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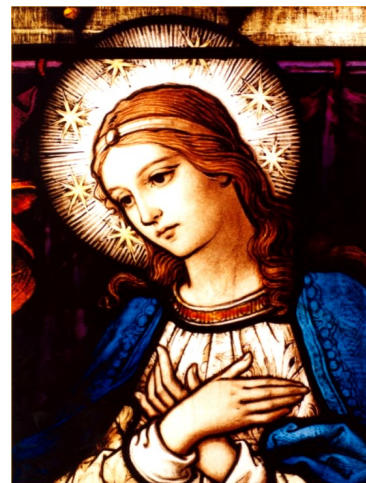
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

I ought not let another week go by without offering a word of public gratitude (once again!) for the many gifts of loving kindness and prayerful thanksgiving offered to me and Father Mark for the years of service and presence here in Anderson at St. Ambrose and St. Mary parishes. Although at times the phrase from the movie “All About Eve” with one of my favorite actresses, Bette Davis, “Fasten your seat belts, it’s going to be a bumpy night” come to mind, the bumps became stepping stones and the memories have become offerings of thanksgiving to God for those moments of solemn reflection and graced-filled growth in the Spirit of the Lord.

Far too soon will come the time to say “Fare Thee Well,” I hope and believe that we all may say, “Thanks for the memories of the heart.” It is those inner-felt and inwardly held reflections that ought to cause us to recognize the in-breakings of God’s Life among and within us. It is those same memories that lead us to thankfulness for having had moments of life in this world that may lead us to the unending life of the world to come.

One of my fondest memories comes from a Brother in the Lord, an African Priest who gave a presentation for his home diocese to one of the parishes of our diocese during a Missionary Appeal Sunday. In the sacristy after Mass he handed me an envelope. At this time, I thought that is a strange act—he giving me a gift!—rather than my being able to give him a presentation of the faith offerings of the parish to him. A couple of days later I had an opportunity to open the card and read his message. He wrote a note about the recent loss of my sister to brain cancer. My sister, Margaret, had died at the young age of Forty-nine; leaving a young daughter to her absence. The brother priest’s note acknowledged Margaret’s years of suffering as the cancer ravaged her body (and often times her spirit). He told me that in his diocese in Africa, the people believe that the sufferings we are meant to endure here on earth are the means by which we prepare and polish the Crown of Life to be given to us in the Kingdom of Our Loving Father.

What words of comfort and healing! It was such a joy for me to read that from a man who had been a stranger to me and yet understood the affliction that loss of a loved one may create within us. But, recognizing the on-going Gift of God—the Breath of Life that He imparts to us at our conception—becomes an assurance of never being away from God’s constant love for us.

So, as the final days of our being with one another come to a close in this time, may the promise of life with Our Father, enable us all to say, “We’ll see each other in the Kingdom!”

Peace be with you, Monsignor

No debería dejar pasar otra semana sin ofrecer una palabra de agradecimiento público (¡una vez más!) Por los muchos dones de bondad amorosa y acción de gracias en oración que se nos ofrecieron a mí y al Padre Mark por los años de servicio y presencia aquí en Anderson en St. Ambrose y las parroquias de Santa María. Aunque a veces me viene a la mente la frase de la película "All About Eve" con una de mis actrices favoritas, Bette Davis, "Abróchense los cinturones de seguridad, va a ser una noche llena de baches", los baches se convirtieron en peldaños y los recuerdos han convertirse en ofrendas de acción de gracias a Dios por esos momentos de solemne reflexión y crecimiento lleno de gracia en el Espíritu del Señor.

Demasiado pronto llegará el momento de decir "Fare Thee Well", espero y creo que todos podemos decir: "Gracias por los recuerdos del corazón". Son esas reflexiones internas y sentidas internamente las que deberían hacernos reconocer las rupturas de la Vida de Dios entre nosotros y dentro de nosotros. Son esos mismos recuerdos los que nos llevan al agradecimiento por haber tenido momentos de vida en este mundo que pueden llevarnos a la vida sin fin del mundo por venir.

Uno de mis mejores recuerdos proviene de un Hermano en el Señor, un Sacerdote africano que hizo una presentación para su diócesis en su hogar en una de las parroquias de nuestra diócesis durante un Domingo de Apelación Misionera. En la sacristía después de la misa, me entregó un sobre. En este momento, pensé que un acto extraño, ¡él me estaba dando un regalo! En lugar de que yo pudiera darle una presentación de las ofrendas de fe de la parroquia. Un par de días después tuve la oportunidad de abrir la tarjeta y leer su mensaje. Escribió una nota sobre la reciente pérdida de mi hermana por cáncer cerebral. Mi hermana, Margaret, había muerto a la temprana edad de cuarenta y nueve; dejando a una hija pequeña a su ausencia. La nota del hermano sacerdote reconoció los años de sufrimiento de Margaret cuando el cáncer devastó su cuerpo (y muchas veces su espíritu). Me dijo que en su diócesis en África, la gente cree que los sufrimientos que debemos soportar aquí son la tierra, es el medio por el cual preparamos y pulimos la Corona de la Vida que se nos dará en el Reino de Nuestro Padre Amoroso.

¡Qué palabras de consuelo y curación! Fue una gran alegría para mí leer eso de un hombre que había sido un extraño para mí y, sin embargo, entendía la aflicción que la pérdida de un ser querido puede crear en nuestro interior. Pero, reconocer el don continuo de Dios, el aliento de vida que nos imparte en nuestra concepción, se convierte en una garantía de nunca estar lejos del amor constante de Dios por nosotros.

Entonces, a medida que los últimos días de nuestro estar juntos lleguen a su fin en este tiempo, que la promesa de vida con Nuestro Padre, nos permita a todos decir: "¡Nos veremos en el Reino!"

La paz sea contigo, Monseñor

Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace, comfort and healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Stewardship

St. Ambrose

YTD Giving \$ 250,667 YTD Expenses \$ 252,488

St. Mary

YTD Giving \$ 232,484 YTD Expenses \$ 279,794

Renovation Fund \$ 253,754 of \$330,000 Phase 1

visit our website - [www.https://stambroestmary.org](https://stambroestmary.org)

On Line Giving— visit us at the following:

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

MASS INTENTIONS			St. Ambrose		St. Mary
Monday	17-Aug	8:00 AM	Thomas & MaryAnn Chezem	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	18-Aug	8:00 AM	John Sokol	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Wednesday	19-Aug	8:00 AM	NO MASS	11:30 AM	NO MASS
Thursday	20-Aug	8:00 AM	Poor Souls	9:30 AM	John & Barbara Hickner
Friday	21-Aug	8:10 AM	Bonnie & Gerald Uccello	8:00 AM	Veniero Ippolito
Saturday	22-Aug	5:30 PM	Kathryn Cole	4:00 PM	Elizabeth Wehrley
Sunday	23-Aug	9:30 AM	Pro Populo	7:30 AM 11:30AM	Jeanné Papaí Pedro Alvarado

Confessions—St. Mary– Saturday, August 22nd from 2:30-3:30 PM

St. Ambrose-Saturday, August 22nd 4:00-5:00 PM

Returning to Mass—Please read the guidelines on the website. www.stambroestmary.org

Regreso a misa: lea las pautas en el sitio web. www.stambroestmary.org

Welcome To Our Faith Family:

Wren Evaline Bergman, infant daughter of Brian and Molly Bergman, baptized May 2, 2020 at St. Ambrose Church. Ixchel Lily Dirlam, daughter of Sean Dirlam and Gloria Miller, baptized August 6, 2020 at St. Mary Church. Sean Arthur Dirlam, confirmed August 6, 2020 at St. Mary. May God bless them and their families with years of health and happiness amongst us.

Fatima Movie at Alex Theater

On Friday, August 28th, the newly reopened Theater at 407 N. Harrison in Alexandria, IN (765-620-9093); will be showing the new 2020 movie titled “Fatima.” More information on times will be made available when known. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!!

St. Mary Alexandria Men’s Group– St. Joseph’s Helpers will meet on Thursday, August 27th

Daughters of Isabella meeting Tuesday August 25th at 6:30 p.m. in Zimmer Hall at St. Mary Alexandria. Masks are required. Thank you!!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Online Auction – Catholic Radio Indy

Catholic Radio Indy will be conducting an online auction Sept. 1-9. We have some great items – 2 laps around the IMS in a 2-seater – overnight stays; pontoon boat rental and much more. Register for the auction at: www.CatholicRadioIndy.org —on; or, after Sept. 1st.

Be sure to tune in to Catholic Radio Indy (98.3 FM) to hear the announcement of the recipient of an inaugural award presented by Archbishop Charles Thompson on Sept 9th between 5 and 6 PM.

Gabriel Baby Bottle Project - Please turn in your baby bottle at Mass.

Proyecto Gabriel Biberón - Por favor, entregue su biberón en la misa

St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) will be having their first fundraiser of the year on Saturday, August 29th at the Knights of Columbus! Please come and join us for a Tenderloin Dinner- grilled or breaded, french fries, green beans or corn. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 children 12 and under. Carry-outs will be available. The K of C will be open at 50% capacity. At the present time, SVDP is helping clients with utility and rental assistance! Please come and help us care for the poor in our community!

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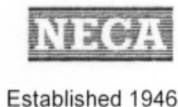
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