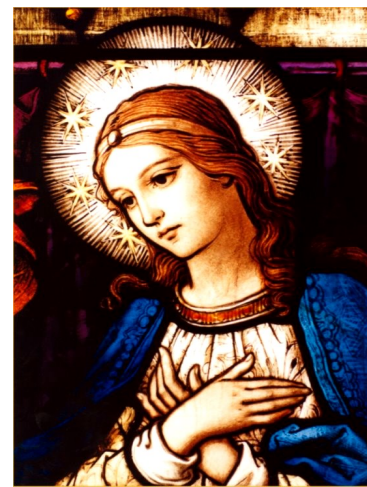




First Sunday Of Advent
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

It is only within church circles that we might hear the proclamation, "Happy New Year!" at this turning date of a calendar. The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Liturgical New Year for our Faith. It is during this time that we are called to examine our hearts and lives and to focus on those areas that need attention, change and conversion. The prophet Isaiah becomes a focus of our Scriptural Readings since it is he who calls us to prepare a welcome coming for the Lord.

In his first Apostolic Exhortation letter to the church, "The Joy of the Gospel," Pope Francis invites "all Christians to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encourage them. I ask you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord. The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk. Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms." (#3)

A prayer of Pope Francis for this Holy Season is as follows: "O merciful God, You are love, You are waiting for us, You are our Father, Who is good and loves us as a true father loves and always pardons and

receives us into Your love of forgiveness and mercy. May Your Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the Gospel. Let us give glory to God, Who is good, faithful and merciful. Today may we all come to know the true face of God, feel God's closeness, live in His presence, love Him, adore Him and feel His mercy."

Advent allows us a time to prayerfully reflect on those gifts already given to our hearts through Faith and hopefully shared by us with one another. While this Holy Season does involve a time of penance and perseverance, it equally offers an opportunity to put into practice the loving kindness that we recognize is ours. With the "Giving Tree" at St. Ambrose and the "Jesse Tree" at St. Mary, all of us have practical ways in which to reach out by making a personal sacrifice for others so that they, like us, can begin to reaffirm their hope in a better life, a more perfect world and a lasting care of loving service from and for others. May God bless each of us in our effort to make that promise a reality in our midst. Happy New Year and may Peace be with you, Monsignor

Parish Information

	Monday 12/4/2017	Tuesday 12/5/2017	Wednesday 12/6/2017	Thursday 12/7/2017	Friday 12/08/2017	Saturday 12/09/2017
St. Mary	Margaret Bradley	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	8:10 Margaret & Benjamin Batie 6:00 PM Pro Populo	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	8:00 AM Charles Patire	11:10 Fr. Edward Dhondt	8:00 AM Robert Trueblood	6:00 PM Katie Staggs Fr. Dhondt Diann Thanas	8:10 AM Charles Graybill NO EVENING MASS	4:00-5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			St. Vincent Hospital 11:30 Veniero Ippolito	NO EVENING ANTICIPATED MASS AT ST. MARY		

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Dec. 9th & 10th	Sat. 4:00 PM St. Mary	Sat. 5:30 PM St. Ambrose	Sun. 7:30 AM St. Mary	Sun. 9:30 AM St. Ambrose	Sun. 11:30 AM St. Mary
Mass Intentions	Eric Wickens	Betty Crowthers	Pro Populo	Amy Marie Oleksy	Gerald Frederick
Reader	Allen Raver	Janice Martin	Amy Sczesny	Greg Kalisz	Miguel Cazares
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan Sauter Joyce Stoner Joetta Allison Sister Eileen C. Cukrowicz H	Nancy Bollman H Regina Albrecht Gloria Carson Alan Martin Cathy Thompson Marvin Coryell	Lea Papai Dave Papai Irv Noll Carol Buckner Betty Bush H	Hannah Brownell H V. Hernandez H Pat Backous Steve Culp Rosie Graybill Angie Pitts	Mayra Sierra Yolanda St. Clair D. Valenzuela Francisco Cazares Moises Cazares H
Servers	Audrey Shepler Zachary Shepler Kayla Smith	Alexa Carson Nick Long	Jordan Boys	Aaron Bauman Nick Bauman Grant Bauman	Juan Bautista Daisy Cazares F. Cazares

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Holy Day of Obligation—Mass Schedule

St. Ambrose - Dec 7th 6:00 PM — Reader—R Degitz; EM— Three Volunteers, Server—Tony Martin

Dec 8th 8:10 AM —Children's Mass

St. Mary - Dec 8th 8:10 AM—Children's Mass

Dec 8th 6:00 PM—Reader—Volunteer; EM—Three Volunteers; Server—Volunteer

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Stewardship

St. Ambrose \$ 5,130

YTD \$ 417,293

NTD \$ 624,000

ST. Mary \$ 8,413

YTD \$ 485,132

NTD \$ 864,000

Renovation Fund \$ 65,057 of 1st \$330,000

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On Line Giving—

St. Ambrose—<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/272>

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Dates To Remember

TMIY - Saturday from 6-7:30 AM at the Columbian Hall (K or C)

Topic this week: “To Touch the Heart of Man”

December 8th— Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day Of Obligation

December 17th and 18th—Cleaning of St. Ambrose and St. Mary (check bulletin for details)

Mother Seton Ladies

Will meet for the 11:00 AM Mass on December 5th, followed by lunch at Perkin’s.

ENL: The English Now and Later Class meets from 9:30-11:30 AM, every Tuesday, in the Holy Cross North school annex. If you have questions, please contact Mary Rhoten @ 765-387-0138.

Does finance or planning interest you?

We would like to invite all those parishioner interested in joining St. Ambrose or St. Mary Finance or Parish Councils to please come to these meetings.

St. Ambrose

December 4th-6:00 PM Finance Council in Rectory

December 4th-6:45 PM Parish Council in Rectory

St. Mary

December 6th-Noon Finance Council in Rectory

December 6th-5:30 PM Parish Council in Annex

Institute for Quality Education—Tax Credit

The Institute for Quality Education is a 501(c)3 charity which provides tuition assistance to low-income students. Please pick up an application at either St. Ambrose or St. Mary rectories if you are able to assist with this program. Complete the application for your year end INDIANA TAX CREDIT or go on line to www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors. Please select Holy Cross School—Anderson as the recipient.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE Will be sold after all masses on December 9th and 10th in the St. Mary Annex. These products make great gifts for the holidays and, at the same time, support hard working farmers and their families. The farmers’ care for the environment in their practices adds another plus to your purchase.

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary Adoration is on Thursdays from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Santa Maria Adoración es el jueves de 14:00-19:00 PM

Need Prayer Intentions

Parishioners of St. Ambrose and St. Mary will pray for you and your special intentions.

Call Betty Worden (642-0824). You do not have to give your name. Call Betty if you can help with the prayer line.

Weekly Scriptures:

Sun. Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thes 5:1-6, Mt 25:14-30; **Mon.** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63, Lk 18:35-43 **Tues.** 2 Mc 6:18-31, Lk 19:1-10; **Wed.** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31, Lk 19:11-28; **Thurs.** 1 Mc 2:15-29, Lk 19:41-44; **Fri.** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59, 1 Chr 29:10-12, Lk 19:45-48; **Sat.** 1 Mc 6:1-13, Lk 20:27-40

Hospice Volunteers: Helping People Live

Care Hospice Services is in need of caring, compassionate people who are interested in volunteering their time and talents. Whether it's providing companionship to a person in the final months and weeks of life, offering support to family members and caregivers, or possibly helping with projects in the office, volunteers are essential to our hospice program. Volunteers are the HEART of Hospice. By being a hospice volunteer, you can gain great personal satisfaction from knowing that you have made an impact in another person's life. All volunteers receive training to ensure they feel comfortable with their tasks. If you have an interest or would like more information about volunteering with Care Hospice Services please contact Francis at 317-214-9459 or by email to fmcgrath.care@gmail.com.

Please Pray For

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or injured, especially the sick and elderly in our parishes.

The Military in the Middle East: Josh Fisher, son of Gary and Kathy; Pfc. Cole Gillespie Army Infantry, son of David & Samantha Gillespie; Pvt. Jalen Lewis US Army, son of Stephanie Akin; Specialist Mark Schulten, Sergeant Joseph Schulten, Matthew Schulten HM3, grandsons of Cathy Thompson; Michael Shane Carter Air Force, grandson of Marllon and Emily Carter; Pvt. Caitlyn Fernandez Duarte, granddaughter of Rhonda Cox. Lance Corporal Brock Acra stationed in Okinawa Japan US Marine Corp, son of Greg and Sonia Acra. Specialist Clayton Keogh, US Army, grandson of Tim and Maryfrances Kincaid. YN3 Tyler Brock, son of Karen (O'Connor) Brock.

If you have a family member who is in the service and called to active duty and would like to add their name to a list for special prayers, please call the rectory and give us this information. Let us pray for **PEACE World Wide**. God Bless us all!

***L**ORD, make us turn to you; let us see your face and be saved*

- PSALM 80:2-3

OUTREACH

St. Vincent de Paul

“We Can Care” Is a Collaborative Ministry of St. Ambrose and St. Mary Churches in Anderson for St. Vincent de Paul. The boxes will be at the entrances of both Churches next weekend to receive your donations. Monetary donations can be placed in the orange boxes. Please remember the needy in our community during this giving season.

The collection of December 9/10 will be Tuna/Salmon or Jam. Your participation will be greatly appreciated by the hungry families of Madison County.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY ON THE WEEKEND OF December 16/17.

Soup Kitchen Menu: *“For I was Hungry and you gave me Food.” (Mt 25:35)* The Catholic Community of Anderson is **encouraged to bring any of the following food items** to church and place them in the baskets at the doors during the weekend Masses on **December 16/17:** 15 oz. or 28.5 can of diced potatoes, diced tomatoes, or Chili Hot Beans; box of spaghetti, pkg. of American cheese; box of saltine crackers; 28 oz. or gallon size can of fruit.

The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty. Pope Frances

From all of us who prepare and serve, stuff the sacks with soup ingredients, deliver the soup to the Christian Center and Alternatives, and collect your generous contributions to this ministry, **Thank you** for your generosity throughout the year and wish you all a very Happy and Faith filled Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cleaning St. Ambrose Church for the Holidays will be Monday, December 18th after the 8:00 AM Mass. You can bring your rags and buckets to be ready for working as soon as Mass is over. The more the merrier. Thank you for volunteering.

Cleaning St. Mary Church will take place on Sunday afternoon, December 17th, by the parish youth group. Volunteers who wish to help are asked to be in the church around 2:00 PM.

“Cassock Classic” Basketball Game Priests vs. Seminarians

On December 28th at Guerin Catholic High School, doors open at 5:30 PM with tip-off at 6:30 PM. Tickets can be ordered at a later date. Watch for more information in the bulletin, or purchase them at the door. The prices are \$5 per person / \$20 per family.

All proceeds benefit the Frassati Society of Young Adult Catholics.

JUST SO YOU KNOW: Both parishes now have new Hymnals and Missalettes. The contract for the previous company has expired and the musicians of both parishes decided to use a new supplier. You will notice that the Hymnal is a Hard-bound volume and the printing for the Missalette is a larger type (as well as bi-lingual). It may take a little to adjust to the new format but the hope is that all will find the new version “user friendly” and more comprehensive. Thank you for your patient acceptance.



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Christmas and All Occasion cards are being sold at both campuses. \$2 box or 3 boxes for \$5.

Christmas Music Program—Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m., grades 2-8, North campus gym.

Sunday Religious Education
Clases de catecismo dominical

SRE is December 3, 10 and 17 - 10:35 – 11:25 for Kind – 12 grade children
La Clase de SRE es el domingo, 3, 10 y 17 de diciembre 10:35-11:25 estudiantes

Parent meeting in the cafeteria on December 3rd – 10:40 – 11:20
Reunión de padres en la cafetería el 3 de diciembre – 10:40 – 11:20

NCYC was Fantastic, Thank You for your support

Here are some comments from our attendees:

I am thankful... “to witness our youth’s enthusiasm for their Catholic faith”, “for the opportunity to go to this event and to view my religion in a different way”, “to those who donated to make this experience possible”, “for the answers God has given me”, “for the amazing retreat experience”, “for the opportunity in itself and the people I got to spend it with”, and lastly, “to see our young church joyfully praying and living our faith”!

Young Church

Youth Group Meeting on Sunday, Dec 10th beginning in the Church at 6PM at St Mary. We will begin in prayer with the Advent Light Service, share a meal, games and conversation in the cafeteria. **All high school youth are invited.** We will plan service and future meetings so please come to help in planning. Our meeting will end at 8:30PM

Upcoming high school retreat opportunities:

Senior Christian Awakening Retreat – January 12 – 15 high school seniors only

Destination Jesus – February 16 – 18 all high school youth

Contact Janice for registration information at stmarys.minister@catholicweb.com

DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas Hermanas y Hermanos en el Señor:

Es solo dentro de los círculos de la iglesia que podemos escuchar la proclamación, "¡Feliz año nuevo!" En esta fecha de cambio de calendario. El Primer Domingo de Adviento marca el comienzo del Año Nuevo Litúrgico para nuestra Fe. Es durante este tiempo que estamos llamados a examinar nuestros corazones y nuestras vidas y a enfocarnos en aquellas áreas que requieren atención, cambio y conversión. El profeta Isaías se convierte en el centro de nuestras Lecturas Bíblicas, ya que es él quien nos llama a preparar una bienvenida para el Señor.

En su primera carta de Exhortación Apostólica a la iglesia, "La alegría del Evangelio", el Papa Francisco invita a "todos los cristianos a un encuentro personal renovado con Jesucristo, o al menos una apertura para dejar que él los anime". Te pido que hagas esto infaliblemente cada día. Nadie debería pensar que esta invitación no es para él o para ella, ya que nadie está excluido de la alegría que trae el Señor. El Señor no defraude a los que toman este riesgo. Cada vez que damos un paso hacia Jesús, nos damos cuenta de que Él ya está allí, esperándonos con los brazos abiertos ". (# 3)

Una oración del Papa Francisco para esta Sagrada Temporada es la siguiente: "Oh Dios misericordioso, Tú eres amor, Tú nos estás esperando, Tú eres nuestro Padre, Quien es bueno y nos ama como un verdadero padre ama y siempre nos perdona y nos recibe en Tu amor por el perdón y la misericordia. Que su Iglesia sea siempre un lugar de misericordia y esperanza, donde todos se sientan bienvenidos, amados, perdonados y animados a vivir de acuerdo con el Evangelio. Démonos gloria a Dios, que es bueno, fiel y misericordioso. Hoy todos podemos llegar a conocer el verdadero rostro de Dios, sentir la cercanía de Dios, vivir en Su presencia, amarLo, adorarLo y sentir Su misericordia ."

El Adviento nos permite un tiempo para reflexionar en oración sobre aquellos dones que ya han sido entregados a nuestros corazones a través de la Fe y que compartimos con nosotros. Si bien esta temporada santa implica un tiempo de penitencia y perseverancia, igualmente ofrece la oportunidad de poner en práctica la bondad amorosa que reconocemos como nuestra. Con el "Árbol de dar" en San Ambrosio y el "Árbol de Jesé" en Santa María, todos nosotros tenemos formas prácticas para llegar haciendo un sacrificio personal por los demás para que ellos, como nosotros, puedan comenzar a reafirmar su esperanza en una vida mejor, un mundo más perfecto y un cuidado duradero de servicio amoroso desde y para otros. Que Dios nos bendiga a cada uno de nosotros en nuestro esfuerzo por hacer realidad esa promesa en medio de nosotros.

Feliz año nuevo y que la paz esté contigo, Monseñor

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