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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

Last week when I was celebrating Reconciliation with church members at St. Mary, I was wished many blessings for the present Holy Season of Christmastide. I was asked by a number of people whether or not I would be going home to visit with family and responded in the negative since my parents have both been born into the “Land Beyond Time” in the Kingdom of Heaven. I did respond that my family was now here, within the two parish communities of Saint Mary and Saint Ambrose.

Since my return to Anderson five years ago, I have considered myself particularly blessed among the priests of the diocese for being given the opportunity to retire from the community to which I was first assigned in 1978 as a newly ordained priest. Much has changed in that time, particularly within me by virtue of the years of priestly life that God has granted.

One of the lasting memories of my vocation comes from Saint Charles parish in Peru, Indiana. It was my second assignment in ministry. There was a family there comprised of fourteen children and a mom and dad that touched my heart deeply. Their youngest child was challenged by Downs Syndrome. She seemed to me to be the star of the family for everyone was devoted to her

care. I was ‘adopted’ by the parents into the inner family circle and spent many a day with them. We shared many blessings and addressed many challenges together as a family. I was given the nickname, Sonny, by the family (and number fifteen by the siblings since they called each other by number of birth order, not by name).

Two years after being there, I was chosen by Bishop George Fulcher to go to Rome for a Doctorate in Canon Law. “Mom” and “Dad” held a special farewell party for me and gave me a travel bag for the pending journey. “Dad” told me, “Sonny, take this with you to remind you that as long as you live what you preach, people will follow you; but if the day ever comes that you stop doing that, your life will be worthless.” I have never forgotten those words of wisdom.

We are celebrating the Liturgical Time of Year that assures each of us that we are worth it! It assures us that God loved us and the world enough to become one with us and teach us how to become one with Him. May your efforts to do that bring Happiness and Peace to your little corner of the world. One by one we will build the Kingdom of the “Land Beyond Time.”

Peace be with you, Monsignor

Parish Information

	Monday 12/31/2018	Tuesday 1/1/2019	Wednesday 1/2/2019	Thursday 1/3/2019	Friday 1/4/2019	Saturday 1/5/2019
St. Mary	6:00 PM Poor Souls	11:30 AM Bi-lingual Pro Populo	NO MASS	8:00 AM Louis Raver	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	6:00 PM John Robert Ulicne	9:30 AM Clara Robinson	NO MASS	8:00 AM Ronald Kempher	8:00 AM Clara Robinson	8:00 AM Duane Diedrich 4:00 –5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			NO MASS at St. Vincent Hospital		10:30 AM Crown Pointe Poor Souls	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

January 5th & 6th	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	George Albert Stoner	Harry & Sue O'Connor	Pro Populo	Zachary Novak	Rita Ambrose
Reader	Betty Ann Myer	Carol Fite	Amy Sczesny	Greg Acra	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce Stoner Joan Sauter Joetta Alison C. Cukrowicz Mike Scott H	Donna Pine H Nancy Bollman Cathy Thompson	Dave Papai Lea Papai Lora Mueller Carol Buckner Ron Buckner H	Pat Backous H Rosie Graybill H Rebecca Degitz V. Hernandez Roger Kemp Rick Pitts	Volunteers
Servers	Brent Layton Cory Layton Kayla Smith	Volunteers	Irv Noll Carolyn Pitts	Volunteers	Felipe Lopez C. Ramirez Jared Sierra

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Stewardship

St. Ambrose \$ 8,580
YTD \$ 437,667
NTD \$ 676,000

St. Mary \$ 9,594
YTD \$ 507,495
NTD \$ 936,000
Renovation Fund \$ 108 (\$148,542 of \$330 K)

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St. Ambrose—[https:// www.osvonlinegiving.com/272](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/272)

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

Christmas Ministers Schedule

St. Mary New Year's Eve 6:00 PM EM: George and Kitty Zink, all other ministers are volunteers.
New Year's Day 11:30 AM (Bi-Lingual) All ministers are volunteers.

St. Ambrose New Year's Eve 6:00 PM Reader: Janice Martin, all other ministers are volunteers.

New Year's Day 9:30 AM Reader: Regina Albrecht, all other ministers are volunteers.

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.

Married Couples — It's New Year's Resolution Time! - Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? Future 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 for further information.



Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary will not have adoration on January 3th. It will resume on January 10th.

St. Ambrose adoration will be Sunday, January 7th. It will begin after the 9:30 Mass. It will close with the Rosary and Benediction at 4:00 PM.

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

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.

Weekly Scriptures:

Sun. Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21, Lk 2:41-52; **Mon.** Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18; **Tues.** Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21; **Wed.** 1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28; **Thurs.** Jn 2:29-3:6, Jn 1:29-34; **Fri.** Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42; **Sat.** Jn 3:11-21, Jn 1:43-51

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; Corporal Brock Acra stationed in California, US Marine Corp. son of Greg and Sonia Acra. 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!

A Note from Sister Delores,

Greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. I hope your Advent was prayerful and peaceful. My sudden disappearance was probably just as much a shock to you, as it was for me. Its hard to understand God's plan and timing.

Thank you to those of you who sent cards, phone calls or visits. Just know they were all appreciated. I couldn't answer each one, so I hope you will accept this thank you! Just know I haven't forgotten you and remember you in prayer.

During this New Year let us all remember our priorities with God #1. May our New Year's resolutions be to try to know God, love God and serve God better this year. Please Pray for me. God bless you all. Love and prayers, Sister Dolores Marie Rathnow C.S.C.



OUTREACH

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. 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.

The Catholic Community of Anderson Soup Kitchen Ministry is in need of men and women willing to serve lunch at Alternatives, The Women's Shelter on the Second and last Wednesday of each month. Lunch consists of soup, cheese, crackers, and fruit. They are also in need of men and women willing to prepare soup for the Soup Kitchen Ministry. All supplies are furnished. You prepare the soup at home and return the soup to St. Mary's School Annex. For more information call Ron Cole at 779-4302.

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!

Knights of Columbus News

There will be a breaded or grilled tenderloin dinner on Jan. 4th from 5-7:30 PM. The dinner will include tenderloin, french fries and salad, \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. The next chicken fry will be on Saturday, January 12th. Hope to see you there!



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**We want to wish all the students and staff 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 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 13th 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:

La semana pasada, cuando estaba celebrando la Reconciliación con los miembros de la iglesia en Santa María, se me desearon muchas bendiciones para la presente temporada santa de Christmastide. Varias personas me preguntaron si iría o no a mi hogar para visitar a mi familia y respondieron negativamente, ya que mis padres han nacido en la "Tierra más allá del tiempo" en el Reino de los Cielos. Respondí que mi familia ahora estaba aquí, dentro de las dos comunidades parroquiales de Santa María y San Ambrosio.

Desde mi regreso a Anderson hace cinco años, me considero especialmente bendecido entre los sacerdotes de la diócesis por tener la oportunidad de retirarme de la comunidad a la que me asignaron por primera vez en 1978 como sacerdote recién ordenado. Mucho ha cambiado en ese tiempo, particularmente dentro de mí en virtud de los años de vida sacerdotal que Dios ha otorgado.

Uno de los recuerdos duraderos de mi vocación proviene de la parroquia de Saint Charles en Perú, Indiana. Fue mi segunda misión en el ministerio. Allí había una familia compuesta por catorce hijos y una mamá y un papá que me conmovieron profundamente. Su hijo más pequeño fue desafiado por el síndrome de Down. Me pareció que era la estrella de la familia porque todos estaban dedicados a su cuidado. Fui "adoptado" por los padres en el círculo familiar interno y pasé muchos días con ellos. Compartimos muchas bendiciones y abordamos muchos desafíos juntos como familia. Me dieron el apodo, Sonny, por la familia (y el número quince por los hermanos, ya que se llamaron por número de orden de nacimiento, no por nombre).

Dos años después de estar allí, fui elegido por el obispo George Fulcher para ir a Roma para un doctorado en derecho canónico. "Mamá" y "Papá" celebraron una fiesta de despedida especial para mí y me dieron una bolsa de viaje para el viaje pendiente. "Papá" me dijo: "Sonny, llévate esto contigo para recordarte que mientras vivas lo que predicas, la gente te seguirá; pero si alguna vez llega el día en que dejes de hacer eso, tu vida no valdrá nada". Nunca he olvidado esas palabras de sabiduría.

¡Celebramos la época del año Liturgical que nos asegura a cada uno de nosotros que valemos la pena! Nos asegura que Dios nos amó y al mundo lo suficiente como para ser uno con nosotros y enseñarnos cómo volvernos uno con él. Que sus esfuerzos para hacer eso traigan Felicidad y Paz a su pequeño rincón del mundo. Uno por uno construiremos el Reino de la "Tierra más allá del tiempo".

La paz esté con usted, Monseñor

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