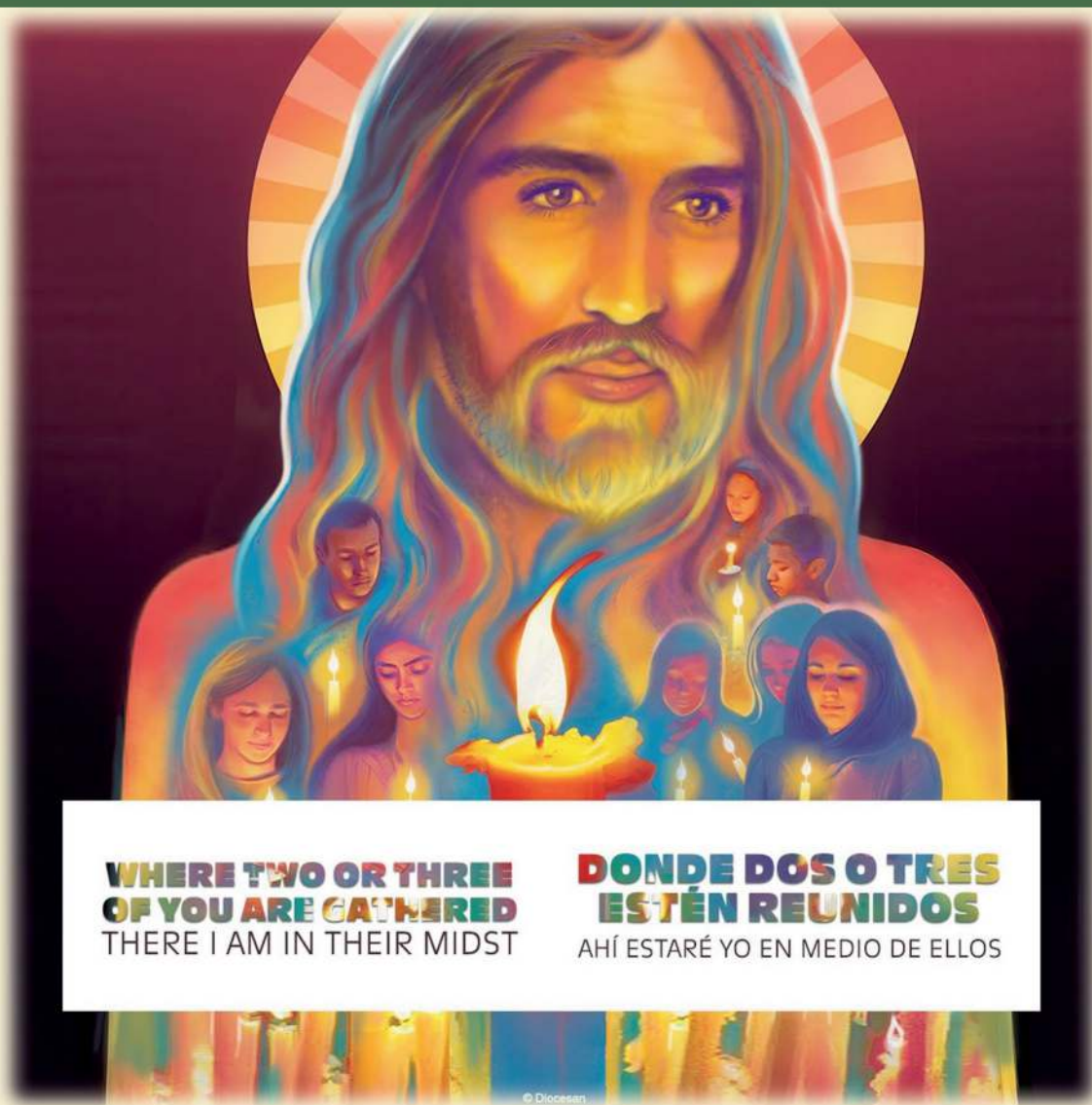




**WHERE TWO OR THREE
OF YOU ARE GATHERED**
THERE I AM IN THEIR MIDST

**DONDE DOS O TRES
ESTÉN REUNIDOS**
AHÍ ESTARÉ YO EN MEDIO DE ELLOS

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

XXIII DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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



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OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

On Friday, August 28, I attended a clergy meeting featuring the Deputy Director of the Madison County Emergency Management Agency. I knew little about the MCEMA, but came away impressed.

The Madison County EMA has played an important role in assessing flood damage, coordinating recovery efforts, and working with agencies and organizations to assist those affected by the flooding three weeks ago. They accomplish a great deal with a small budget, a staff of just two employees, and many volunteers. But the purpose of the presentation was not to brag about the agency's work, but to share helpful information, and here is some of what I learned:

- ◆ The City of Anderson's response, which was already being planned three days before the flood hit, has been excellent.
- ◆ Because the flood waters carried toxic waste, pesticides, etc., some houses may not be immediately habitable, even after they are "dried out."
- ◆ The initial period of recovery must be followed by months (and possibly over a year) of ongoing efforts.
- ◆ There was already a housing shortage before the flood, so EMA and others are exploring options for providing temporary emergency housing.
- ◆ Clothing donations are NOT helpful at this time.
- ◆ Food donations are and will continue to be needed. Because people without homes (and stoves) have no way of preparing "shelf stable" food, MCEMA is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to set up feeding tents.
- ◆ The best donation is money. If you aren't sure which organization to give to, just write a check to your parish with "Flood Relief" in the memo line. After helping individual parishioners and school families, we will make funding available to community organizations which are involved with long-term support for flooding victims.
- ◆ There will be ongoing opportunities for volunteers to offer their time and effort. I hope to soon provide a list of organizations that need help.
- ◆ Although both FEMA and ICE (US Immigrations and Customs Enforcement) are part of the US Department of Homeland Security, there have been no reports of ICE agents being present at any area events or services sponsored by FEMA. Please pray this will continue.
- ◆ Scams are always a risk, especially to people who feel desperate. The information sheets provided at last weekend's Masses gave practical ways to avoid being taken advantage of.
- ◆ If you need help and don't know what to do, call 211. Translation services are available at this number.

Fr. Tom Metzger

September 6, 2026



PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM...

El viernes 28 de agosto, asistí a una reunión de clérigos del área con la Subdirectora de la Agencia de Manejo de Emergencias del Condado de Madison (Madison County Emergency Management Agency). Sabía muy poco sobre la MCEMA, pero me fui impresionado.

La MCEMA ha tenido un papel importante en evaluar los daños por inundaciones, coordinar los esfuerzos de recuperación y trabajar con agencias y organizaciones para ayudar a quienes fueron afectados por la inundación de hace tres semanas. Logran mucho con un presupuesto pequeño, un personal de solo dos empleados y muchos voluntarios. Pero el propósito de la presentación no era presumir del trabajo de la agencia, sino compartir información útil, y esto es algo de lo que aprendí:

- ◆ La respuesta de la ciudad de Anderson, que ya estaba siendo planificada tres días antes de que llegara la inundación, ha sido excelente.
- ◆ Debido a que las aguas de la inundación llevaban desechos tóxicos, pesticidas, etc., algunas casas pueden no ser habitables de inmediato, incluso después de que se "sequen."
- ◆ El período inicial de recuperación debe ser seguido por meses (y posiblemente más de un año) de esfuerzos continuos.
- ◆ Ya había escasez de viviendas antes de la inundación, así que EMA y otros están explorando opciones para proporcionar alojamiento de emergencia temporal.
- ◆ Las donaciones de ropa NO son útiles en este momento.
- ◆ Las donaciones de alimentos sí lo son y seguirán siendo necesarias. Como las personas sin hogar (y sin estufas) no tienen forma de preparar alimentos "no perecederos", MCEMA está trabajando con la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA) para instalar carpas de alimentación.
- ◆ La mejor donación es dinero. Si usted no está seguro a qué organización donar, simplemente escriba un cheque a su parroquia con "Ayuda por Inundaciones" en la línea de nota. Después de ayudar a los feligreses individuales y a familias de la escuela, pondremos fondos a disposición de organizaciones comunitarias que estén involucradas con el apoyo a largo plazo para las víctimas de las inundaciones.
- ◆ Habrá oportunidades continuas para que los voluntarios ofrezcan su tiempo y esfuerzo. Espero poder proporcionar pronto una lista de organizaciones que necesitan ayuda.
- ◆ Aunque tanto FEMA como ICE (Inmigración y Control de Aduanas de EE. UU.) son parte del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional de EE. UU., no ha habido informes de que agentes de ICE estuvieran presentes en ningún evento o servicio patrocinado por FEMA. Por favor, oren para que esto continúe.
- ◆ Las estafas siempre son un riesgo, especialmente para las personas vulnerables que pueden sentirse desesperadas. Las hojas informativas proporcionadas en las misas del fin de semana pasado ofrecieron formas prácticas de evitar ser aprovechados.
- ◆ Si usted necesita ayuda y no sabe qué hacer, llame al 211. Hay servicios de traducción disponibles en este número.

P. Tom Metzger

a 6 de septiembre 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, SEPTEMBER 7 / LUNES, 7 DE SEPTIEMBRE

1 Corinthians 5:1-8 / Luke 6:6-11

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Jeffrey Howard Gregory

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 / MARTES, 8 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30 / Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Marlene Mayfield

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 / MIÉRCOLES, 9 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Corinthians 7:25-31 / Luke 6:20-26

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +John & Marsha Madden

11:30AM St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson +Wayne Renschler

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 / JUEVES, 10 DE SEPTIEMBRE

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13 / Luke 6:27-38

8:15 AM St. Mary, Anderson All Souls' Day intentions

7:00 PM St. Mary Anderson (Spanish) +Brian Buckner

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 / VIERNES, 11 DE SEPTIEMBRE

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27 / Luke 6:39-42

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Brian Patz

8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Joan Jamison

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 / SÁBADO, 12 DE SEPTIEMBRE

The Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Corinthians 10:14-22 / Luke 6:43-49

4:00 PM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Lupe & Dolores Aguilar

4:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria* +Ray & Mary Schott

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 / DOMINGO, 13 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7 / Romans 14:7-9 / Matthew 18:21-35

7:30 AM St. Mary Anderson +Annette & Bernie Staggenburg

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

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

11:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson (Spanish) +David Kroll

*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.

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Sunday, September 6, from 10:30am to 1:00pm at St. Ambrose Church.



Habrará Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento este domingo 6 de septiembre, desde las 10:30am hasta la 1:00 pm 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

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*¡Manténgase al día! Descargue la aplicación del pastorado en su teléfono inteligente para tener todo tipo de información siempre al alcance de la mano. Busque **my-Parish Classic** en la tienda de aplicaciones.*



Señor, que no seamos
sordos a tu voz.

DON'T FORGET!!! Sunday, Sept 13, 2026
After 11:30 am Mass, St. Mary Church parking
lot 302 Pearl St., Anderson, IN 46016

YUMMI HOMEMADE GORDITAS

SNOW CONES
with different homemade
syrup flavors

FRESH FRUIT CUPS
DORILOCOS &
PINWHEEL CHIPS



BRING CASH



FUNDS ARE BEING RAISED TO
HELP WITH THE EXPENSES FOR
THE REV. CHUCHO RETREAT
PLANNED FOR APRIL 2027.

At 2 pm, we will announce the
TV 60" raffle ticket winner

No lo olviden Domingo 13 de septiembre 2026
al terminar la misa en el estacionamiento de la
iglesia de Santa Maria, Anderson, IN

DELICIASAS GORDITAS HECHAS A MANO

RASPAS

con jaleas de diferentes
sabores hechas a mano

VASOS DE FRUTA
DORILOCOS Y
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TRAIGAN EFECTIVO :)



RECUERDE QUE LOS FONDOS QUE
SE RECAUDAN SON PARA AYUDAR
EN LOS GASTOS DEL RETIRO CON
EL PADRE CHUCHO PREPARADO
PARA ABRIL 2027

a las 2 pm se sacara el boleto
ganador de la rifa de la TV 60"

PASTORATE VISION PLAN

Pastorate Vision Plan (PVP) **Information Sessions**

Save the date! and plan to attend one of the
information sessions about the new 2026-
2027 PVP Pastorate Council Action Plans:

- Develop and implement a sustainable funding plan that will allow us to hire a full-time Pastorate Youth Ministry Coordinator (Grades 6-12) and a full-time Pastorate Children's Coordinator (Grades K-5)
- Conduct a year-long pastorate-wide listening and discernment process to discuss the future of the Church in Anderson and Alexandria over the next 15 years
- Create an intentional outreach to inactive and other parishioners in our pastorate

(See Fr. Tom's May 10th, 24th, and 31st *Off the Top of My Head* bulletin columns for more information on each plan.)

- ◆ Brief information session immediately after each Mass
- ◆ Learn about the 3 new pastorate-wide initiatives which will have positive impacts on everyone in our 3 parishes
- ◆ There will be plenty of time for your questions, and refreshments will be served

Sessions will be held:

- ⇒ **September 12-13:** ALEXANDRIA, St. Mary immediately after the 4:30 pm & 8:30 am Masses
- ⇒ **September 19-20:** ANDERSON, St. Ambrose immediately after the 4:00 pm & 9:30 am Masses
- ⇒ **September 26-27** ANDERSON, St. Mary immediately after the 7:30 am & 11:30 am Masses

PLAN DE VISIÓN DEL PASTORADO

Plan de Visión del Pastorado (PVP) **Sesiones informativas**

¡Reserve la fecha! y haga planes para asistir a una de las
sesiones informativas sobre los nuevos Planes de Acción
del Consejo Pastoral para el periodo 2026-2027:

- Desarrollar e implementar un plan de financiamiento sostenible que nos permita contratar a un coordinador de ministerio juvenil (grados 6-12) y a un coordinador de ministerio infantil (grados K-5-) a tiempo completo para el pastorado
- Llevar a cabo un proceso de 1 año de duración de escucha y discernimiento en todo el pastorado para conversar sobre el futuro de la Iglesia en Anderson y Alexandria durante los próximos 15 años.
- Crear una iniciativa intencional de acercamiento a los feligreses inactivos y a otros miembros de Nuestro pastorado

(Consulte las columnas de *Pensamientos del P. Tom* en los boletines del 10, 24 y 31 de mayo más información sobre cada plan.)

- ◆ Breve sesión informativa inmediatamente después de misa.
- ◆ Conozca las 3 nuevas iniciativas para todo el pastorado que tendrán un impacto positivo en todos los miembros de nuestras tres parroquias.
- ◆ Habrá tiempo suficiente para sus preguntas y se ofrecerá un refrigerio

Las sesiones se llevarán a cabo:

- ⇒ **12 y 13 de septiembre:** ALEXANDRIA, St. Mary después de las misas de las 4:30 pm y 8:30 am
- ⇒ **19 y 20 de septiembre:** ANDERSON, St. Ambrose después de las misas de las 4:00 pm y 9:30 am
- ⇒ **26 y 27 de septiembre:** ANDERSON, St. Mary después de las misas de las 7:30 am y 11:30 am

Laity invited to study theology at Saint Meinrad

Seek God through prayer, study, and a tradition of Benedictine hospitality. The Saint Meinrad Graduate Theology Program invites you to learn about its MA and certificates in theology during an online Open House on Wed Sept 23 at 6:30 pm CT, OR an in-person Open House on Sat Oct 10. Discover how theological study can enrich your faith and your service to the Church. Learn more at saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse.



Post-Master's Spiritual Direction Certificate

Do you feel called to accompany others in their journey of faith? Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology's Post-Master's Certificate in Spiritual Direction prepares more experienced students to serve as spiritual directors through theological study, formation, and supervised practice rooted in the Benedictine tradition. We are forming a new certificate cohort. Register your interest by October 1 to save your spot. Learn more at saintmeinrad.edu/SD.



Rosary at the Grotto

St. Mary Alexandria

The Daughters of Mary will be leading the Rosary at the Grotto at 7:00 pm on the **13th of each month** through October. Bring your lawn chair and join us! In the case of bad weather, the rosary will be held in the church.

What's "the grotto?" It's the beautifully landscaped area, adorned with statues and a crucifix, on the south side of the church property, directly across the alley from the school gym (next to the playground).



Madison County Medical Mission Event

September 12th, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ascension St. Vincent Anderson, 2015 Jackson Street, Anderson, IN 46016
Event will be located in north parking lot. North Parking lot is located at 19th and Jackson Street across from Barber Manufacturing. Parking is available in the main lot east of the front entrance to the hospital.

All Services provided FREE (while supplies last).

- Medical screenings (high blood pressure, diabetes, A1C testing, stroke care, weight), Hearing screenings, ADHD and ADD screenings for children,
- Foot care
- Flu shots
- Children's Online Safety information
- Mammograms / Pap Smear (To pre register and find out if you're eligible, call 765-646-8653 or 765-646-8720.) (Womens health information)
- Breathing evaluations & Sleep screenings
- Glaucoma screenings & Diabetic vision checks
- FREE cardiac health information, physical therapy and Health insurance assistance
- Car seat safety and booster seat giveaway (while supplies last)
- FREE haircuts & FREE food bag/personal care products (while supplies last)
- FREE cookout lunch will be provided
- Lots of giveaways!
- Kids Zone with fun activities and games
- FREE NEW SHOES AND SOCKS for all ages (while supplies last)
- And many more health related screenings and information!

Interpreting services will be available during the event.

Thank you to all of our community partners who will be in attendance at this event. For more information about this event, please contact Elizabeth Hart via email at elizabeth.hart@ascension.org or by phone at (765) 646-8718.



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Misión Médica del Condado de Madison

Septiembre 12, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ascension St. Vincent Anderson, 2015 Jackson Street, Anderson, IN 46016
El evento se llevará a cabo en el estacionamiento norte. Este estacionamiento se encuentra en la esquina de las calles 19 y Jackson, frente a Barber Manufacturing. Hay estacionamiento disponible en el estacionamiento principal, al este de la entrada principal del hospital.

Servicios GRATUITOS (hasta agotar existencias).

- Exámenes médicos (hipertensión, diabetes, prueba de A1C, atención para accidentes cerebrovasculares, control de peso), Exámenes de visión y audición, exámenes de salud
- Vacunas contra la gripe
- Cuidado de los pies
- Mamografías (Para preinscribirse y saber si es elegible, llame al 765-646-8653 o al 765-646-8720).
- Evaluaciones respiratorias
- Información GRATUITA sobre obstetricia
- Información GRATUITA sobre salud cardíaca
- Asistencia con el seguro médico
- Seguridad con el asiento de seguridad
- Seguridad del ciclista. Cascos GRATIS hasta agotar existencias.
- GRATIS nuevos zapatos y calcetines hasta agotar existencias.
- GRATIS hasta agotar existencias.
- Se ofrecerá almuerzo al aire libre GRATIS
- ¡Muchos regalos!
- ¡Y muchos más exámenes e información relacionados con la salud!

Habrán servicios de interpretación disponibles durante el evento.

Gracias a todos nuestros colaboradores comunitarios que asistirán a este evento. Para obtener más información, por favor comuníquese con Elizabeth Hart por correo electrónico a elizabeth.hart@ascension.org o por teléfono al (765) 646-8718.

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Venerable Fr. Fulton J. Sheen

Venerable Fr. Fulton John Sheen (1895-1979) was an American Catholic clergyman who was known for his preaching, especially on television and radio. He was born in El Paso, Illinois, the oldest of four sons. After the family moved to nearby Peoria, Illinois, Fulton became an altar server. He studied at St. Paul Seminary in Minnesota, and after his 1919 ordination as a priest of the Diocese of Peoria, Fr. Sheen completed additional studies in Washington, D.C., Belgium, and Rome, earning his doctorate. He kept a daily holy hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament from his ordination through the end of his life.

Fr. Sheen quickly became a renowned theologian, teaching theology and philosophy at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. for over twenty years. Later on he served for 16 years as the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, raising millions of dollars for missionary efforts worldwide. (He would also go on to donate \$10 million that he earned from his television programs to the missions.) He served as an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of New York beginning in 1951, then became Bishop of Rochester (New York). He resigned in 1969 when he turned 75.

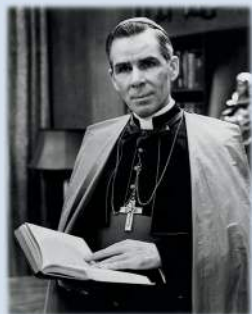
Fr. (later Monsignor) Sheen hosted the night-time radio program *The Catholic Hour* on NBC (1930-1950) before he moved to television and presented the wildly popular *Life Is Worth Living* (1952-1957). From 1961 to 1968, he hosted the syndicated *The Fulton Sheen Program*. Sheen won an Emmy Award for Most Outstanding Television Personality, and he was called one of the first televangelists. His shows can still be watched today on cable television and online.

As if that were not enough, Sheen wrote over 60 books and was a syndicated newspaper column. He attended all the sessions of the Second Vatican Council, working closely with Fr. Josef Ratzinger, who would later become Pope Benedict XVI.

Upon his death, Fr. Sheen's remains were interred in the crypt of St. Patrick's Cathedral near the deceased archbishops of New York, but in 2019 the remains were transferred to the Diocese of Peoria and re-interred in the Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria.

Fulton Sheen was declared Venerable Servant of God in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI, recognizing his life of heroic virtue. **Monsignor Sheen's beatification is scheduled for September 24, 2026**, in St. Louis, Missouri. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle will preside in representation of Pope Leo XIV.

Soon-to-be-Blessed Fr. Fulton J. Sheen, pray for us!



Venerable P. Fulton J. Sheen

El venerable padre Fulton John Sheen (1895-1979) fue un clérigo católico estadounidense conocido por su labor de predicación, especialmente en televisión y radio. Nació en El Paso, Illinois, siendo el mayor de cuatro hijos. Tras el traslado de su familia a la cercana ciudad de Peoria, Illinois, Fulton comenzó a servir como monaguillo. Cursó estudios en el Seminario de St. Paul, en Minnesota, y después de su ordenación sacerdotal en 1919 para la diócesis de Peoria, completó estudios adicionales en Washington D. C., Bélgica y Roma, obteniendo el doctorado. Desde su ordenación y hasta el final de su vida, mantuvo la costumbre de dedicar una hora diaria de adoración ante el Santísimo Sacramento.

El padre Sheen pronto se convirtió en un teólogo de renombre, impartiendo clases de teología y filosofía en la Universidad Católica de América, en Washington D. C., durante más de 20 años. Más tarde, ejerció durante 16 años como director nacional de la Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe, recaudando millones de dólares para labores misioneras en todo el mundo (y después llegó a donar a las misiones los 10 millones de dólares que ganó con sus programas de televisión). Fue obispo auxiliar de la archidiócesis de Nueva York a partir de 1951 y posteriormente obispo de Rochester (Nueva York). Renunció al cargo en 1969, al cumplir 75 años.

El padre (y más tarde monseñor) Sheen condujo el programa de radio nocturno *The Catholic Hour* en la NBC (1930-1950) antes de pasar a la televisión, donde presentó el exitosísimo programa *Life Is Worth Living* (1952-1957). Entre 1961 y 1968, presentó *The Fulton Sheen Program*, que fue sindicalizado. Sheen ganó un premio Emmy a la personalidad televisiva más destacada y fue considerado uno de los primeros telepredicadores. Sus programas aún pueden verse hoy en día en televisión por cable e internet.

Por si fuera poco, Sheen escribió más de 60 libros y redactó una columna periodística sindicalizada. Asistió a todas las sesiones del Concilio Vaticano II, colaborando estrechamente con el padre Josef Ratzinger, quien más tarde se convertiría en el papa Benedicto XVI.

A su muerte, los restos del P. Sheen fueron sepultados en la cripta de la Catedral de San Patricio, cerca de los arzobispos difuntos de Nueva York; sin embargo, en 2019 fueron trasladados a la Diócesis de Peoria y sepultados nuevamente en la Catedral de St. Mary en Peoria.

Fulton Sheen fue declarado Venerable Siervo de Dios en 2012 por el papa Benedicto XVI, en reconocimiento a su vida de virtudes heroicas. **La beatificación de monseñor Sheen está programada para el 24 de septiembre de 2026** en St. Louis, Missouri. El cardenal Luis Antonio Tagle presidirá la ceremonia en representación del papa León XIV.

¡Futuro beato P. Fulton J. Sheen, ruega por nosotros!

Clergy & Religious

Source: USCCB. These facts are for 2018.

- There are 37,302 diocesan and religious-order priests in the United States:
25,706 diocesan priest
11,596 religious-order priests (Jesuits, Dominicans, Franciscans, etc.)
- There are 4,856 seminarians enrolled in the United States:
3,596 enrolled in diocesan seminaries
1,260 enrolled in religious-order seminaries
- There are 18,977 men who have been ordained as permanent deacons in the United States.
- Vowed religious in the USA:
Sisters: 45,100 Brothers: 3,953

Catholics in the USA



Los católicos en los EE.UU.

Clérigos y religiosas

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- Religiosos y religiosas con votos en EE. UU.:
Religiosas: 45.100
Religiosos (hemanos): 3.953

See more statistics about clergy and religious at usccb.org/offices/public-affairs/clergy-and-religious (or scan QR code)



Consulte (en inglés) más estadísticas sobre el clero y los religiosos en usccb.org/offices/public-affairs/clergy-and-religious

The Holy Father's prayer intention for September:

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



Pray with the Pope:

popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/



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

Por el cuidado del agua.

Oremos por una gestión justa y sostenible del agua, recurso vital, para que todos puedan tener igual acceso a ella.

Rece on el Papa:

popesprayer.va/es/rezaconelpapa/



The Anderson St. Vincent de Paul Society needs donations for their "Walk for the Poor."

Can you make a pie, cookies, brownies, or other sweet treat? If so, please bring them to Highland Middle School the day of the Walk,

Saturday, September 26th by 9 a.m. Alternately, you can drop them off at the St. Vincent de Paul warehouse on Thursday, September 24 from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Questions? Contact Phyllis Kay. (Your parish secretary can get you in touch with Phyllis.)



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Our photographer came upon Sister last week conferring with one of the key employees in our pastorate. Do you know who this lovely lady is? Look for the answer here next time.



La semana pasada, nuestro fotógrafo se encontró a la Hermana conversando con uno de los empleados clave de nuestro pastorado ¿Sabe de quién se trata? Busque la respuesta aquí la próxima vez.



ATTENTION MEN of the Anderson-Alexandria pastorate:

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God, be a better husband, become a more loving father, build friendships with other like-minded men, and seek to be the best man you can be?

Come join **That Man is You** for our 15th year!
Saturday mornings 6:00-7:30am
Assembly Hall, St. Ambrose

Contact: parishioner Mike Evans (your parish secretary can help you get in touch with him)

Fall schedule:

Sept. 12: The Issue is Leadership
Sept. 19: The Price of Failed Leadership
Sept. 26: The Four Leadership Roles of Men
Oct. 3: The Five Traits of Authentic Leaders
Oct. 10: Steadfast Leadership
Oct. 17: Attaining Clarity of Thought

Oct. 24: Developing Integrity of Action
Oct. 31: Laying a Foundation for the Future
Nov. 7: The Willingness to Pay the Price
Nov. 14: Authentic Leadership in the Home
Nov. 21: The Death of the West
Nov. 28: The Cry of the Child
Dec. 5: A New Day for Men

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FORMACION
2026-2027

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- LA PRIMERA COMUNION.

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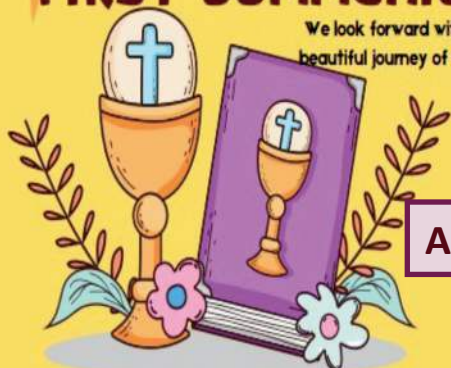
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FIRST COMMUNION

We look forward with joy to beginning this beautiful journey of faith with your children.



Anderson

FORMATION
2026-2027

**IT'S TIME TO PREPARE TO RECEIVE,
JESUS INTO YOUR HEART.**

DURING THIS YEAR OF FORMATION, THE CHILDREN WILL COME TO KNOW JESUS BETTER, GROW IN THEIR FAITH, AND PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF:

- RECONCILIATION.
- FIRST COMMUNION.

**FORMATION BEGINS AND
LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION:
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.
FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 PM.**

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LASTS TWO YEARS.**

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**MARK IT ON
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Alexandria

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026-2027



Registration & Information Meeting

St. Mary Alexandria will soon begin preparing children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for the 2026-2027 year!

When: Sunday, September 13th (immediately after Mass)

Where: Zimmer Hall

Who (First Communion candidates): Current second graders who are baptized Catholic And their Parents

Join us to register and receive essential details for this year's program.

For additional information, please contact Cyndee McFerran at 765-623-5259.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
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We are looking for high school confirmation catechists for Anderson. Classes would be held every Monday, 6-7:30 pm in the school annex.

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Fiscal Year
July 1- June 30

AUGUST 23,
2026

Year to Date
Año hasta la fecha

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	Received / Recibido	\$5,659	\$40,959
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	\$611	\$575
St. Mary Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$11,665	\$92,765
	Received / Recibido	\$6,195	\$78,131
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$5,470)	(\$14,634)
St. Ambrose Anderson	Budgeted / Presupuestado	\$9,245	\$73,520
	Received / Recibido	\$5,099	\$52,808
	Over/Short Sobre/Corto	(\$4,146)	(\$20,712)

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