia Jesús y el fomento de la comunión frecuente. La “apóstol” de esta devoción fue la humilde religiosa santa Margarita María de Alacoque (1647-1690), quien tuvo visiones de Jesús señalando su corazón ardiente y llagado, mientras lamentaba la indiferencia del mundo: **“¡He aquí el Corazón que tanto ha amado a los hombres y que tan poco es amado a cambio!”**. Esta entrañable devoción católica nos recuerda que, por muy sofisticada que sea la teología que albergamos en nuestra mente, el discipulado es también—y tal vez más aún—una cuestión del corazón. ~Peter Scagnelli

Escanee el código QR o visite el sitio web para ver la Oración al Sagrado Corazón con motivo de la consagración de los EE.UU. al

Santísimo Sagrado Corazón el 11 de junio de 2026:

uscbb.org/es/prayers/oracion-al-sagrado-corazon-de-jesus

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St. Ignatius
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Sister Mary Mary Ambrose



Sister always loves visiting and working with one of our pastorate's most gracious and encouraging voices. Do you know who she is pictured with here?

A la hermana siempre le encanta visitar y trabajar con una de las voces más amables y alentadoras de nuestro pastorado. ¿Sabe usted con quién aparece en esta foto?

Last week we saw our sweet Sister standing in front of one of the colored windows at the back of St. Ambrose Church, near the stairs leading to the choir loft. This particular window is inscribed with the text of the Apostles' Creed. Look for it and other lovely colored windows the next time you are at St. Ambrose.

La semana pasada vimos a nuestra querida Hermana de pie frente a una de las ventanas de colores de la parte posterior de la iglesia de St. Ambrose, cerca de la escalera que conduce al coro. Esta ventana en particular lleva inscrita la letra del Credo de los Apóstoles. Busque esta ventana— y otras igualmente bellas—la próxima vez que visite St. Ambrose.



Alexandria Vacation Bible School

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JUNE 22-26

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Time: 9am-12 Noon

Grade: K-5th Grade

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Participant and Volunteer Registration

<https://stambrosestmary.org/vacation-bible-school>



Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School in both Anderson and Alexandria. Visit stambrosestmary.org/vacation-bible-school or scan QR code to sign up.

Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para la Escuela Bíblica de Verano, tanto en Anderson como en Alexandria. Visite stambrosestmary.org/vacation-bible-school o escanee el código QR para inscribirse.

High School Youth Ministry is hosting....



When: June 22-26

Where: Holy Cross school, North

Time: 8:00 am- 1:00 pm

Who: kids in grades K-8

Details on registration to come.....

Anderson Vacation Bible School

Ministro Juvenil de preparatoria presenta...



Cuándo: del 22 al 26 de Junio **Dónde:** Escuela de Holy Cross North

Hora: de 8:00am a 1:00 pm

Quiénes: niños de kínder a octavo grado (K-8)

Este programa se dará en Inglés

Detalles para inscripciones por venir....



Dear God, Thank you for loving us with your perfect heart of a father. We ask you this Father's Day and always to guide and protect the hearts of all men in fatherly roles who are striving to love with your heart and do your work. Give them pure, chaste, courageous, and creative hearts like Saint Joseph. Give them hearts that never tire of serving those they are called to love. Give them hearts that seek out their loved ones and gently turn their gaze to see You, who is Love. And we ask you, Father, to bless them abundantly today. We thank you for blessing us with those in fatherly roles in our lives. We entrust them to you. Amen.



Querido Dios, gracias por amarnos con tu corazón perfecto de Padre. Te pedimos en este Día del Padre y siempre que guíes y protejas los corazones de todos los hombres que desempeñan roles paternos y se esfuerzan por amar con tu corazón y realizar tu obra. Dales corazones puros, castos, valientes y creativos como San José. Dales corazones que nunca se cansen de servir a quienes están llamados a amar. Dales corazones que busquen a sus seres queridos y dirijan su mirada con ternura hacia Ti, que eres Amor. Y te pedimos, Padre, que los bendigas abundantemente hoy. Te damos gracias por bendecirnos con quienes desempeñan roles paternos en nuestras vidas. Te los encomendamos. Amén.

CAMP HOPE 2026

The Anderson Center Behavioral Health Clinic at Ascension St. Vincent Anderson is proud to offer **CAMP HOPE**, a two-day camp dedicated to fostering healing and understanding of grief.

The camp will offer children and adolescents (ages 6 to 14) a safe environment to embark on their individual journey through grief, offering therapeutic activities, grief education, and emotional support. Mental health professionals will be on hand to provide support to campers as they navigate their grief, learn valuable coping skills, and build connections with others who are also experiencing loss.

CAMP HOPE is made accessible to all campers at no cost, thanks to the generous contributions of donors to the Ascension St. Vincent Anderson Foundation. If you or someone you know may be interested in registering please contact Ashley Stangland at 765-608-2659 or Ashley.Stangland@ascension.org.

There are a limited number of spaces available, please register by **June 26, 2026**.

For your convenience use QR Code listed below.

CAMP HOPE 2026

July 16 & 17: 9:00am to 3:00pm



Scan the code to learn more

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ST. MARY SCHOOL ALEXANDRIA

St. Mary School is seeking a parishioner willing to volunteer their time to support our STEM program this fall. As part of the program, students will engage in project-based learning experiences, and several students have expressed interest in learning **quilt-making skills**.

We would love to find one or two volunteers who would be willing to share their time and talents to help guide students through this hands-on learning opportunity. The STEM program will begin in October and continue throughout the school year. Class sessions take place on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 7:50–11:30am. Call the school office for more information.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL ANDERSON

HELP WANTED:

Mr. Harrold will be our Transportation Coordinator next year! We still need a few **Bus Drivers**. These are paid positions.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Positive attitude and good communication skills
- A desire to support students and their families
- Valid Indiana Drivers License
- Criminal Background Check



Commercial Drivers License (C.D.L.) is **NOT** required

If interested, contact the school office at either campus



Weekly Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year
July 1- June 30

JUNE 7
2026

Year to Date
Año hasta la fecha

St. Mary Alexandria	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$4,808	\$235,592
	Received/ Recibido	\$6,729	\$236,141
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$1,921	(\$549)
St. Mary Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$11,110	\$544,390
	Received/ Recibido	\$10,389	\$453,591
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$721)	(\$90,799)
St. Ambrose Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$8,805	\$431,445
	Received/ Recibido	\$9,873	\$435,031
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$1,068	\$3,586

ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA PASTORATE STAFF

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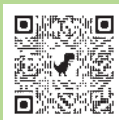
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Why not give it a whirl? To get started, choose your parish from the homepage of our pastorate web-site (stambrovestmary.org), then click on "ONLINE GIVING."



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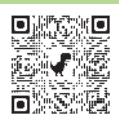


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