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OF HEAVEN**
IS LIKE A TREASURE
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LOS CIELOS**
ES COMO UN TESORO
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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 26, 2026
XVII DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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



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OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

In the June edition of America Magazine, Cardinal Robert McElroy, of Washington, DC, addressed three major distortions of Catholic teaching on war. My brief summary here cannot do his article justice, but perhaps it will motivate you to read the article online. Use the QR code included with this column to do so.

Cardinal McElroy states that recent debate over the war with Iran reveals three significant distortions of Catholic “just war” teaching.

First distortion: The Catholic “Just War” tradition is the Church’s primary stance on war. The Church teaches that war is fundamentally contrary to the Gospel, to be avoided whenever possible. Popes John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, Francis, and Leo XIV, all consistently rejected war, especially in view of the destructive capacity of contemporary weapons. The 1965 plea of Pope Paul VI before the United Nations, “No more war, never again war!” expresses the core Catholic teaching, not simply an aspiration or an ideal. So the discussion must begin with the assumption of the immorality of a proposed war, before any consideration that it might be justified.

Second distortion: Just War principles are merely non-binding guidelines or rules of thumb. In fact, they are strict moral criteria that must all be satisfied before military force can be considered legitimate. These include the presence of lasting and grave aggression, exhaustion of peaceful alternatives, a reasonable chance of success, the right intention of restoring peace and justice, and assurance that war will not cause greater harm than it prevents. Although applying these standards requires prudential judgment, such judgment must faithfully uphold the criteria rather than weaken or reinterpret them.

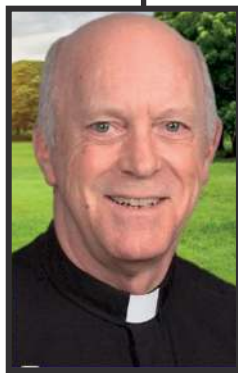
Third distortion: Only political leaders can determine whether a particular war satisfies just war requirements. The Church has the authority and the responsibility to assess the moral legitimacy of specific conflicts. Decisions about war affect society as a whole and therefore should involve, besides heads of governments, a nation’s legislative bodies, religious leaders, civic institutions, and other voices concerned with the common good. As history shows, political leaders may be influenced by strategic or partisan commitments, and excluding the Church and other moral authorities risks reducing decisions about war to political calculations rather than ethical ones.

So, to summarize my summary, the purpose of the Church’s Just War teaching is not to justify war, but to limit it, and to limit it severely.

Fr. Tom Metzger

July 26, 2026

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith-and-reason/2026/04/28/catholic-just-war-teaching-iran/>



PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM...

En la edición de junio de America Magazine, el cardenal Robert McElroy, de Washington, DC, abordó tres grandes distorsiones de la enseñanza católica sobre la guerra. Mi breve resumen aquí no puede hacer justicia a su artículo, pero tal vez te motive a leer el artículo en línea. Usa el código QR incluido con esta columna para hacerlo (en inglés solamente).

El cardenal McElroy afirma que el debate reciente sobre la guerra con Irán revela tres distorsiones significativas de la enseñanza católica sobre la “guerra justa.”

Primera distorsión: La tradición católica de la “Guerra Justa” es la postura principal de la Iglesia sobre la guerra. La Iglesia enseña que la guerra es fundamentalmente contraria al Evangelio, y debe evitarse siempre que sea posible. Los papas Juan XXIII, Pablo VI, Juan Pablo II, Benedicto XVI, Francisco y León XIV, todos rechazaron consistentemente la guerra, especialmente considerando la capacidad destructiva de las armas contemporáneas. La súplica de 1965 del Papa Pablo VI ante las Naciones Unidas, “¡No más guerra, nunca más guerra!” expresa la enseñanza católica central, no simplemente un deseo o un ideal. Entonces, la discusión debe comenzar con la suposición de la inmoralidad de una guerra propuesta, antes de considerar que podría estar justificada.

Segunda distorsión: Los principios de la Guerra Justa son simplemente pautas no vinculantes o reglas generales. De hecho, son criterios morales estrictos que deben cumplirse todos antes de que se pueda considerar legítimo el uso de la fuerza militar. Estos incluyen la presencia de una agresión grave y duradera, el agotamiento de alternativas pacíficas, una probabilidad razonable de éxito, la intención correcta de restaurar la paz y la justicia, y la seguridad de que la guerra no causará un daño mayor del que evita. Aunque aplicar estos estándares requiere juicio prudencial, ese juicio debe respetar fielmente los criterios en lugar de debilitarlos o reinterpretarlos.

Tercera distorsión: Solo los líderes políticos pueden determinar si una guerra en particular cumple con los requisitos de la guerra justa. La Iglesia tiene la autoridad y la responsabilidad de evaluar la legitimidad moral de conflictos específicos. Las decisiones sobre la guerra afectan a la sociedad en su conjunto y, por lo tanto, deberían involucrar, además de a los jefes de gobierno, a los órganos legislativos del país, a los líderes religiosos, a las instituciones cívicas y a otras voces preocupadas por el bien común. Como muestra la historia, los líderes políticos pueden estar influenciados por compromisos estratégicos o partidistas, y excluir a la Iglesia y a otras autoridades morales corre el riesgo de reducir las decisiones sobre la guerra a cálculos políticos en lugar de éticos.

Así que, para resumir mi resumen, el propósito de la enseñanza de la Guerra Justa de la Iglesia no es justificar la guerra, sino limitarla, y limitarla severamente.

P. Tom Metzger

a 26 de julio 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, JULY 27 / LUNES, 27 DE JULIO

Jeremiah 13:1-11 / Matthew 13:31-25

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Filberto Montes

TUESDAY, JULY 28 / MARTES, 28 DE JULIO

Jeremiah 14:17-22 / Matthew 13:36-43

8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +John & Mary Kudroch

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 / MIÉRCOLES, 29 DE JULIO

FEAST OF STS. MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21 / John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Al Duffy

11:30AM St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson +Dec'd of the Porcaro, LaPollo, and DeRosa fams

THURSDAY, JULY 30 / JUEVES, 30 DE JULIO

Jeremiah 18:1-6 / Matthew 13:47-53

8:15 AM St. Mary, Anderson Living & deceased members of St. Mary School class of 1955

7:00 PM St. Mary Anderson (Spanish) +Harry & Rosalie Metzger

FRIDAY, JULY 31 / VIERNES, 31 DE JULIO

MEMORIAL OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Jeremiah 26:1-9 / Matthew 13:54-58

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Nancy Duffy

8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Marlene Mayfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 / SÁBADO, 1 DE AGOSTO

MEMORIAL OF ST. ALPHONSUS OF LIGUORI, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24 / Matthew 14:1-12

4:00 PM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Rachel Lakes

4:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Carlos Hernández Cabrera

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 / DOMINGO, 2 DE AGOSTO

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3 / Romans 8:35, 37-39 / Matthew 14:13-21

7:30 AM St. Mary Anderson +Wayne Carter

8:30AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Philip & Rita Parton

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

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Sunday, August 2, from 10:30am to 1:00pm at St. Ambrose Church.



Habrará Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento el domingo 2 de agosto, desde las 10:30am hasta la 1:00pm en la iglesia de St. Ambrose.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

✠ 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 Alexandria Masses are live-streamed, though not recorded. You may access the video at stambrosestmary.org.**

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

Natural Family Planning

Planificación Familiar Natural

"To experience the gift of married love while respecting the laws of conception is to acknowledge that one is not the master of the sources of life but rather the minister of the design established by the Creator."

(Humanae vitae, 13)



#nfpweek



Learn more:
usccb.org/topics/
natural-family-
planning

THE BENEFITS OF NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

IT'S EFFECTIVE

Modern NFP is not your grandmother's "rhythm method". NFP is based on researched fertility science and is up to 99% effective at postponing pregnancy.



IT'S NATURAL

There are no pills, no devices, no implants, nothing except you and your amazing body!

IT'S SPIRITUALLY BENEFICIAL

Natural Family Planning methods respect our dignity as human persons, encouraging couples to think of the other, and promoting a chaste, family-centered lifestyle.



IT'S EMPOWERING

When a woman observes and records her fertility signs, the knowledge gained gives her a sense of confidence and empowerment.

IT'S HEALTHY

Unlike artificial forms of birth control which can cause cancer or infertility problems, NFP is very healthy. The information a woman observes through her use of NFP not only aids her with her fertility awareness, but can point to her overall health.



IT'S VERSATILE

There are many options available for couples who want to use NFP, so you can find a method that meets your needs and your lifestyle.

IT'S A BLESSING FOR MARRIAGE

Couples who use NFP frequently report increased communication, empathy, trust, and marital and sexual satisfaction.



IT'S COST EFFECTIVE

While the initial costs to learn NFP may vary, the long term costs are actually quite inexpensive.

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FORMED



Our pastorate website home page includes a link to content related to the **holy days and saints for the current week**. Scroll down to *This Week on FORMED* to view the content.

La página principal del sitio web de nuestro pastorado incluye un enlace a contenido relacionado con las **festividades y los santos de la semana en curso**. Baje hasta la sección "This Week on FORMED" para ver el contenido.

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Discussion of Pope Leo's recent encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*



The Ulmas: The moving story of the heroic family in Poland who gave their lives to save Jews.

(español) Guadalupe:
El milagro y el mensaje



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¿Ya se inscribió usted a FORMED?

FORMED es el principal servicio católico de transmisión en línea (streaming). Nuestro pastorado ofrece este servicio **GRATIS** a todas las personas y familias en las tres parroquias y ambas escuelas del pastorado. Para ver información sobre cómo acceder este excelente contenido, visite la página FORMED (en inglés) de nuestro sitio web del pastorado: stambrosestmary.org/formed

ANSWERS to the trivia questions are found on page 7 of this bulletin: 6.) b (founded in 1911) 7.) d (established in 1792) 8.) d 9.) c (erected in 1918) 10.) a (Dunnington, IN) and c (Anderson, IN) RESPUESTAS a las preguntas de trivia de la página 7 de este boletín: 6.) b (fundada en 1911) 7.) d (establecida en 1792) 8.) d 9.) c (erejada en 1918) 10.) a (Dunnington, IN) y c (Anderson, IN)



FOOD MINISTRIES

Nobody wants to have to come to a food pantry. It's hard and brave to come to the door and ask for help. There is some effort to make that less painful at different pantries, but you never know what the situation will be from either side of the encounter! Some people come very guarded, some come ready to be defensive because they expect to be disrespected, some come discouraged and heavy-hearted. Some pantry workers communicate judgement or superiority, usually not with words, but expressions or tone or word choice. At our pantry we try very hard to be accepting and welcoming. I hope we succeed, and at the same time confess - sometimes it's really hard...

Who comes to our pantry? Lots of our neighbors come from Longfellow Plaza, the older adult community across the street. On Drive-thru distribution day, a brigade of wheelchairs and people with walkers come from there! Sometimes our fellow parishioners come. Very often we get our homeless friends who usually want cold drinks or ready to eat snack foods. We get a lot of retirees who are especially embarrassed to come, not ever having expected to need help. Single moms, tired veterans, struggling families. Some have endured a lifetime of poverty and some are experiencing trouble for the first time.

The problem is not that there is no access to food, there is an abundance of food available. It's that so many of our brothers and sisters do not have the purchasing power to buy it. I have never in my life been in that situation and it is hard to imagine how desperately hard that would be. When you donate food or money that is who you help. Thank you so very, very much. May God bless us all.

~Lawson Hunsicker
Food Ministries Coordinator

Nadie quiere tener que acudir a una despensa de alimentos. Se requiere valentía porque es un paso difícil presentarse a pedir ayuda. En los distintos centros se hacen esfuerzos para que la experiencia sea menos dolorosa, pero nunca se sabe cuál será la situación desde ninguna de las dos partes del encuentro. Algunas personas llegan muy a la defensiva, esperando ser tratadas con falta de respeto, mientras que otras vienen desanimadas y con el corazón apesadumbrado. Hay trabajadores en las despensas que transmiten juicios o una actitud de superioridad; por lo general, no lo hacen con palabras, sino a través de sus expresiones, el tono de voz o la elección de las palabras. En nuestro centro nos esforzamos mucho por ofrecer una acogida cálida y abierta. Espero que lo logremos, aunque debo confesar que, a veces, resulta realmente difícil...

¿Quiénes acuden a nuestra despensa? Muchos de nuestros vecinos vienen de Longfellow Plaza, la residencia para adultos mayores situada al otro lado de la calle. Los días de distribución "drive-thru", ¡llega desde allí toda una comitiva de sillas de ruedas y andadores! A veces también vienen miembros de nuestra propia parroquia. Con frecuencia recibimos a nuestros amigos sin hogar, que suelen buscar bebidas frías o snacks listos para consumir. También atendemos a muchos jubilados que sienten una gran vergüenza al acudir, pues nunca imaginaron que necesitarían ayuda. Madres solteras, veteranos agotados, familias que atraviesan dificultades. Algunos han soportado una vida entera de pobreza, mientras que otros enfrentan problemas por primera vez.

El problema no es la falta de acceso a los alimentos; existe una gran abundancia de comida disponible. El problema es que muchos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas carecen del poder adquisitivo para comprarla. Nunca he estado en esa situación, y me resulta difícil imaginar lo desesperadamente dura que debe ser. Cuando usted dona alimentos o dinero, es a estas personas a quienes ayuda. Muchísimas gracias. Que Dios nos bendiga a todos.

~Lawson Hunsicker
Coordinadora de los Ministerios de Alimentos



MINISTERIOS DE ALIMENTOS



**DIÓCESIS
LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA**

6 to

**Congreso Diocesano
de la Familia Hispana**

"Todo es posible para el que cree"
(Marcos 9:23)

17 de Octubre del 2026

PARROQUIA SAN AGUSTÍN
318 N McKinley Ave; Rensselaer, IN

HORARIO: 9AM - 6:30 PM . EST
8 AM - 5:30 PM . CST

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Diocesan Hispanic Family Congress
October 17, 2026 9:00am—6:30pm ET
St. Augustine parish, Rensselaer, Indiana



**NOCHE DE
ADORACIÓN,
ORACIÓN Y
ALABANZA**

Con Darwin Lechler
Cantautor Católico Mexicano

31 DE JULIO | 6 pm - 9 pm

Our Lady of Grace
9900 E 191st St,
Noblesville, IN 46060

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Una noche para toda la familia.
Habrá oración por Venezuela

Night of Adoration, Prayer, and Praise (in Spanish)
With Darwin Lechler, Mexican Catholic Singer & Songwriter
July 31, 6-9pm — Our Lady of Grace Church, Noblesville
Free admission — Freewill offering welcome
A night for the whole family — We will pray for Venezuela



**Salud Mental
y Emocional**

**SABADO 8 DE AGOSTO
2026**
9:00 AM.- 3:00 PM.

- Manejo de Estrés.
- Resolución de Conflictos.
- Como prevenir y salir de la Depresión y la ansiedad.

CON EL PSICOLOGO CATOLICO
FERNEY RAMIREZ

Para mayores informes
Hna. Yurany Henao 269 203 5891

EVENTO GRATUITO

REGISTRATE AQUÍ

**PARROQUIA NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOS
LAGOS**
543 S. MAIN ST. MONTICELLO, IN 47960

Mental and Emotional Health (free event in Spanish)
Saturday, August 8, 9am-3pm
Our Lady of the Lakes parish in Monticello, Indiana
Stress Management, Conflict Resolution, How to Prevent and Get out of Depression and Anxiety

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL (ANDERSON)

Key dates for the 2026-2027 school year:

MON, AUG 3	Ice Cream Social (3:30-5:00PM)
WEDS, AUG 5	First Day of School
FRI, SEP 4	No School: Staff Retreat
MON, SEP 7	No School: Labor Day
FRI, SEP 18	No School: Diocesan Teacher Day
OCT 5-16	No School: Fall Break
WED, NOV 4	eLearning Day: Parent Conferences
NOV 25-27	No School: Thanksgiving Break
DEC 21-JAN 1	No School: Christmas Break
FRI, JAN 8	Early Dismissal Day
SAT, JAN 9	CommUNITY Care Day
MON, JAN 18	No School: MLK Day
FEB 1-5	Catholic Schools Week
MAR 15-26	No School: Spring Break
MON, MAY 31	No School: Memorial Day
FRI, JUN 4	Last Day of School

More American Catholic Trivia

If you didn't attend the *Apple Pie, Old Glory, and an American Pope* cook-out in Alexandria on June 27, here's your chance to try answering the trivia questions that were played at that event. If you *did* attend, see if you can remember the correct answers! Look for the answers elsewhere in this same bulletin.

6.) Which of the following missionary religious orders was founded in the United States?

- a.- Missionaries of Charity
- b.- Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers
- c.- Society of the Divine Word
- d.- Franciscan Missionaries of the New World

7.) Which of these existing Catholic universities in the US was the first to be established?

- a.- University of Notre Dame
- b.- Catholic University of America
- c.- Boston College
- d.- Georgetown University

8.) The first Catholic Mass in Madison County, Indiana, was celebrated:

- a.- Outdoors in a farm field
- b.- In the public library
- c.- In the local hotel
- d.- In a tavern

9.) The Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana is the second "diocese of Lafayette" in the United States. Where is the first Diocese of Lafayette?

- a.- Michigan
- b.- Alabama
- c.- Louisiana
- d.- Arkansas

10.) Which two of the Bishops of our diocese were born within the boundaries of the diocese?

- Bishop John G. Bennett
- Bishop John J. Carberry
- Bishop Raymond J. Gallagher
- Bishop George A. Fulcher
- Bishop William L. Higi (Anderson)
- Bishop Timothy L. Doherty

Next time: *Still More Trivia Questions from the Apple Pie, Old Glory, and an American Pope event*

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

Más trivia sobre el catolicismo en Estados Unidos

Si ud. no asistió a parrillada intitulada *Apple Pie, Old Glory, and an American Pope* celebrada en Alexandria el 27 de junio, aquí tiene la oportunidad de intentar responder a las preguntas de trivia que se jugaron en ese evento. Si sí asistió, ¡vea si recuerda las respuestas correctas! Busque las respuestas en otra parte de este mismo boletín.

6.) ¿Cuál de las siguientes órdenes religiosas misioneras se fundó en Estados Unidos?

- a.- Missionaries of Charity
- b.- Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers
- c.- Society of the Divine Word
- d.- Franciscan Missionaries of the New World

7.) ¿Cuál de estas universidades católicas existentes en los EE. UU. fue la primera en establecerse?

- a.- University of Notre Dame
- b.- Catholic University of America
- c.- Boston College
- d.- Georgetown University

8.) La primera misa católica en el condado de Madison, Indiana, se celebró:

- a.- Outdoors in a farm field
- b.- In the public library
- c.- In the local hotel
- d.- In a tavern (of course)

9.) La Diócesis de Lafayette en Indiana es la segunda "diócesis de Lafayette" en los Estados Unidos. ¿Dónde está la primera Diócesis de Lafayette?

- a.- Michigan
- b.- Alabama
- c.- Louisiana
- d.- Arkansas

10.) ¿Cuáles dos de los obispos de nuestra diócesis nacieron dentro de los límites de la diócesis?

- Bishop John G. Bennett (Dunnington)
- Bishop John J. Carberry
- Bishop Raymond J. Gallagher
- Bishop George A. Fulcher
- Bishop William L. Higi (Anderson)
- Bishop Timothy L. Doherty

La próxima vez: *Aun más preguntas de trivia del evento Apple Pie, Old Glory and an American Pope*

Para leer entregas anteriores de esta columna, consulte los números anteriores del boletín a partir del 31 de mayo. Si no encuentra sus copias impresas, consulte el archivo de boletines en línea en stambrosestmary.org/bulletin

Catholics in the USA



Los católicos en los EE.UU.





St. Joseph's Helpers, the men's group at St. Mary Alexandria, will be **serving coffee and doughnuts** after the 8:30am Mass this Sunday, July 26. There will be a general trivia game for the school children, and the winner will receive a gift card.

Any man 18 years and older may join St. Joseph's Helpers just by attending our next meeting on July 30 in Zimmer Hall at 6:00pm.



Hispanic Formation: **Let us Pray for Vocations**
Friday, August 7 * St. Mary Anderson * 6:30pm Holy Rosary
7:00pm Formation by Fr. DeCarlo * 9:00-11:00pm Adoration

PIDAMOS POR LAS VOCACIONES

PREDICA: PADRE DECARLO

MATRIMONIO

SACERDOTES

MISIONEROS

RELIGIOSOS

VIERNES 7 DE AGOSTO

6:30PM SANTO ROSARIO
7:00PM FORMACION
9:00-11:00PM ADORACION

SANTA MARIA
302. E. 11TH ST.
ANDERSON, IN 46016

MINISTERIO TRAS LAS HUELLAS DE JESUS
 PASTORADO ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA
 PASTORADO DE LA DIOCESIS DE LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

PRIESTS VS SEMINARIANS

SOFTBALL

GAME

FAMILY FUN * CONCESSION STAND *
NEARBY FOOD & ICE CREAM * TICKETS AT GATE

MORE INFO DOL-IN.ORG/SERRASERIES

GATES OPEN AT 6PM

JULY 31, 2026 - 7PM

KOKOMO MUNICIPAL STADIUM

*La capacitación para **nuevos lectores en español** se llevará a cabo el miércoles 12 de agosto a las 7:00 pm. Si le interesa ser lector, favor de comunicarse con la oficina de su parroquia. La capacitación se realiza una vez al año y es necesario recibirla antes de poder prestar este servicio.*

Training for **new lectors in Spanish** will take place on Wednesday, August 12, at 7 pm. If you are interested in being a Spanish lector, please contact your parish office. Lector training occurs once a year, and you must be trained before you can serve.



Sister Mary Mary Ambrose

This past week we photographed Sister as she worked with the decades-old card file in the parish office at St. Mary's Anderson. Do you have any idea what is recorded in this card file? Look for the answer here next time.



La semana pasada fotografiamos a la hermana mientras trabajaba con el fichero — mismo que data de hace décadas— en la oficina parroquial de la iglesia de St. Mary en Anderson. ¿Tiene usted alguna idea sobre la clase de información contiene este fichero? Busque la respuesta aquí la próxima vez.



Last time, Sister was seen standing beside one of her favorite liturgical utensils. This incense burner, used at many special Masses, is called a **censer**, or a **thurible** (a specific kind of censer).

*La última vez, se vio a la hermana de pie junto a uno de sus utensilios litúrgicos favoritos. Este **incensario**, utilizado en muchas misas especiales, lleva el nombre técnico de **turíbulo**.*



PASTORATE VISION PLAN

Action Plan Progress Report

Recently, Fr. Tom described the three new PVP Action Plans for 2026-27, due to kick off in July. For information, refer to Father's *Off the Top of My Head* bulletin columns in the May 10th, May 24th, and May 31st bulletins (available at stambrosestmary.org/bulletins or by scanning the QR code.)



Before we kick off the 2026-27 action plans, we'll provide weekly, individual updates on the progress made on each of the seven 2025-26 initiatives.

This week, we review the progress made on the Adult Faith Formation Survey. The timeline to begin this initiative is July 2026. A committee has been formed. Esmeralda has learned that the Pastorate subscription for FORMED has been renewed. The committee will dig into FORMED to determine what resources it may provide, which might be used as part of our faith formation initiatives. Evangelization has been discussed as an important faith formation topic.

PLAN DE VISIÓN DEL PASTORADO

Reporte sobre el Plan de Acción

Recientemente, el P. Tom describió los tres nuevos planes de acción del PVP para 2026-27, cuyo inicio está previsto para julio. Para información, consulte las columnas del Padre tituladas *Pensamientos del Padre Tom* en los boletines del 10, 24 y 31 de mayo (disponibles en stambrosestmary.org/bulletins o escaneando el código QR).

Antes de poner en marcha los planes de acción para 2026-27, ofreceremos actualizaciones semanales e individuales sobre el progreso de cada una de las siete iniciativas de 2025-26.

Esta semana revisamos los avances de la encuesta sobre la formación en la fe para adultos. La fecha prevista para iniciar esta iniciativa es julio de 2026. Ya se ha constituido un comité. Esmeralda ha confirmado que se ha renovado la suscripción de la parroquia a FORMED. El comité analizará a fondo FORMED para determinar qué recursos ofrece y cuáles podrían utilizarse como parte de nuestras iniciativas de formación en la fe. Asimismo, se ha abordado la evangelización como un tema importante dentro de la formación en la fe.

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Next weekend

El próximo fin de semana

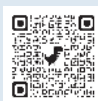
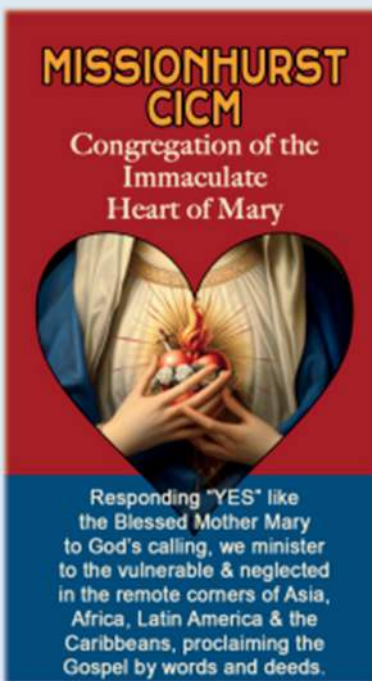
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Here's a little about them from their website. You can learn more at missionhurstcicm.org.

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- We love and respect the people to whom we are sent.
- We adopt a listening attitude and try to gain a knowledge and understanding of their socio-economic, political, cultural and religious realities.
- We foster attitudes which reflect these values, and cooperate with initiatives which promote them.
- Through dialogue, we mutually purify and strengthen our values and their expression.
- Wherever we work and whatever our specific tasks, we try to respond to situations of misery, injustice and oppression and to understand their causes. In our work for a new world we are always inspired by the Lord Jesus and his Gospel.

Today, about 841 priests and brothers from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America continue serving and caring for God's poorest and most neglected people around the world.



Miembros de la comunidad Missionhurst predicarán en todas las misas de nuestro pastorado el 1 y 2 de Agosto.

Aquí presentamos información sobre ellos, tomada de su página web. Para saber más: missionhurstcicm.org.

Missionhurst-CICM es un instituto exclusivamente misionero de sacerdotes y hermanos religiosos. Sus miembros están llamados a trascender las fronteras geográficas y religiosas para compartir a Jesucristo con todos aquellos que no lo conocen. Estar dispuestos a dejar nuestro propio país es un requisito fundamental en la vida de cada miembro de la Congregación. Es una opción que constituye un rasgo esencial de nuestra identidad CICM y que marca profundamente nuestra historia. Sus miembros provienen de diversas nacionalidades, razas y culturas; sin embargo, vivimos y trabajamos juntos como hermanos.

- Amamos y respetamos a las personas a quienes somos enviados.
- Adoptamos una actitud de escucha y procuramos conocer y comprender sus realidades socioeconómicas, políticas, culturales y religiosas.
- Fomentamos actitudes que reflejen estos valores y colaboramos con iniciativas que los promueven.
- A través del diálogo, purificamos y fortalecemos mutuamente nuestros valores y la manera en que los expresamos.
- Dondequiera que trabajemos y cualesquiera que sean nuestras tareas específicas, tratamos de responder a situaciones de miseria, injusticia y opresión, así como de comprender sus causas. En nuestra labor por un mundo nuevo, siempre nos inspiramos en el Señor Jesús y en su Evangelio.

Hoy en día, alrededor de 841 sacerdotes y hermanos provenientes de África, Asia, Europa, América Latina y América del Norte continúan sirviendo y atendiendo a las personas más pobres y marginadas de Dios en todo el mundo.

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.



The Holy Father's prayer intention for July: For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

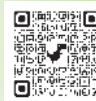
Pray with the Pope:

popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/ (or scan QR)

Intención de oración del Santo Padre para el mes de julio: Por el respeto a la vida humana.

Oremos por el respeto y la protección de la vida humana en todas sus etapas, Reconociéndola como un don de Dios.

Rece on el Papa: popesprayer.va/es/rezaconelpapa/ (o escanear QR)



Weekly Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year
July 1- June 30

JULY 12
2026

Year to Date
Año hasta la fecha

St. Mary Alexandria	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$5,048	\$10,096
	Received / Recibido	\$5,027	\$14,443
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$21	\$4,347
St. Mary Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$11,665	\$22,775
	Received / Recibido	\$10,542	\$16,870
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$1,123)	(\$5,905)
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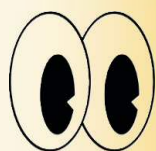
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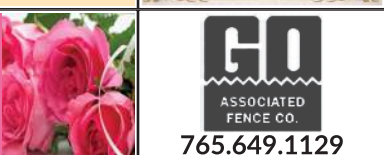
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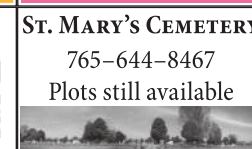
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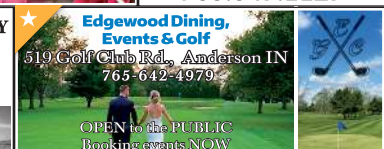
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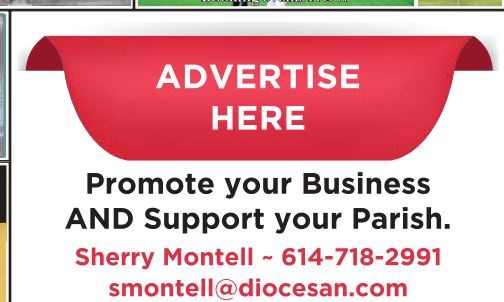
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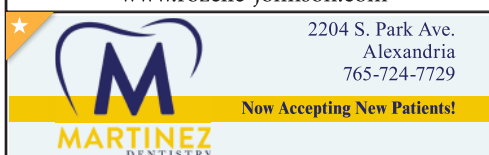
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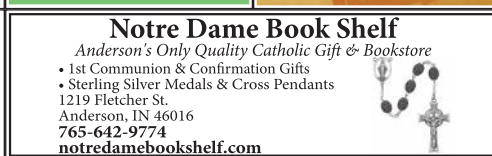
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