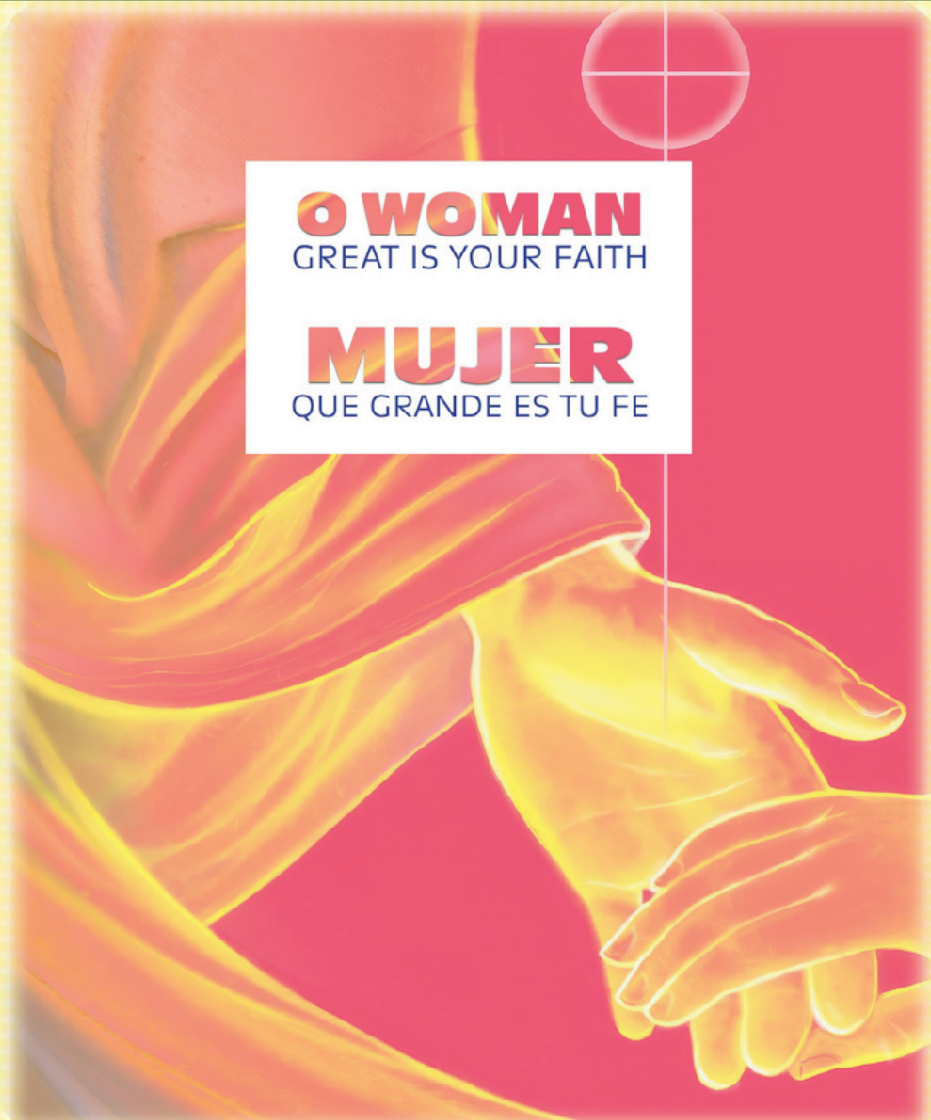




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OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

*This week, our guest columnist is our pastorate liturgist, **Kimberly Lyle-Ippolito**, whose countless volunteer hours are focused on keeping our liturgies reverent and beautiful.*

To me, a convert to Catholicism, one of the most enjoyable aspects of Catholicism is the cyclical liturgical cycle. I love that each Sunday fits into an overall cycle divided into 5 seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time), that repeats every year. I like that Christ the King Sunday always ends the liturgical year and is followed by the first week of Advent. I know that the theme of the first week of Advent is always hope, and that the readings will deal with prophecies of the first coming of Christ. We will light the first purple candle of the Advent wreath, and we will sing songs like *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* and *Come, O Long Expected Jesus*. Every year.

To me, it is this solid foundation of cyclical liturgy that helps me to focus, and then refocus yearly (because I am forgetful), on the primary truths of the Bible, the liturgical celebrations, and the meaning of the Christian life. I find it calming when the world seems to be out of control to know that on this week of this season in cycle A (or B or C), we will be reading these Scriptures and singing these songs. It is like the traditions each family creates surrounding major holidays such as Christmas—and that provides stability.

Liturgy is a rich and precious public ritual of communal worship. Each part has a reason to be and a deep significance for us as members of the Church. One of the most celebratory parts of the Liturgy of the Word, the first part of the Mass, is the Gospel Acclamation. The Gospel Acclamation is sung right before the reading of the Gospel. We stand when the Acclamation begins out of reverence for the Gospel. The cantor sings the Alleluia and we, as the people of God, reply with that same joyful response. Then we listen to the cantor introduce the theme of the Gospel reading for that day, and we respond, “Alleluia.” We are actively preparing to hear and receive God’s word for us this week.

Listen especially for next Sunday’s Gospel Acclamation: “You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” Think about what that means to us some 2000 years later! We, the Church, have inherited that promise. Our response can only be, “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!”



*Guest columnist **Kimberly Lyle-Ippolito**,
Pastorate Liturgy Coordinator*

PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM...

*Esta semana, nuestra columnista invitada es **Kimberly Lyle-Ippolito**, encargada de la liturgia de nuestra pastorado, cuyas innumerables horas de voluntariado están enfocadas en lograr que nuestras liturgias sean reverentes y hermosas.*

Para mí, como conversa al catolicismo, uno de los aspectos más gratificantes de esta fe es su ciclo litúrgico. Me encanta que cada domingo se integre en un ciclo general dividido en cinco tiempos (Adviento, Navidad, Cuaresma, Pascua y Tiempo Ordinario) que se repite cada año. Me gusta que el domingo de Cristo Rey siempre cierre el año litúrgico y dé paso a la primera semana de Adviento. Sé que el tema de la primera semana de Adviento es siempre la esperanza y que las lecturas tratarán sobre las profecías de la primera venida de Cristo. Encenderemos la primera vela morada de la corona de Adviento y cantaremos himnos como *O ven, o ven, Emmanuel* y *Ven, ven, Señor no tardes*. Año tras año.

Para mí, es precisamente este sólido fundamento de la liturgia cíclica lo que me ayuda a centrarme —y a volver a centrarme cada año (pues a veces olvido las cosas)— en las verdades fundamentales de la Biblia, en las celebraciones litúrgicas y en el sentido de la vida cristiana. Me reconforta saber, en momentos en que el mundo parece estar fuera de control, que en esta semana de este tiempo litúrgico —ya sea del ciclo A, B o C— leeremos estas Escrituras y cantaremos estos himnos. Es algo parecido a las tradiciones que cada familia crea en torno a festividades importantes como la Navidad: algo que aporta estabilidad.

La liturgia es un ritual público, rico y valioso, de adoración comunitaria. Cada una de sus partes tiene una razón de ser y un profundo significado para nosotros como miembros de la Iglesia. Una de las partes más festivas de la Liturgia de la Palabra —la primera parte de la Misa— es la Aclamación del Evangelio. Esta aclamación se canta justo antes de la lectura del Evangelio. Nos ponemos de pie al comenzar la aclamación como señal de reverencia hacia el Evangelio. El cantor entona el Aleluya y nosotros, como pueblo de Dios,

respondemos con esa misma expresión de júbilo. Luego escuchamos al cantor introducir el tema de la lectura evangélica del día y respondemos: “Aleluya.” Nos estamos preparando activamente para escuchar y recibir la Palabra que Dios tiene para nosotros esta semana.

Preste especial atención a la aclamación del Evangelio del próximo domingo: “Tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia, y las puertas del infierno no prevalecerán contra ella.” Reflexione sobre lo que esto significa para nosotros ¡unos 2000 años después! Nosotros, la Iglesia, hemos heredado esa promesa. Nuestra respuesta solo puede ser: “¡Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya!”



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, AUGUST 17 / LUNES, 17 DE AGOSTO

Ezekiel 24:15-23 / Matthew 19:16-22

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Brian Buckner

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 / MARTES, 18 DE AGOSTO

Ezekiel 28:1-10 / Matthew 19:23-30

8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Raymond Novak

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 / MIÉRCOLES, 19 DE AGOSTO

Ezekiel 34:1-11 / Matthew 20:1-16

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Randy Gates

11:30AM St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson *All Souls' Day intentions*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 / JUEVES, 20 DE AGOSTO

Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

Ezekiel 36:23-28 / Matthew 22:1-14

8:15 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Anne Foskuhl

7:00 PM St. Mary Anderson (Spanish) *Ints. of Isabella & Alfredo*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 / VIERNES, 21 DE AGOSTO

Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope

Ezekiel 37:1-14 / Matthew 22:34-40

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* *All Souls; Day intentions*

8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Kathy Cole

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 / SÁBADO, 22 DE AGOSTO

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ezekiel 43:1-7ab / Matthew 23:1-12

4:00 PM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Jerry Gorman

4:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Harland & Maria Hott

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 / DOMINGO, 23 DE AGOSTO

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

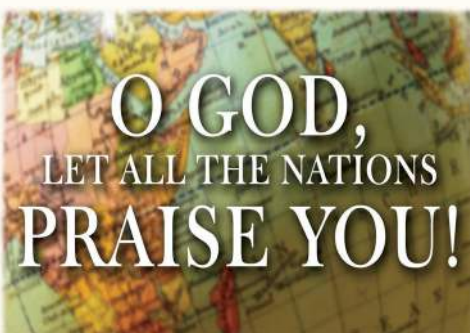
Isaiah 22:19-23 / Romans 11:33-36 / Matthew 16:13-20

7:30 AM St. Mary Anderson +Wayne Renschler

8:30AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Herman Kiefus

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

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



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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Sunday, August 16, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Mary Church in Alexandria.



Habrará Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento este domingo 16 de agosto, desde las 9:30am hasta la 12:30pm en la iglesia de St. Mary Alexandria.

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

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St. Ambrose

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

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SOUP KITCHEN

FOOD MINISTRIES

COMEDOR COMUNITARIO

For I was hungry and you gave me food. -Matthew 25:35

Everyone is encouraged to bring any of the following food items to church and place them in the baskets (Anderson parishes) during the weekend Masses on August 22 & 23.

During the month of August, we will be preparing 20 gallons of chili for the women and children at Alternatives and the men of the Christian Center, plus those from the community who will dine separately at the Center. That is about 300 bowls of chili, which will be served on August 26, 2026. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

- 14.5-oz. can of diced tomatoes
- 15.5- or 30.5-oz. can of Chili Hot Beans
- Onions
- 8-oz. box of spaghetti;
- 3-oz. jars of chili powder
- 30-oz. or six pound cans of fruit
- Packages of American cheese;
- Boxes of saltine crackers
- Quart or gallon sized can of fruit



Porque tuve hambre y me dieron de comer. -Mateo 25, 35

Se invita a todos a traer a la iglesia cualquiera de los siguientes alimentos y depositarlos en las canastas (parroquias de Anderson) durante las misas del fin de semana del 22 y 23 de agosto.

Durante el mes de agosto, prepararemos 20 galones de chili para las mujeres y los niños de Alternatives y para los hombres del Christian Center, así como para las personas de la comunidad que comerán por separado en el Centro. Esto equivale a unas 300 platos de chili, mismos que se servirán el 26 de agosto de 2026. Agradecemos profundamente su generosidad.

- Lata de 14.5 onzas de tomates en cubitos
- Lata de 15.5 o 30.5 onzas de Chili Hot Beans
- Cebollas
- Caja de 8 onzas de espaguetis
- Frascos de 3 onzas de polvo de chili (“chili powder”)
- Latas de 30 onzas o de seis libras de fruta
- Paquetes de queso tipo americano
- Cajas de galletas saladas saltinas
- Latas de fruta de tamaño 1/4 de galón o un galón



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2026 FALL SESSIONS

Monday Nights 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Sept 14	Topic #1 Building Climate of Respect
Sept 21	Topic #2 Responsibility & Blame Game
Sept 28	Topic #3 Understanding Expectations
Oct 5	Topic #4 Re-Defining Power Struggle
Oct 12	Topic #5 Control Issues
Oct 19	Topic #6 Listening Beyond the Words
Oct 26	Topic #7 Personality Differences
Nov 2	Topic #8 Childhood Issues and Emotional Baggage
Nov 9	Topic #9 Handling Anger Constructively
Nov 16	Topic #10 Speaking the Truth in Love
Nov 23	Topic #11 How to Fight Fair and Conflict Resolution
Nov 30	Topic #12 Feelings & the Hurt Spiral
Dec 7	Topic #13 Forgiveness & Repair
Dec 14	Topic #14 Rebuilding Trust

Come join us for any or all sessions. We welcome one or both spouses.

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Living With a Grateful Heart:

How to Live Out Your Catholic Womanhood in the Day to Day

Keynote: Kathryn Whitaker

Howdy y'all! Kathryn is the mom of six - young adult to elementary school - wife to one amazing man and an author and speaker. As a sixth-generation Texan, her twang is legit. You can get your daily dose via [Instagram Stories](#). Kathryn's days are filled with carpool, sports, 4-H, 5am workouts, procrastinating meal planning and a decent amount of late night (thanks Netflix and teenagers). Kathryn and her husband started their working life right here in Indiana before relocating back to Texas.

Her award-winning book, *Live Big, Love Bigger*, is on bookshelves and Audible!

In 2023, Kathryn helped re-launch two podcasts for Hand to Hold, a national non-profit for NICU parents and professionals.

Saturday, September 26

9 am - 4 pm

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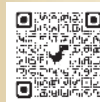
The Holy Father's prayer intention for August:

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Pray with the Pope:

popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/
(or scan QR code)



Intención de oración del Santo Padre para el mes de agosto:

Por la evangelización en la ciudad

Oremos para que, en las grandes ciudades, a menudo marcadas por el anonimato y la soledad, encontremos nuevas formas de anunciar el Evangelio, descubriendo caminos creativos para construir comunidad.

Rece on el Papa:

popesprayer.va/es/rezaconelpapa/
(o escanear código QR)



Sister Mary Mary Ambrose

This time we photographed Sister studying a fascinating painting hanging somewhere in our Pastorate. Do you know where it hangs and what the people in the painting are looking at? Find the answer in this space next time.

Esta vez fotografiamos a la Hermana observando atentamente un fascinante cuadro colgado en algún lugar de nuestro pastorado. ¿Sabe usted dónde está ubicado y hacia qué miran las personas que aparecen en él? Busque la respuesta aquí la próxima vez.

Last week we observed Sister in a contemplative mood, praying with St. Joseph holding the Baby Jesus. This statue is located in the Narthex of St. Mary Church in Alexandria.

La semana pasada vimos a la Hermana en actitud contemplativa, orando junto a la imagen de San José con el Niño Jesús. Esta estatua se encuentra en el nártex (vestíbulo) de la iglesia de St. Mary Alex.



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St. José Sánchez del Río, martyr feast day: February 10

José Luis Sánchez del Río (1913-1928) was born in the western Mexican state of Michoacán. He died a martyr at 14 for refusing to renounce his Catholic faith. He is patron of persecuted Christians, children, and adolescents.

Though we might think of Mexico as having been staunchly Catholic since the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1531, its history is much more complex. When the current Mexican Constitution went into effect in 1917, it contained some very anti-clerical clauses. This ultimately led to government seizure of church properties and closure of churches, imprisonment and removal of priests, and elimination of people's religious rights. A rebellion known as the Cristero War or *Cristiada* was carried out in the second half of the 1920s.

Jose's older brothers joined the rebel forces, but neither his mother (who called him *Joselito*, "little José") nor the rebel general wanted him to get involved. José fervently insisted that he wanted the chance to give his life for Jesus Christ in order to easily reach Heaven, so eventually he was allowed to become the flagbearer of the troop.

José was captured by anti-Catholic government forces, who threatened to have him put to death unless he renounced his faith in Christ. Nevertheless, the boy refused to accept apostasy, even after being forced to witness the execution of another Cristero rebel. In a letter to his mother written from prison, Joselito expressed his readiness to fulfill the will of God to whom he had dedicated himself.

José was mercilessly tortured and executed. His captors insisted that if only he renounced his faith, they would spare his life. Though he cried in pain, he would only shout, "I will never give in! Long live Christ the King! *Viva Cristo Rey!*"

José Sánchez del Río was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016. He is one of just a handful of very young martyrs from our modern era whose witness speaks with great power to Catholics of all ages who face pressures to abandon their faith.

San Joselito, pray for us!



The painting of St. José Sánchez del Río that hangs in a chapel in the parish church that today houses his remains in his birthplace, Sahuayo, Michoacán, Mexico.

San José Sánchez del Río, mártir fiesta: 10 de febrero

José Luis Sánchez del Río (1913-1928) nació en Michoacán, un estado de la parte occidental de México. Murió como mártir a los 14 años por negarse a renunciar a su fe católica. Es patrono de los cristianos perseguidos, de los niños y de los adolescentes.

Aunque uno podría pensar que México ha sido profundamente católico desde las apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en 1531, su historia es mucho más compleja. Cuando entró en vigor la actual Constitución mexicana en 1917, esta contenía cláusulas marcadamente anticlericales.

Esto llevó finalmente a la confiscación de propiedades eclesiásticas y al cierre de iglesias, al encarcelamiento y expulsión de sacerdotes, y a la supresión de los derechos religiosos de la población. Durante la segunda mitad de la década de 1920, tuvo lugar una rebelión conocida como la Guerra Cristera o *Cristiada*.

Los hermanos mayores de José se unieron a las fuerzas rebeldes, pero ni su madre (quien lo llamaba *Joselito*) ni el general rebelde querían que él participara. José insistía fervientemente en que deseaba tener la oportunidad de dar su vida por Jesucristo para alcanzar más fácilmente el Cielo; finalmente, se le permitió fungir como el abanderado de la tropa.

José fue capturado por fuerzas gubernamentales anticatólicas, quienes amenazaron con ejecutarlo si no renunciara a su fe en Cristo. Sin embargo, el joven se negó a apostatar, incluso después de ser obligado a presenciar la ejecución de otro rebelde cristero. En una carta a su madre escrita desde la prisión, Joselito expresó su disposición a cumplir la voluntad de Dios, a quien se había consagrado.

José fue torturado sin piedad y ejecutado. Sus captores insistían en que le perdonarían la vida si tan solo renunciaba a su fe. Aunque lloraba de dolor, solo gritaba: "¡Jamás cederé! ¡Viva Cristo Rey!"

José Sánchez del Río fue canonizado por el Papa Francisco en 2016. Es uno de los pocos mártires muy jóvenes de nuestra era moderna cuyo testimonio habla con gran fuerza a los católicos de todas las edades que enfrentan presiones para abandonar su fe.

San Joselito, ¡ruega por nosotros!

Learn more



Podcast: The Cristero War
www.usccb.org/resources/first-freedom-podcast-cristero-war



Who was St. Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio? Viva Cristo Rey! (video)
thedivinemercy.org/videos/who-was-st-jose-luis-sanchez-del-rio-viva-cristo-rey

Para saber más



Video documental sobre San Joselito
www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ityCMcrMWI



Podcast: 100 Años de Cristiada
(5 episodios cortos)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=trbVGqWQg5M>

Some Statistics to Ponder

source: Pew Research Center, statistics from 2025

- Approximately 20% of U.S. adults (about 52 million people) identify as Catholic. Nearly half of all American adults (47%) claim a personal, cultural, or familial connection to the Catholic faith.
- Race/Ethnicity: 54% to 57% White, 33% to 36% Hispanic, 4% Asian, and 2% Black.
- Age: 58% of U.S. Catholics are aged 50 and older; however, Hispanic Catholics trend significantly younger (only 43% Hispanic Catholics are 50 and older).
- Education: About 32% to 35% of U.S. Catholics hold a bachelor's degree or higher.
- Roughly 29% of U.S. Catholics live in the South, 26% in the Northeast, 24% in the West, and 21% in the Midwest
- Approximately 28% to 29% attend Mass weekly or more often.
- About 51% report praying on a daily basis.

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Los católicos en los EE.UU.

- Aproximadamente el 20 % de los adultos estadounidenses (unos 52 millones de personas) se identifican como católicos. Casi la mitad de todos los adultos estadounidenses (47 %) afirma tener un vínculo personal, cultural o familiar con la fe católica.
- Raza/Grupo étnico: del 54 % al 57 % blancos, del 33 % al 36 % hispanos, 4 % asiáticos y 2 % negros.
- Edad: el 58 % de los católicos estadounidenses tiene 50 años o más; sin embargo, los católicos hispanos tienden a ser considerablemente más jóvenes (solo el 43 % de los católicos hispanos tiene 50 años o más).
- Educación: entre el 32 % y el 35 % de los católicos estadounidenses posee un título universitario (licenciatura) o superior.
- Aproximadamente el 29 % de los católicos estadounidenses vive en el Sur, el 26 % en el Noreste, el 24 % en el Oeste y el 21 % en el Medio Oeste.
- Entre el 28 % y el 29 % asiste a misa semanalmente o con mayor frecuencia.
- Alrededor del 51 % afirma rezar a diario.



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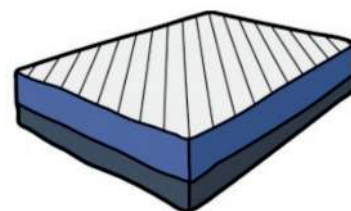
The Anderson St. Vincent de Paul Society has really good news!

We have the potential of receiving many mattresses.

The bad news:

we have no place to store those mattresses, so we need help to find a location for them all.

If you can help us find a place to store all these mattresses for our less fortunate families, please leave a message at the St. Vincent de Paul office 317-642-5401.



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Come and See Day
September 19, 2026
8 am - 5 pm

Monastery of the Poor Clares
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Young Women Ages 17-30
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benefit of our pastorate starting
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tuned for more details!

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Questions/preguntas:
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- August 9th after the Holy Mass 11:30.
- August 16th after the Holy Mass 11:30.
(Last day of registrations)

* Sacramental preparation is a two year process
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Weekly Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year
July 1- June 30

AUGUST 2,
2026

Year to Date
Año hasta la fecha

St. Mary Alexandria	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$5,048	\$25,240
	Received / Recibido	\$3,117	\$26,064
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$1,931)	\$824
St. Mary Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$11,665	\$57,770
	Received / Recibido	\$7,878	\$53,914
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$3,787)	(\$3,856)
St. Ambrose Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$9,245	\$45,785
	Received / Recibido	\$6,300	\$34,091
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$2,945)	(\$11,694)

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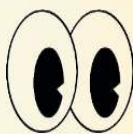
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~Ron & Carol Buckner & family



Un mensaje de agradecimiento

Estamos profundamente agradecidos por el gran apoyo
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