

The Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2019 El Bautismo del Señor 13 enero 2019



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

The beginning of a New Year is always and interesting time period from my perspective. One gets all sorts of mail from old friends, new ones and prospective possibilities. One such example is the following note from two longtime "partners of the heart" with whom I have shared many moments of life. In part, the message reads:

"The Servants Reward (by Roy Lessin): One day, when you are in heaven, someone will come up to you and thank you for the way you touched their life with hope and encouragement. The person's words will take you by surprise. Soon another person will seek you out, and then another, and another.

"As you listen to each one's story, you will begin to discover all the ways that God used your life when you were completely unaware of it. You will find that it was not only through the big things you did, but also through the small things—through a spoken word that was not planned, a spontaneous act of kindness, a loving attitude, or a simple prayer of concern.

"To your joy, you will discover that in all these ways and more, God used you to deposit an eternal measure of His love into many needy hearts."

The thoughts expressed in this missive struck a deep memory within me. I must admit that my early life was not a time of peacefulness and joy. I would not classify myself as a badgered individual but I have had my fair share of bullying and prejudice, some of which was of my own creation. One thing I have learned is that no matter what adversity we face, it is the constancy of fortitude that enables us to get through difficult situations. We may not emerge from them unscathed but we can certainly make the decision not to inflict on another the pain or suffering that we endured. It is called salvific grace! It is the example we all learn from Our Lord. Even in the ignominy of the crucifixion He called upon the Father to forgive his tormentors and sought to entrust His mother to the care of the Beloved Disciple. It is that attitude of the heart that enables us to outgrow hurtful memories and to move forward with life rather than become victims from it.

May you pray for and be given the grace to follow in the footsteps of The Good Shepherd and through random acts of kindness come to discover "The Servants Reward."

Peace be with you, Monsignor

Parish Information

	Monday 1/14/2019	Tuesday 1/15/2019	Wednesday 1/16/2019	Thursday 1/17/2019	Friday 1/18/2019	Saturday 1/19/2019
St. Mary	NO MASS	8:00 AM Poor Souls	NO MASS	8:10 AM Clarence Reynolds	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	8:00 AM Ronald Kempher	8:00 AM Duane Diedrich	8:00 AM Margaret "Peggy" Sell	8:00 AM Roger Chezem	8:10 AM Raymond Novak	4:00 –5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			11:30 AM St. Vincent Hospital		10:30 AM Bethany Pointe	
			Clara Robinson		Poor Souls	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

January 19th & 20th	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	Karen DeLaVergne	Kathleen Price	Pro Populo	Sue McCallister	Rita Wulle
Reader	Lawson Hunsicker	Mark Loose	Amy Sczesny	Ron Bollman	Moises Cazares
Eucharistic Ministers	Cheryl Hodson Jan Adams Ron Adams Kim Baily-Evans Tom Hodson H	Tony Martin H Janice Martin Volunteer	Dave Papai Lea Papai Lora Mueller Carol Buckner Ron Buckner H	Mary Lavelle H Mary Lamper H Henry Lamper Hannah Brownell Chris Harrold Nancy Bollman	Roberto Arciga Rosa Fisher Daniel Flores V. Ramirez Y. St. Clair
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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Stewardship	Φ 7.106
St. Ambrose	\$ 7,126
YTD	\$ 21,790
NTD	\$ 26,000
St. Mary	\$ 11,394
YTD	\$ 25.803

\$ 36,000 Renovation Fund \$ 1,666 (\$151,293 of \$330 K)

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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.

Senior Luncheons will resume on January 18th at 11:30 AM, in the Holy Cross North school annex. The entreé will be sloppy joes and tuna salad sandwiches. Bring a dish, a friend and enjoy a good lunch and fellowship.



SPIRITUAL LIFE

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary adoration is on Thursdays from 2:00 to 7:00 PM. Santa Maria la Adoracíon de Santa Maria es los jueves de 2:00 a 7:00 PM.

RCIA—Faith journeys begin at all times of the year. If you have questions about becoming Catholic, this is the place for you! Sessions meet Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 in the school annex at Holy Cross North. You are welcome to learn more in a non-judgmental environment.

TMIY-This Man Is You

Attention all men 18 and older, of St. Mary and St. Ambrose Parishes! TMIY will begin its Spring semester on January 19th. We meet in the K of C (Columbian Hall) behind the Toast restaurant, and across from the library. The video presentation begins at 6:15 AM on Saturdays. Of the men I've asked to come, our meeting time is the biggest objection, and I understand that one, BUT to those of us who will sacrifice that sleep time, even occasionally, the rewards are tremendous (ask one of us).

Through video presentations from wonderful speakers, and discussion with men you see in church nearly every week, we become better brothers, husbands, and fathers, in short better men. In addition, there are some of us that will prepare breakfast for you and the discussion will make you glad you came. Free will donation breakfast by Greg Acra, begins at 6:00! Nothing worthwhile is easy. Our door is open and we don't keep attendance records. For more information, call Mike Evans at (765) 602-0306; or, email evansrb@comcast.net or go to TMiY!org. Give God your time to make a better YOU!

January 19 Session 14: The Three Spiritual Foods The Universal Call to Holiness

- Learning to Feed Upon Spiritual Foods
- The Word of God is Light to Our Mind
- The Will of God Purifies Our Will
- The Eucharist is the Ultimate Spiritual Food
- The Seven Steps and Ages in the Spiritual Life
- The Challenge of Sexual Purity in Today's Culture

Weekly Scriptures:

Sun. Is 42:1-4,6-7, Acts 10:34-38, Lk 3:15-16, 21-22; Mon. Heb 1:1-6, Mk 1:14-20; Tues. Heb 2:5-12, Mk 1:21-28; **Wed.** Heb 2:14-18, Mk 1:29-39; **Thurs.** Heb 3:7-14, Mk 1:40-45; **Fri.** Heb 4:1-5, 11, Mk 2:1-12

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!

"The Lord will bless His people with peace." (Psalm 29:11)

OUTREACH

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE will be sold in the St. Mary Church Annex after all Masses the weekend of January 19/20.

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.

Gabriel Project Baby Bottles

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the recent Gabriel Project Baby Bottle Fundraiser held at both parishes here in Anderson. Because of your generosity, \$5,291.35 was raised to help women in crisis pregnancies and their families! May God bless you for your kindness.

ALL ARE INVITED

COME JOIN MEMBERS OF ST. AMBROSE AND ST. MARY PARISHES TO REFLECT ON THE COMING SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS each Tuesday from 9:30AM until 10:30AM at Holy Cross North school annex.

Married Couples—It's New Year's Resolution Time! - Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond you 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.

Saint Joseph 2019 Retreat Schedule

2019 Retreats

To register, contact Samir Azer at sazer@dol-in.org or call (765) 551-9570. For more information, visit www.stjosephretreat.org
All retreats are available for adults age 19 and older.

Women's Silent Retreat, January 11-13, 2019, \$170
Get Away for a Day, January 15, 2019, \$20
Married Couples Retreat, January 25-26, 2019, \$210 per couple
Crafter's Retreat, February 1-3, 2019, \$180 per person for single; \$135 per person for double
Men's Silent Retreat, February 8-10, 2019, \$170
Get Away for a Day, February 12, 2019, \$20

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SGO DONATIONS can be made online by visiting: wwwi4qed.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

SRE class on Sunday, January 13 and 27 from 10:35-11:25 @ Holy Cross North Clases de Catecismo Dominical

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:

El comienzo de un Año Nuevo es siempre un período de tiempo interesante desde mi perspectiva. Uno recibe todo tipo de correos de viejos amigos, nuevos y posibles posibilidades. Un ejemplo de ello es la siguiente nota de dos "compañeros del corazón" de larga data con quienes he compartido muchos momentos de la vida. En parte, el mensaje dice:

"The Servants Reward (por Roy Lessin): un día, cuando estés en el cielo, alguien se acercará a ti y te agradecerá por la forma en que tocaste su vida con esperanza y ánimo. Las palabras de la persona te tomarán por sorpresa. Pronto otra persona te buscará, y luego otra, y otra.

"A medida que escuchas la historia de cada uno, comenzarás a descubrir todas las formas en que Dios usó tu vida cuando no te habías enterado. Descubrirá que no solo fue a través de las grandes cosas que hizo, sino también a través de las pequeñas cosas, a través de una palabra hablada que no fue planeada, un acto espontáneo de bondad, una actitud amorosa o una simple oración de preocupación.

"Para tu gozo, descubrirás que de todas estas maneras y más, Dios te usó para depositar una medida eterna de su amor en muchos corazones necesitados".

Los pensamientos expresados en esta misiva me impactaron profundamente. Debo admitir que mi vida temprana no fue un momento de paz y alegría. No me clasificaría como un individuo acosado, pero he tenido mi parte justa de intimidación y prejuicios, algunos de los cuales fueron de mi propia creación. Una cosa que he aprendido es que no importa a qué adversidad nos enfrentemos, es la constancia de la fortaleza la que nos permite superar situaciones difíciles. Es posible que nosotros no salgamos ilesos de ellos, pero ciertamente podemos tomar la decisión de no infligir a otros el dolor o sufrimiento que sufrimos. ¡Se llama gracia salvífica! Es el ejemplo que todos aprendemos de Nuestro Señor. Incluso en la ignominia de la crucifixión, llamó al Padre a perdonar a sus atormentadores y procuró confiar a Su madre al cuidado del Discípulo Amado. Es esa actitud del corazón la que nos permite superar los recuerdos hirientes y seguir adelante con la vida en lugar de convertirnos en víctimas de ella.

Que recen y reciban la gracia de seguir los pasos de El Buen Pastor y, a través de actos de bondad al azar, descubran "La Recompensa de los Sirvientes".

La paz sea contigo, Monseñor.





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