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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

In a recent gathering for the promotion of Ecumenical Relations between the Roman Catholic Church and other Denominations, Pope Francis offered the following reflection. He entitled it "We do not have the right to remain separated."

"It is with great spiritual joy and in profound communion of faith and charity that I join the prayer of the Church of Constantinople in celebrating the feast of its holy patron, the Apostle Andrew, the first-called and brother of the Apostle Peter....I convey the assurance of the unwavering intention of the Catholic Church, as well as my own, to continue in our commitment to working towards the re-establishment of full communion among the Christians of the East and the West.

"...I convey, therefore, my heartfelt gratitude to all the past and current members of the Commission for Theological Dialogue for their dedication....Pope Saint John Paul II declared that 'the question we should ask ourselves is not whether we can re-establish full communion, but rather whether we have the right to remain separated.' This question, which is seemingly rhetorical, continues to challenge our Churches and demands that all the faithful respond with a renewal of both attitude and conduct.

"The search for re-establishment of full communion...is not confined to theological dialogue, but is also

accomplished through other channels of ecclesial life. Our relations are nourished above all through authentic gestures of mutual respect and esteem (see Rom.12:9). Such actions show a shared fidelity to the word of our one Lord Jesus Christ, and the will to remain together in His love (Jn.15:10). This charity is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal.5:22) and a mark of genuine Christian life (Jn.13:35)...Our closeness grows and intensifies each time we pray for one another (Jas.5:16) and pray as brothers (Mt.18:19-20)...The Catholic Church and Orthodox Church have already embarked upon this promising journey...I trust that all of us will increasingly strengthen the daily dialogue of love and life in shared spiritual, pastoral, cultural and charitable projects....United in prayer to the Apostle Andrew, I renew to you and to all those present my warmest best wishes, and I exchange with you a holy embrace in Christ Our Lord."

As we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord Jesus, let us each come before the crèche and ask Him to bless our efforts to life at peace with one another. Let us follow His example to be humble enough to go where we are called and to imitate the One Who won for us all salvation in the Kingdom of the Father.

Merry Christmas, Monsignor

DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas hermanas y hermanos en el Señor:

En una reunión reciente para la promoción de las relaciones ecuménicas entre la Iglesia Católica Romana y otras denominaciones, el Papa Francisco ofreció la siguiente reflexión. Lo tituló "No tenemos derecho a permanecer separados".

"Con gran alegría espiritual y en profunda comunión de fe y caridad, me uno a la oración de la Iglesia de Constantinopla para celebrar la fiesta de su santo patrón, el apóstol Andrés, el primer llamado y hermano del apóstol Pedro ... Transmito la seguridad de la inquebrantable intención de la Iglesia Católica, así como la mía, de continuar en nuestro compromiso de trabajar hacia el restablecimiento de la comunión plena entre los cristianos de Oriente y Occidente.

"... Transmito, por lo tanto, mi sincera gratitud a todos los miembros pasados y actuales de la Comisión para el Diálogo Teológico por su dedicación ... La papa San Juan Pablo II declaró que 'la pregunta que debemos hacernos no es si podemos restablecer comunión plena, sino más bien si tenemos el derecho de permanecer separados.' Esta pregunta, que aparentemente es retórica, continúa desafiando a nuestras Iglesias y exige que todos los fieles respondan con una renovación tanto de actitud como de conducta.

"La búsqueda del restablecimiento de la comunión plena ... no se limita al diálogo teológico, sino que también se logra a través de otros canales de la vida eclesial. Nuestras relaciones se alimentan sobre todo a través de gestos auténticos de respeto y estima mutuos (ver Romanos 12: 9). Tales acciones muestran una fidelidad compartida a la palabra de nuestro único Señor Jesucristo, y la voluntad de permanecer juntos en Su amor (Jn.15: 10). Esta caridad es el fruto del Espíritu Santo (Gal.5: 22) y una marca de vida cristiana genuina (Jn.13: 35) ... Nuestra cercanía crece e intensifica cada vez que oramos los unos por los otros (Jas.5: 16) y orar como hermanos (Mt.18: 19-20) ... La Iglesia Católica y la Iglesia Ortodoxa ya se han embarcado en este viaje prometedor ... Empujo que todos nosotros fortalezcamos cada vez más el diálogo diario de amor y vida en una vida espiritual, pastoral compartida, proyectos culturales y caritativos.... Unidos en oración al Apóstol Andrés, les renuevo a ustedes y a todos los presentes mis mejores deseos, e intercambio con ustedes un santo abrazo en Cristo Nuestro Señor ”.

Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar la Natividad del Señor Jesús, acerquémonos a la guardería y pídale que bendiga nuestros esfuerzos para vivir en paz unos con otros. Sigamos Su ejemplo para ser lo suficientemente humildes como para ir a donde somos llamados e imitar a Aquel que ganó para nosotros la salvación en el Reino del Padre.

Feliz Navidad, Monseñor



Discipulado de Misión

El Discipulado Misionero es el seguimiento a Cristo Jesús dentro y a través de su iglesia para compartir el mensaje del Evangelio con nuestra familia y nuestros vecinos hasta los confines de la tierra. El Discipulado Misionero involucra a todos los bautizados para que comprendamos que somos llamados a la misión y no a la conformidad.



Parish Information

	Monday 12/23/2019	Tuesday 12/24/2019	Wednesday 12/25/2019	Thursday 12/26/2019	Friday 12/27/2019	Saturday 12/28/2019
St. Mary	8:00 AM Joseph Glaser	4:00 P.M. Agnes Amrine 8:00 PM Spanish Pro Populo	9:30 AM Clarice & Michael Weis	NO MASS	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	8:00 AM Grant Lierman	6:00 P.M. Pro Populo Midnight Zachary Novak	9:30 AM Sarah Smythe Gladys Frossard Ryan McCorklin	NO MASS	8:00 AM Ryan Warner	4:00-5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			NO MASS AT THE HOSPITAL		10:30 AM Providence Mary Ann Nivens	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

December 28th & 29th	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	Patrick Wildman	Natalia Menestrina	Dr. William R. Kopp	Pro Populo	Laura Velez Brito
Reader	Pam Farmen	Carol Fite	Josh Noll	M. Scheckelhoff	Yolanda St. Clair
Eucharistic Ministers	Cheryl McKinney Joyce Stoner Joan Sauter Carol Cukrowicz Paul McKinney H	Mark Loose H Donna Pine Cathy Thompson	Ron Buckner Carol Buckner M. Kincaid Linda Ratliff Tim Kincaid H	Rosie Graybill H Greg Kalisz H Pat Backous Rebecca Degitz Angie Pitts Rick Pitts	F. Cazares R. Maldonado Juan Sanjuan Mayra Sierra M. Cazares H
Servers	Audrey Shepler Andrew Shepler Zachary Shepler	Kenny Davenport Dominic Bunch	Carolyn Pitts Irv Noll	Karina Gonzalez Vincent Ibarra	Daniela Flores S. Flores Celeste Limon

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



<u>Stewardship</u>	
St. Ambrose	\$ 8,043
YTD	\$ 394,095
NTD	\$ 650,000
Roofs Matching Fund	\$ 92,191 (Remaining \$19,768)
St. Mary	\$ 7,773
YTD	\$ 466,360
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Renovation Fund	\$ 2,240 (\$208,626 of \$330 K)

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**The Staffs of St. Ambrose and St. Mary want to wish you a very
Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!**

The offices will be closed December 24th through 26th and the 30th through January 1st.

Welcome To Our Faith Family:

Alonso and Damian Viurquiz, sons of Raymond Waymire and Nikki Viurquiz, baptized October 11th at St. Mary. Carlos and Anabella Marie, children of Jose and Anjelica Nicasio, baptized November 3rd, at St. Mary. May God bless them and their family with years of health and happiness amongst us!

Baptismal Prep Announcement

Prep-baptismal classes in Spanish will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. Prep-baptismal classes in English will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Those interested should fill out the baptismal preparation form beforehand, which is on the table in St. Mary's Church annex, in a black binder. At St. Ambrose the book is in the Sacristy.

Las clases para preparación bautismal en español se van a realizar el primer miércoles de cada mes. Las clases para la preparación bautismal en inglés se van a realizar el cuarto miércoles de cada mes. Los interesados deben de llenar el registro para la preparación bautismal con anterioridad, el cual se encuentra sobre la mesa en el anexo de la iglesia de St. María, en una carpeta negra. En San Ambrosio el libro está en la sacristía.

Fifth Annual Cassock Classic Basketball Game

Fellow parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette, on Friday, January 3, 2020, the Frassati Society presents the Fifth Annual Cassock Classic Basketball game where priests from our diocese will play against the seminarians from our diocese at Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville. Doors open at 5:00 PM and tip off is at 6:15 PM. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Tickets can be purchased at the door. This is a family friendly event for everyone in our diocese to attend and have fun.

St. Mary has as Advent Light Service at 6:00 PM on December 22nd.

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Ambrose

December 24th Christmas Eve 6:00 PM Mass

Intention: Pro Populo

Reader: Janice Martin

Servers: Alexa Carson, Nick Long, J.Lopez

EMHCs: Alan Martin- H, Tony Martin- H,
Nancy Bollman, Donna Pine, Mary Lavelle

December 25th Christmas 12:00 AM Midnight

Intention: Zachary Novak

Reader: Carol Fite

Servers: S. Bell, K. Davenport, M. Russel

EMHCs: Nate Bell-H, Harriett Russel,
Rosie Graybill

St. Mary

December 24th Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass

Intention: Agnes Amrine

Reader: Alan Raver

Servers: Brent and Corey Layton,

EMHCs: Joan Sauter, Kim Bailey-Evans,

December 24th Christmas Eve 8:00 PM (Spanish)

Intention: Pro Populo

Readers: Deyda Velanzuela

Servers: D. and S. Flores, Celeste Limon

EMHCs: Francisco Cazares, Rosa Maldonado,
Juana Sanjuan, Mayra Sierra, Miguel Cazares

Carols will be sung starting at 9:10 AM before the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Mary on Christmas Day.

December 25th Christmas 9:30 AM Mass

Intention: Sarah Smythe

Reader: Greg Acra

Servers: Lillian Villegas, John Paul Harrold
Vanessa Harrold

EMHCs: Barb Pittsford-H, Lynn Hensley,
Stephanie Metz

December 25th Christmas 9:30 AM Mass

Intention: Clarice & Michael Weis

Reader: Josh Noll

Servers: Irv Noll, Carolyn Pitts

EMHCs: Jan Adams, Ron Adams-H, Cheryl Hodson

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

Santa Maria la Adoración es los jueves de 2:00 a 7:00 PM.

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; Sergeant Joseph Schulten, Matthew Schulten HM3, grandsons of Cathy Thompson; Michael Shane Carter Air Force, grandson of Marllon and Emily Carter; Sgt. Brock Acra stationed in California US Marine Corp. son of Greg and Sonia Acra. First Lt. Sean Scally, 82nd Airborne, grandson of Tom Chezem, United Arab Emirates; Lt. Daniel Perrine, son of Kimberly Lyle-Ippolito and Dan Ippolito.

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!

Weekly Scriptures:

Sun. Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-24; **Mon.** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66; **Tues.** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk 1:67-79; **Wed.** Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18; **Thurs.** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22; **Fri.** Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8; **Sat.** Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18

OUTREACH

Cleaning St. Ambrose Church For the Holidays

We would like to thank all the angels that braved the weather last Monday. All your work was “warmly” appreciated. The church smells wonderful! Without your help this would not have happened.

Knights Of Columbus News:

The following is a list of events (dinners) for January:

Saturday, Jan. 4th —Hamburger steak dinner by Francis Robinson

Saturday, Jan. 11th—Chicken fry

The Diocese cordially invites everyone to the Installation of Lectors and Acolytes on Sunday, January 5, 2020, at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1212 South Street, Lafayette.

Andrew Morand (the seminarian who was with us in the summer of 2018) is to be admitted to the Ministry of Lector.

This Mass satisfies the Sunday Obligation.

For questions, please contact the Office for Vocations at: vocations@dol-in.org; or call 764-477-0070.



Parent Leadership Formation

We are looking for couples that are willing to guide the Parent Leadership Formation Program. Its curriculum provides parents with basic catechetical tools to effectively accompany and support their children's faith formation. This program will be offered at the same time children are attending Religious Education. If you are interested in joining the group of couples who will guide this program,



Missionary Discipleship

Missionary discipleship is following Jesus Christ in and through His Church to share the gospel message with our family and our neighbors, to the ends of the earth. Missionary discipleship involves getting all the baptized to understand that we are called to mission, not maintenance.



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- If donors mail donations (either directly to the Institute for Quality Education—IQE—or to the school), they must take it to the post office during business hours by December 31.
- Mailed donations **must be postmarked no later than December 31st**. NOTE: If it is dropped in a mail collection box on the last day of the year, it may not get postmarked until the first business day of the following year.
- If a donor drops donations off at a school or at IQE's office, be sure that staff is available to accept the donation.

Christmas Break will be from Monday, December 23rd until Sunday, January 5th. School will resume on Monday, January 6th. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Young Church

Christian Awakening Senior Retreat XXVIII

The Carmel Deanery "Christian Awakening Senior Retreat" is a powerful weekend experience that allows high school seniors to encounter the living God. This weekend provides the chance to develop an authentic Christian community, participate in the Sacraments, develop Catholic faith, and enhance or begin a friendship with Christ. Location: St. Joseph Retreat Center in Tipton, IN Duration: Friday, January 17, 2019, at 6:30 pm through Monday, January 20, 2020, at 6:30 PM. For more information and registration, please contact Laura Torres @ 765-644-8467 Ext 323 or ltorres@parish.dol-in.org.

Destination Jesus 2020

Is a retreat for high school students (9-12 grades) from our diocese. Registration forms and payment should be received by Jan. 17th to avoid extra fees. It will take place at St. Theodore Guerin Catholic H.S. on Feb. 14-16. Cost is \$75 by Jan. 17th; \$85 until Jan. 24th. Please contact Laura Torres for questions at (765) 644-8467 Ext. 323.

Es un retiro para estudiantes de secundaria (grados 9-12) de nuestra diócesis. Los formularios de inscripción y el pago deben recibirse antes del 17 de enero para evitar tarifas adicionales. Tendrá lugar en St. Theodore Guerin Catholic H.S. del 14 al 16 de febrero. El costo es de \$ 75 para el 17 de enero; \$ 85 para el 24 de enero. Póngase en contacto con Laura Torres para preguntas en (765) 644-8467 Ext. 323.



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