



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
December 23, 2018  
**Cuarto Domingo de Adviento**  
23 diciembre 2018



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

Recently Pope Francis was presented with an Icon of the story in Saint Luke's Gospel concerning the trip to Emmaus (Lk.24:13ff.). He offered a reflection on the meaning of the Gospel account, saying: "I would like to suggest a few ideas for your personal and community reflection...First and foremost the biblical icon: 'the Gospel of the disciples of Emmaus.' I would like to propose this icon that it can continue to inspire your journey.

"...Journey is precisely the first key word: Jesus the Risen One meets us on the journey which, at the same time, is the way; that is, the reality in which each of us is called to live, and is the inner journey, the way of Faith and Hope, which knows moments of light and moments of darkness. Here, on the journey, the Lord meets us, listens to us and speaks to us.

"First of all, He listens to us. This is the second key word: listening. Our God is the Word, and at the same time He is the listening silence. Jesus is the Word Who becomes listening, welcoming our human condition. When He appears beside the two disciples, He walks with them, listens to them, and also encourages them to express their hope and their disappointment. This, in your life... means that in the first place there is the dialogue with the Lord made of mutual listening: He listens to me and I listen to Him. No pretense. No mask.

"This prayerful listening in the heart teaches us to

be people able to listen to others....It teaches us to be more and more a listening Church, a community able to listen....Like Jesus, the Church is sent into the world to listen to the cry of humanity, which is often a silent cry, at times suppressed, stifled.

"Journeying: listening, the third word is discernment. And this requires accompaniment, as Jesus does with the two disciples and with all His disciples....He accompanies them with patience and wisdom, teaches them to follow Him in truth, unmasking the false expectations they hold in their hearts.

"...The fourth word, as we know, is mission...the travelling together to meet others. The two of Emmaus return to Jerusalem and above all join the apostolic community which, by the power of the Spirit, becomes wholly missionary....Thank God we are growing in this...but communion does not come about through coercion; one must believe in it and be docile in the Spirit."

May the words of Pope Francis enable each of us to remind ourselves that we are not alone. The Risen One walks beside us and guides our actions by His Spirit living within us. As we seek Him in those who accompany our journey may we Find Him at it close.

Peace be with you, Monsignor

## Parish Information

	<b>Monday</b> <b>12/24/2018</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>12/25/2018</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>12/26/2018</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>12/27/2018</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>12/28/2018</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>12/29/2018</b>
<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> Brook Ann Gall  <b>Midnight</b> Mary Ann Nivens	<b>11:30 AM</b> Pro Populo	NO MASS	8:00 AM Susan McCallister	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
<b>St. Ambrose</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> G. Frossard R. McCrocklin S. Smythe  <b>Midnight</b> C. Graybill	<b>9:30 AM</b> Clara Robinson	8:00 AM Graybill & Otloski Families	8:00 AM Poor Souls	8:00 AM Roger Chezem	4:00 –5:00 Confessions
<b>Other Locations</b>			NO MASS at St. Vincent Hospital		10:30 AM Providence  Mike and Clarice Weis	

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

<b>December</b> <b>29th &amp; 30th</b>	<b>Sat. 4:00 PM</b> <b>St. Mary</b>	<b>Sat. 5:30 PM</b> <b>St. Ambrose</b>	<b>Sun. 7:30 AM</b> <b>St. Mary</b>	<b>Sun. 9:30 AM</b> <b>St. Ambrose</b>	<b>Sun. 11:30 AM</b> <b>St. Mary</b>
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	Terry Myers	Natalia Menistrina	Karen DeLaVergne	Pro Populo	Mary Ann Nivens
<b>Reader</b>	Pam Farmen	Mike Scheckelhoff	Amy Sczesny	Angie Pitts	Rosa Maldonado
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joyce Stoner Joan Sauter Joetta Alison C. Cukrowicz Mike Scott H	Dan Novak H Marvin Coryell Volunteer	M. Lambert Lora Mueller M. Kincaid Linda Ratliff Tim Kincaid H	Greg Kalisz H Mary Lavelle H Stephanie Metz Bacilio Montes Hannah Brownell Chris Harrold	Maria Arreola Miguel Cazares David Kroll Evelyn Reyes R. Rodriguez H
<b>Servers</b>	Katie Greene Michael Smith Kayla Smith	Volunteers	Irv Noll Carolyn Pitts	Vanessa Harrold Lillian Villegas	Daniela Flores Jose Ibarra Mya Ibarra

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



### Stewardship

<b>St. Ambrose</b>	\$ 5,541
YTD	\$ 416,352
NTD	\$ 650,000
 <b>St. Mary</b>	 \$ 7,511
YTD	\$ 490,102
NTD	\$ 900,000
Renovation Fund	\$ 355 (\$148,085 of \$330 K)

**Visit our website - [www.https://stambrosestmary.org](http://www.https://stambrosestmary.org)**

**On Line Giving— visit us at the following:**

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St. Mary—<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/13>

### **Christmas Ministers Schedule**

**St. Mary** Christmas Eve 4:00 PM EM: Lora Mueller, Pam Wickens, Joan Sauter. All other ministers are volunteers.

Midnight Reader: EM: Irv Noll, Dave and Lea Papai, All other ministers are volunteers.

Christmas Day 11:30 AM Reader: All ministers are volunteers.

**St. Ambrose** Christmas Eve 6:00 PM Reader: Mike Scheckelhoff, Host: Alan and Janice Martin, EM: Nancy Bollman, Marvin Coryell, Servers: Tony Martin, Alexa Carson, Nick Long

Midnight Reader: Weston Bell, Host: Harriett Russel, Roger Kemp, EM: Rosie Graybill, Lynn Hensley, Quinton and Nate Bell, Servers: Simon Bell, Kenny Davenport

9:30 AM Reader: Mark Loose, EM: Pat Backous, Stephanie Metz, Angie Pitts, Bacilio Montes, Host: Gerald and Barb Pittsford, Servers: Karina, Jonathan and Mariela Gonzalez

**Quiet The Worries** – If you are recovering from surgery, holding a small pillow close to your chest is peaceful, calming and comforting. It also reduces the discomfort from a seat belt while riding in a car. Please feel free to take one from either parish. These have been made by a very caring person to give to those in need.

**English Now and Later (ENL)** Classes will resume on February 5, 2019 at 9:30 AM in the Holy Cross North school annex. If there are any questions, please contact Mary Rhoten at 765-387-0138 or 765-617-1791.

**What is a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend?** It is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage, but want to make it even better! This is a time for you and your spouse to spend time together and learn about the tools to nourish your Sacrament in a new way. Future Marriage Encounter Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from 26-28 April and from 1-3 November 2019, and at Mount Saint Francis Centre for Spirituality, New Albany, from 1-3 February and from 16-18 August 2019. Visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for further information.

## **Children's Choir for St Mary's 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass Coro de niños para la misa de Nochebuena 4:00 PM de Santa María**

Our practice will be on Sunday, Dec 23 from 12:45-1:45

Las prácticas serán en sábado 23 de diciembre de 12:45-1:45.

We will practice in the St Mary Church annex. Please contact Janice with any questions. 644-8467

Practicaremos en el anexo de la iglesia de Santa María. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Gaby con cualquier pregunta. 635-6348

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

**There will be no adoration on December 27th and January 3rd.**

**RCIA—Will not meet on December 25th and January 1st. It will resume on January 8th.**

### **Weekly Scriptures:**

**Sun.** Mi 5:1-4a, Heb 10:5-10, Lk 1:39-45; **Mon.** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk 1:67-79; **Tues.** Is 9:1-6, Ti 2:11-14, Lk 2:1-14; **Wed.** Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22; **Thurs.** Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8; **Fri.** Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18; **Sat.** Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35

### **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:** Josh Fisher, son of Gary and Kathy; Pvt. Jalen Lewis US Army, son of Stephanie Akin; Special Mark Schulten, Sergeant Joseph Schulten, Matthew Schulten HM3, grandsons of Cathy Thompson; Michael Shane Carter Air Force, grandson of Marllon and Emily Carter; Lance Corporal Brock Acra stationed in Okinawa, Japan US Marine Corp. son of Greg and Sonia Acra. YN3 Tyler Brock, son of Karen (O'Connor) Brock. First Lt. Sean Scally, 82nd Airborne, grandson of Tom Chezem, deployed to United Arab Emirates in December 2018.

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!



## OUTREACH

Lighthouse Catholic Media books are once again available for \$2 on a table in the back of the Church. Special prices include 3 new books for your Advent reading. Gather some friends and read them together as you prepare for a Blessed Christmas season. CD's are also available.

Los libros de la Editorial Lighthouse Catholic Media en inglés y español están nuevamente disponibles por solo \$ 2.00 en la mesa al fondo de la Iglesia. Los precios especiales incluyen 3 libros nuevos para su lectura en tiempo de Adviento. Reúna a algunos amigos y léalos juntos mientras se prepara para la temporada de Navidad. CD's también estarán disponibles.

### **Legion of Mary**

The first meeting is Wednesday, January 9th at 7:00 PM in the St. Ambrose Ambrosian Hall or January 10th at 1:30 PM in the St. Mary School Annex. If you have any questions you may contact Al or Kathy Lind at (765)642-4517 or email Al at aalind1@comcast.com.

**Community Care Day January 12th, 2019-** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's Merciful H.E.L.P. Center is partnering with St. Ambrose & St. Mary Churches and Holy Cross School again this year, to provide a "Community Care Day" that assists Anderson Families with new shoes, socks, underwear, book-bags, coats, hats, gloves, shirts, and sweatshirts to finish the school year. If you would like to volunteer please register at [www.mercifulHELPCenter.org](http://www.mercifulHELPCenter.org). Then follow the tab for volunteering. We sure could use the help because this is a very substantial undertaking, it takes many people to make this work.

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

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.

### **Special Thanks**

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society wish to express their thanks to everyone who participated in the Giving Tree and Jesse Tree at both parish sites. They are "pleasantly overwhelmed" with both the quality and quantity of gifts shared for the Christmas season. God Bless You.

Gratefulness is also extended to the "Army of Cleaners" who helped prepare St. Ambrose Church for the Christmas Season. Special Thanks goes to those workers (you know who you are) who got down on hands and knees to scrap gum off bench seats and clean the aisle bumpers on pews. It's too bad we can not have church smell like Murphy's Oil Soap all year long!

**Retrouvaille**— The holiday season can be a difficult time for couples in hurting marriages and if they are like us they postponed divorce filing and just powered through a miserable Christmas celebration, shamed by our failing marriage. But the holidays are also about hope. And, thank God, we found the courage to forgive each other and begin again after attending Retrouvaille. It is an international program that has been helping hurting marriages since 1977. With its roots in Worldwide Marriage Encounter, It served more than 4,500 couples in 2017. Retrouvaille of Indianapolis holds two weekends each year, in February and August. To learn more about the organization you can visit our website, [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

Parish	<u>St. Ambrose</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>
<b>Fruitful Harvest 2018 Goal</b>	\$121,461.76	\$182,465.24
<b>Total Pledged thru Nov. 2018</b>	\$ 63,195.00	\$ 85,710.00
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**We want to wish all the students and staff a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. The students return on Monday, January 7th.**

**Texas Roadhouse packages are being sold for Holy Cross School. You can purchase them after the Masses, at north or south school campuses and in either Church Rectory. For \$30.00 you will receive a \$25.00 Gift card and 10 free appetizer cards. This is an \$84.00 value. These would make nice gifts. Thank You for your support.**

**SGO DONATIONS** can be made online by visiting: [www.i4qed.org/donate](http://www.i4qed.org/donate) to make a contribution. Make certain you select Holy Cross School Anderson for the school to receive your donation.

### **Young Church**

High School Youth are invited to gather in the Assembly Hall at St Ambrose Church on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30PM. Looking forward to seeing you there! Bring a friend, all are welcome!

### **Sunday Religious Education**

First Communion Class Sunday January 6 from 10:35-11:25 @ Holy Cross North annex  
 Confirmation Class Sunday January 6 from 2-3:30PM in the Assembly Hall at St Ambrose Church  
 SRE class on Sunday, January 13 and 27 from 10:35-11:25 @ Holy Cross North

### **Clases de Catecismo Dominical**

Primera Communion clase el 6 de enero - 10:35-11:25 @ Holy Cross North  
 Clase de Confirmación el 6 de enero - 2-3:30 @ St Ambrose Assembly Hall  
 Clases de catecismo dominical el 13 y 27 de enero - 10:35-11:25 @ Holy Cross North

**Destination Jesus XXIV** will be February 15th-17th. Plan now to set aside some time for Jesus. Contact Janice Storey for details and registration. This High School Retreat will be held at Guerin Catholic High School.

## DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas Hermanas y Hermanos en el Señor:

Recientemente el Papa Francisco recibió un Ícono de la historia en el Evangelio de San Lucas en relación con el viaje a Emaús (Lc.24: 13ff.). Ofreció una reflexión sobre el significado del relato del Evangelio, diciendo: "Me gustaría sugerir algunas ideas para su reflexión personal y comunitaria ... Primero y ante todo, el icono bíblico: 'el Evangelio de los discípulos de Emaús'. Me gustaría Para proponer este ícono que puede seguir inspirando su viaje.

"... El viaje es precisamente la primera palabra clave: Jesús el Resucitado nos encuentra en el viaje que, al mismo tiempo, es el camino; es decir, la realidad en la que cada uno de nosotros está llamado a vivir, y es el viaje interior, el camino de la Fe y la Esperanza, que conoce los momentos de luz y los momentos de oscuridad. Aquí, en el viaje, el Señor nos encuentra, nos escucha y nos habla.

"Primero de todo, Él nos escucha. Esta es la segunda palabra clave: escuchar. Nuestro Dios es la Palabra, y al mismo tiempo Él es el silencio que escucha. Jesús es la Palabra que se vuelve escucha, acogiendo nuestra condición humana. Cuando aparece junto a los dos discípulos, camina con ellos, los escucha y también los alienta a expresar su esperanza y su decepción. Esto, en tu vida ... significa que, en primer lugar, hay un diálogo con el Señor hecho de escucha mutua: Él me escucha y yo lo escucho. Sin pretensión Sin mascara

"Este escuchar con oración en el corazón nos enseña a ser personas capaces de escuchar a los demás ... Nos enseña a ser más y más una Iglesia que escucha, una comunidad capaz de escuchar ... Como Jesús, la Iglesia es enviada al mundo para escuchar. al grito de la humanidad, que a menudo es un grito silencioso, a veces reprimido, sofocado.

"Viajando: escuchando, la tercera palabra es discernimiento. Y esto requiere acompañamiento, como lo hace Jesús con los dos discípulos y con todos sus discípulos ... Él los acompaña con paciencia y sabiduría, les enseña a seguirlo en verdad, desenmascarando las falsas expectativas que tienen en sus corazones.

"... La cuarta palabra, como sabemos, es misión ... viajar juntos para conocer a otros. Los dos de Emaús regresan a Jerusalén y, sobre todo, se unen a la comunidad apostólica que, por el poder del Espíritu, se vuelve completamente misionera ... Gracias, Dios estamos creciendo en esto ... pero la comunión no se produce mediante la coacción; uno debe creer en ello y ser dócil en el Espíritu ".

Que las palabras del Papa Francie nos permitan a cada uno recordarnos que no estamos solos. El Resucitado camina a nuestro lado y guía nuestras acciones por Su Espíritu que vive dentro de nosotros. Mientras lo buscamos en aquellos que acompañan nuestro viaje, podemos encontrarlo cerca.

La paz sea contigo Monseñor

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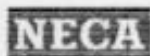
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## *St. Ambrose Christmas Schedule*

### Christmas Eve Vigil

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm Mass

### Christmas-Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 am Midnight Mass  
9:30 am Mass

### Solemnity of Mary

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - 9:30 am Mass



## *St. Mary Christmas Schedule DE NOVIDAD*

### Advent Light Service

December 2, 9, 16 & 23-6:00 PM  
*Servicio ligero*  
diciembre 2, 9, 16 & 23-6:00 PM

### Christmas Eve Vigil

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 PM Children's Choir

### Vispera De Vigilia

lunes, 24, diciembre  
4:00 PM coro de niños

### Christmas-Nativity of the Lord Navidad-Natividad Del Senor Solemnity of Mary Solemnidad De Maria

Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 am Midnight Mass  
11:30 am Mass Spanish

lunes, 25 diciembre  
12:00 am Misa de Medianoche  
11:30 Español

Monday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 pm Mass  
Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
11:30 AM Mass Bilingual

lunes, 31 diciembre  
6:00 pm Masa  
lunes, 1 de enero  
11:30 AM misa bilingue