



Second Sunday Of Lent
 March 8, 2020
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

In the Gospel of Saint Matthew Jesus teaches: "You have heard that it was said 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you..." (Mt.5:43-44) Pope Francis recently spoke on this teaching of Christ. Here is part of what he said:

"We might think that Jesus' teaching is part of a plan: in the end, the wicked will desist. But that is not why Jesus asks us to love those who do us harm. What, then, is the reason? It is that the Father, our Father, continues to love everyone, even when His love is not reciprocated.Jesus did not point a finger at those who wrongfully condemned Him and put Him to a cruel death, but opened His arms to them on the cross. And He forgave those who drove nails into His wrists (Lk.23:33-34)

"If we want to be disciples of Christ, if we want to call ourselves Christians, this is the only way; there is no other. Having been loved by God, we are called to love in return; having been forgiven, we are called to forgive; having been touched by love, we are called to love without waiting for others to love first; having been saved graciously, we are called to seek no benefit from the good we do.

"...Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. This is the Christian innovation. It is the Christian difference. Pray and love: this is what we must

do...The love of Jesus knows no boundaries or barriers. The Lord demands of us the courage to have a love that does not count the cost; because the measure of Jesus is love without measure....Where the command of universal love is concerned, let us not accept excuses or preach prudent caution. The Lord was not cautious; He did not yield to compromises. He asks of us the extremism of charity. This is the only legitimate kind of Christian extremism: the extremism of love.

...If the goal were impossible, the Lord would not have asked us to strive for it. By our own effort, it is difficult to achieve; it is a grace and it needs to be implored. Ask God for the strength to love. Say to Him: 'Lord, help me to love, teach me to forgive. I cannot do it alone, I need You.' Ask to see others not as hindrances but as brothers and sisters to be loved. We need to pray to learn how to love...to be truly Christian. For, according to Saint John of the Cross: 'in the evening of life, we will be judged on love.'"

May your Lenten journey result in a greater understanding and willingness to love according to the teachings of Jesus.

Peace be with you, Monsignor

DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas hermanas y hermanos en El Señor:

En el Evangelio de San Mateo, Jesús enseña: "Has oído que se decía 'Amarás a tu prójimo y odiarás a tu enemigo'. Pero yo te digo, ama a tus enemigos y reza por los que te persiguen ..." (Mt .5: 43-44) El Papa Francisco habló recientemente sobre esta enseñanza de Cristo. Aquí hay parte de lo que dijo:

"Podríamos pensar que la enseñanza de Jesús es parte de un plan: al final, los malvados desistirán. Pero no es por eso que Jesús nos pide que amemos a los que nos hacen daño. ¿Cuál es, entonces, la razón? Es que el Padre, nuestro Padre, continúa amando a todos, incluso cuando Su amor no es correspondido. Jesús no señaló con el dedo a aquellos que lo condenaron injustamente y lo mataron cruelmente, sino que les abrió los brazos en la cruz. Y perdonó a los que clavaron clavos en sus muñecas (Lucas 23: 33-34)

"Si queremos ser discípulos de Cristo, si queremos llamarnos cristianos, esta es la única forma; no hay otro. Habiendo sido amados por Dios, estamos llamados a amar a cambio; habiendo sido perdonados, estamos llamados a perdonar; habiendo sido tocados por el amor, estamos llamados a amar sin esperar que otros amen primero; Habiendo sido salvados gentilmente, estamos llamados a no buscar ningún beneficio del bien que hacemos.

"... Ama a tus enemigos y reza por los que te persiguen. Esta es la innovación cristiana. Es la diferencia cristiana. Ore y ame: esto es lo que debemos hacer ... El amor de Jesús no conoce límites ni barreras. El Señor nos exige el coraje de tener un amor que no cuenta el costo; porque la medida de Jesús es amor sin medida ... En lo que concierne al mandato del amor universal, no aceptemos excusas ni prediquemos precaución prudente. El Señor no fue cauteloso; No cedió a compromisos. Nos pide el extremismo de la caridad. Este es el único tipo legítimo de extremismo cristiano: el extremismo del amor.

... Si la meta fuera imposible, el Señor no nos hubiera pedido que luchemos por alcanzarla. Por nuestro propio esfuerzo, es difícil de lograr; es una gracia y necesita ser implorada. Pídele a Dios la fuerza para amar. Dile: 'Señor, ayúdame a amar, enséñame a perdonar. No puedo hacerlo solo, te necesito '. Pide ver a los demás no como obstáculos sino como hermanos y hermanas para ser amados. Necesitamos orar para aprender a amar ... para ser verdaderamente cristianos. Porque, según San Juan de la Cruz: "en la tarde de la vida, seremos juzgados por amor".

Que su viaje de Cuaresma resulte en una mayor comprensión y disposición para amar de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de Jesús.

La paz sea contigo, Monseñor



La llamada Universal a la Santidad: 1a. Parte

El Concilio Vaticano II habló de "llamada Universal a la Santidad, en su Constitución Dogmática sobre la Iglesia (Lumen Gentium); Con esta expresión se reconoce que todas las personas en el Pueblo de Dios estamos "llamadas a alcanzar la plenitud de la vida cristiana y la perfección en la caridad" (no. 40).

Esta llamada se dirige no solo a los

sacerdotes, diáconos y religiosos consagrados, sino también a los laicos, y debe asumirse dentro de la vocación personal específica de cada individuo (el matrimonio, la soltería, la maternidad y paternidad, etc.) Estamos llamados a ser santos viviendo nuestras vidas con amor y dando testimonio, en todo lo que hagamos y en cualquier lugar que nos encontremos. Llevar una vida santa es una forma poderosa de evangelizar el mundo. Debemos sin embargo contar con el hecho de que cometer errores es humano, y que solo con Dios podemos alcanzar la perfección

"No todo lo que un santo dice es totalmente fiel al Evangelio ni todo lo que él o ella hacen es auténtico o perfecto. Lo que debemos mirar en una persona santa es la totalidad de su vida, todo su camino de crecimiento en la fe, el resplandecer de Cristo que se refleja cuando miramos toda su persona." (Papa Francisco, Exhortación Apostólica: GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE. Llamada a la santidad en el mundo de hoy. Marzo 2018)

Por lo tanto, también nosotros debemos ver nuestra vida entera como una misión. A través de la oración y la petición debemos poder escuchar los signos que Dios nos da. Pida siempre al Espíritu Santo que le ilumine lo que Jesús espera de Usted en cada momento de su vida y en cada decisión que Usted debe hacer, así como poder discernir su lugar en la misión que ha recibido. Deje que el Espíritu forje en Usted la imagen de Cristo que Usted está llamado o llamada a ser en el mundo de hoy.

Sólo entonces Usted podrá percibir "Cuál es el mensaje de Jesús que Dios quiere que Usted anuncie al mundo a través de su vida. Déjese transformar. Déjese renovar por el Espíritu Santo para que ésto suceda y Usted no falle en su misión. El Señor lo conducirá a la plenitud a pesar de sus errores y malos pasos, siempre y cuando Usted no abandone el camino del amor y permanezca siempre abierto a su gracias sobrenatural, que purifica e ilumina." (GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE del Santo Padre, Francisco)



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Parish Information

	Monday 3/9/2020	Tuesday 3/10/2020	Wednesday 3/11/2020	Thursday 3/12/2020	Friday 3/13/2020	Saturday 3/14/2020
St. Mary	8:00 AM Poor Souls	NO MASS	NO MASS	8:10 AM	NO MASS 6:00 PM Bi-lingual Stations / Communion	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	NO MASS	8:00 AM Kay Schmit Price	8:00 AM Monica Chezem Morse	8:00 AM Roger Chezem	8:10 AM John Buckman 6:00 PM Stations / Communion	4:00-5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			St. Vincent Hospital 11:30 AM George Stoner		10:30 AM Keystone Woods Intentions of Deyda Valenzuela	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

March 14th and 15th	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	Diego Acosta Echeberria	Mary Ann Chezem	Pro Populo	Paul Backous	Luis Faguayo and Family
Reader	Jeanné Papai	Regina Albrecht	Becky Hull	Mike Scheckelhoff	Francisco Cázares
Eucharistic Ministers	C. McKinney H “Precious Blood” withheld	Donna Pine H “Precious Blood” withheld	Linda Ratliff H “Precious Blood” withheld	R. Degitz H Chris Harrold H “Precious Blood” withheld	V. Ramírez H “Precious Blood” withheld
Servers	Jacob Allison Noah Allison Andrew Shepler	Volunteers	Carolyn Pitts Irv Noll	Vanessa Harrold Lilian Villegas E. Villegas	Gisele Ramiez J. Ramirez José Ramirez

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Stewardship

St. Ambrose	\$ 14,675
YTD	\$ 81,043
NTD	\$ 108,000

St. Mary	\$ 16,484
YTD	\$ 94,771
NTD	\$135,000
Renovation Fund	\$ 3,228 (\$237,898 of \$330 K)

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On Line Giving— visit us at the following:

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

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

Dates to Remember:

Fridays of Lent-Stations of the Cross/Communion at 6:00 PM at both parishes

March 19th– Making Choices in Grief 6:30-8 PM Holy Cross North School Annex

Special 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. Please call Betty if you can help with the prayer line.

Welcome To Our Faith Family:

Gustavo Enrique Montes Espiritu, infant son of Rut Espiritu and Bacilio Montes, baptized February 29th, at St. Ambrose. May God bless him and his 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.

“Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.”
(Psalm 33:4)

That Man Is You

ATTENTION! Men of St. Mary and St. Ambrose, come join the 21 men in **That Man is You!** It's a wonderful way to get started on a more productive day! "as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another,"- Proverbs 27:17. We begin at 6:00 AM in the K of C Columbian Hall. Contact Mike Evans for Information at (765) 602-0306. It's never too late to begin. Please contact Mike Evans at 765-602-0306 for more information. Week 21-Saturday, March 14th. Presentation topic: The Wounding of the Heart

- Speaker: Steve Bollman
- Crushing Of The Heart
- Denial, Betrayal And Abandonment
- Love And Mercy In A Fallen World
- From Servants To Friends
- A Guarded Secret
- The Life-Changing, Compassionate Gaze

Weekly Scriptures:

Sun. Gn 12:1-4a, 2 Tm 1:8b-10, Mt 17:1-9; **Mon.** Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38; **Tues.** Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23:1-12; **Wed.** Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28; **Thurs.** Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31; **Fri.** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt 21:33-34, 45-46; **Sat.** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Parenting With Grace: How to Raise Catholic Kids in the Modern World

Parenting can be difficult, which is why it's all the more important that we parent with grace. Join Susan Hoefer from the Diocesan Office for Family Life. The session begins at 6:15 PM on March 15th, the topic is Parenting and Technology, at Elm Street Brewing, Muncie

The cost of this program is free. You are responsible for the purchase of your own refreshments. Space is limited. Please register online at <https://parentingwithgrace.eventbrite.com> or contact Susan Hoefer at 765-421-1998 or shoefer@dol-in.org.



Universal Call to Holiness: Part 1

The phrase 'Universal Call to Holiness' is stressed in the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium); it recognizes that all the People of God are "called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity" (no. 40).

This call is directed not only to priests, deacons, and consecrated religious, but to the laity as well, and should be pursued within an individual's specific vocation (marriage, dedicated single life, parent, etc.). We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do no matter where we find ourselves. Leading a holy life is one way the faithful can evangelize the world but it's important we recognize that mistakes are normal and we may falter occasionally.

"Not everything a saint says is completely faithful to the Gospel; not everything he or she does is authentic or perfect. What we need to contemplate is the totality of their life, their entire journey of growth in holiness, the reflection of Jesus Christ that emerges when we grasp their overall meaning as a person." (Apostolic Exhortation: GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE of the Holy Father Francis on the Call to Holiness in Today's World, March 2018)

Therefore, we too, must see our whole lives as a mission. Through prayer and petition, we must listen for God to recognize the signs he gives us. "Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world."

Only then will we come to realize "... the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. Let yourself be transformed. Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission. The Lord will bring it to fulfillment despite your mistakes and missteps, provided that you do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to his supernatural grace, which purifies and enlightens." (GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE of the Holy Father Francis)



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OUTREACH

MAKING CHOICES IN GRIEF

Thursday, March 19th 6:30-8 PM

Holy Cross School Annex

Guest Speaker: Misty Novak

Anyone experiencing loss is invited.

Please call either rectory to register St. Ambrose 644-5956 or St. Mary 644-8467.

Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast is March 14th at St. Ambrose. Menu items needed are breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, and muffins, juice, fruit and fruit trays. Please call either office to sign up. These items should be brought to St. Ambrose cafeteria on March 13th (Noon to 4:00) or before 7:30 AM on Saturday, March 14th.

St. Vincent de Paul will be at the church doors next weekend to accept you donations. Please remember the needy here in our community. **They are in great need for peanut butter and jelly, soups, canned corn and other food staples. Please help them help others.**

"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 to receive you donations. Monetary donations can be placed in the orange boxes. The collection on March 14th and 15th will be Beef Stew / Hearty Soup. Your participation will be greatly appreciated by the hungry families of Madison County.

Knights Of Columbus News:

Lenten Fish Fries are from 5:00-7:30 every Friday of Lent.

Please come and support the Knights who offer us good food and fellowship.

Anderson University Senior Concert at St. Mary: Note The Date Change

You are all invited to a recital given by Clare Lillig on Sunday, March 29th at 2:00 PM at St. Mary Church. Clare is a senior at Anderson University majoring in vocal performance. She also sings with the St. Mary choir on occasion. Clare will be singing songs from her senior recital, as well as some religious music including Panis Angelicus & Pie Jesu. The concert is free and open to all. It will be followed by a cookie reception in the St. Mary Church annex.

Baby Bottles will be collected the weekend of March 21st & 22nd. The money raised will be used to serve women in crises pregnancies and their families; to support the upkeep of the Gabriel vans which are used to provide free ultrasounds and counseling to these women; to help with needed expenses of financially struggling new moms; and to promote respect for the unborn here in Anderson.

It's in the Bag

Isabel Society will be hosting its second annual Purse Auction entitled, "It's in the Bag." It will be held at Davis Park on Saturday, March 14th from 2-4 P.M. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased from Isabel Board members, at Harter House or at the door. Over 35 designer purses will be available for purchase. Jim Bittner Will be the host and auctioneer. Many purses will include themed content like gardening, crafting, coffee lovers, chocolate lovers, exercise, sports (Pacers) and more. Come join us for a "Girls Day Out!" Light refreshments will be served. Call 765 649-7600 for more information.

Want to help end abortion?

Beginning now until April 5th Pray. "Forty Days-Forty Prayers" sheets are available at the church entrances. Fast, you can join other area believers in giving up some favorite item or activity, or eating just 3 small meals a day and no snacks for these 40 days. If possible join others in a peaceful prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood, 8590 Georgetown Rd. Indianapolis. To vigil, sign up between now and April 4th at www.40daysindy.org.



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United in faith and rooted in Catholic identity, Holy Cross School encourages students to achieve their personal best in academics and model Christ in service and faith.

North Campus V.I.P./Grandparents' Day is Thursday, March 12th. Please join us for Mass at 8:10.
 NO SCHOOL during Spring Break, March 16th-27th.

It is time to re-enroll current students and/or parish members. School families have received information, but if you are a parishioner & would like to enroll in your parish school, please contact the school office at 765.642.1848 or 765.642.8428. Join the Holy Cross School family next year & witness Christ in your child's education!

Below is the schedule for Stations of the Cross at St. Mary Church, in which the students will be leading. All are welcome!

Tuesday, March 10 at 8:20 am.

Monday, March 30 at 10:30 am.

Friday, April 10 at 12:20 pm

North Campus V.I.P./Día de los abuelos es el jueves 12 de marzo. Únase a nosotros para la misa a las 8:10.
 NO HAY CLASES durante las vacaciones de primavera, del 16 al 27 de marzo.

Es hora de volver a inscribir a los estudiantes actuales y / o miembros de la parroquia. Las familias de la escuela han recibido información, pero si usted es feligrés y desea inscribirse en su escuela parroquial, comuníquese con la oficina de la escuela al 765.642.1848 o al 765.642.8428. ¡Únase a la familia de Holy Cross School el próximo año y sea testigo de Cristo en la educación de su hijo!

A continuación se muestra el horario de las Estaciones de la Cruz en la Iglesia de St. Mary, en el que los estudiantes serán líderes. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Martes 10 de marzo a las 8:20 a.m.

Lunes 30 de marzo a las 10:30 a.m.

Viernes 10 de abril a las 12:20 p.m.



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