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Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

27 septiembre 2020

Vigésimo sexto domingo del tiempo ordinario

Off the Top of My Head...

I became a pastor for the first time in 1992, ten years after I was ordained. I had been "helping out" at St. Joseph's in Lebanon, where there was an unexpected "pastor vacancy," and had been there for three weeks. I liked the people, and they seemed to like me. So when I announced that the Bishop was assigning me there as Pastor, they applauded! And of course I smiled.

Then I announced that, now that I was their pastor, I was going on a three-week vacation that had already been planned. (For some reason, that resulted in more applause!) This is something like that. After having been here in the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate for about a month and a half, Fr. Dave, Fr. Marty, and I will all be taking some time off. But not at the same time.

The week of October 4, I will be taking some vacation time for backpacking in Michigan and Fr. Marty will be away for the diocesan priests' retreat. That will leave Fr. Dave to handle everything while we are away. With only one priest here, we will need to make some changes in the weekday Mass schedule. Masses on Monday, October 5, will be as regularly scheduled: 8:00 am Mass at both St. Mary's in Anderson and St. Ambrose.

Mass on Tuesday, October 6, will be celebrated as usual at 8 am at St. Ambrose. On Wednesday, October 7, there will be 8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's in Alexandria but NOT at St. Ambrose. On Thursday, there will be Mass at 8:30 am at St. Mary's in Anderson but NO Mass at St. Ambrose. Friday, there will again be Mass at St. Mary's in Alexandria at 8:00 am and NO Mass at St. Ambrose.

Fr. Dave will be on vacation from October 14th to the 21st, but since there will be two priests in the Pastorate, we will not need to cancel any Masses.

For those who normally attend daily Mass when they can, this schedule change will be, at least, an inconvenience, and I appreciate your patience. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in a Mass at a neighboring parish, as do two or three parishioners from St. Mary's in Alexandria who sometimes take part in weekday Mass at St. Ambrose. It's a good thing to get out of our comfort zones every once in a while so maybe these cancellations are an opportunity to do that.

Please pray for us priests as we are away. We will be keeping you in our prayers as well.

Fr. Tom Metzger

Pastor: Father Tom Metzger, Associate Pastors Father Dave Hellman and Marty Sandhage

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Me convertí en pastor por primera vez en 1992, diez años después de mi ordenación. Había estado "ayudando" en St. Joseph's en el Líbano, donde había una "vacante de pastor" inesperada, y había estado allí durante tres semanas. Me gustaba la gente y parecía gustarles yo. Así que cuando anuncié que el obispo me asignaba allí como pastor, ¡aplaudieron! Y por supuesto sonreí.

Entonces anuncié que, ahora que era pastor, me iría de vacaciones de tres semanas que ya había sido planeada. (¡Por alguna razón, eso resultó en más aplausos!)

Esto es algo así. Después de haber estado aquí en la Pastoral Anderson-Alexandria durante aproximadamente un mes y medio, el Padre, Dave, el Padre. Marty, y yo nos tomaremos un tiempo libre. Pero no al mismo tiempo.

La semana del 4 de octubre, me tomaré unas vacaciones para ir de mochilero a Michigan y al P. Marty estará ausente para el retiro de sacerdotes diocesanos. Eso dejará al P. Dave para que se encargue de todo mientras estamos fuera. Con solo un sacerdote aquí, tendremos que hacer algunos cambios en el horario de la misa entre semana.

Las misas del lunes 5 de octubre serán programadas regularmente: 8:00 am Misa en St. Mary's en Anderson y St. Ambrose. La misa del martes 6 de octubre se celebrará como de costumbre a las 8 am en San Ambrose. El miércoles 7 de octubre, habrá misa a las 8:00 am en St. Mary's en Alexandria pero NO en St. Ambrose. El jueves habrá misa a las 8:30 am en St. Mary's en Anderson, pero NO habrá misa en St. Ambrose. El viernes, nuevamente habrá Misa en St. Mary's en Alexandria a las 8:00 am y NO habrá Misa en St. St. Ambrose.

P. Dave estará de vacaciones del 14 al 21 de octubre, pero como habrá dos sacerdotes en la Pastora, no necesitaremos cancelar ninguna misa.

Para quienes normalmente asisten a misa diaria cuando pueden, este cambio de horario será, al menos, un inconveniente, y agradezco su paciencia. Los animo a que aprovechen la oportunidad de participar en la Misa en una parroquia vecina, al igual que dos o tres feligreses de St. Mary's en Alexandria que a veces participan en la Misa entre semana en St. Ambrose. Es bueno salir de nuestras zonas de confort de vez en cuando, así que tal vez estas cancelaciones sean una oportunidad para hacerlo.

Por favor, recen por nosotros, sacerdotes, ya que estamos lejos. También los mantendremos en nuestras oraciones.

P. Tom Metzger

Septiembre 27, 2020

Confessions—St. Mary Anderson-Saturday, Oct. 3, from 2:30-3:30 PM

St. Ambrose-Saturday, Oct. 3, 4:00-5:00 PM

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Stewardship

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MASS INTENTIONS			St. Ambrose		St. Mary
Monday	28-Sept.	8:00 AM	John Gilbert	8:00 AM	Elizabeth (Betty) Brownfield
Tuesday	29-Sept.	8:00 AM	Donald Hurst	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Wednesday	30-Sept.	8:00 AM	Charles Graybill	11:30 AM	Hospital Mass Not Open To The Public Poor Souls
Thursday	1-Oct.	8:00 AM	Poor Souls	8:30 AM	Mary Jane Busing
Friday	2-Oct.	8:10 AM	Paul Backous	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Saturday	3-Oct.	5:30 PM	Zachary Novak	4:00 PM	Elizabeth Wehrley
Sunday	4-Oct.	9:30 AM	Pro Populo	7:30 AM 11:30AM	Jeanné Papai Poor Souls

ST. MARY ALEXANDRIA MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 27th- 8:30 AM–Ralph Flecker

Wednesday, September 30th- 8:00 AM-Billy Walters

Friday, October 2nd- 8:00 AM–Ken Clark

Sunday, October 4th- 8:30 AM-Jim Donahue

RCIA

Our Inquiry gatherings for RCIA will begin this Tuesday (Sept. 29th) from 7:00 PM till 8:30 PM at St. Mary church annex, located at 1115 Pearl St. Everyone is welcome, but sessions will be centering on those persons interested in learning about Catholicism and perhaps becoming Catholic Christians. For information, call Anita at St. Ambrose 765-644-5956 or Jan at St. Mary 765-644-8467.

Help Wanted: We are looking for someone to work in the Holy Cross North Cafeteria on Fridays. And also someone to do light cleaning at St. Mary Rectory on Fridays. This could be the same person.

Knights of Columbus Pizza Night!

The Knights will host a pizza night on Oct. 3rd from 2PM-8PM. PLEASE ORDER YOUR PIZZA BY PHONE PRIOR TO COMING IN. There will be NO BUFFET and limited seating to eat in. Carry outs will be available. Pizzas will be sold as full pizzas. Sizes are 8", 12" and 15". Call 765-274-5311 to order you delicious pizza!

"Forty Days For Life" 2020 Fall Campaign started September 23rd. It will continue until Sunday, November 1st. Please pray during this time for an end to abortion and for the safety for all vigil participants who will be praying at abortion centers during this time.



"Baby Shower" at St. Mary Church - Alexandria

St. Mary Church, Alexandria, is hosting a "Baby Shower" for the St. Elizabeth/Coleman Adoption Center. Drop off your donations at the baby shower table in the church from now through Oct. 18. Donation ideas: Diapers and wipes, bath and baby care needs, baby clothes, maternity tops sizes small-large, gift cards to Walmart, gas cards, any other useful items for expectant mothers and babies!

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward."

Thank you for your donations!

Enjoy a Marriage Encounter Weekend from the comfort of your own home! We would not expect a car, or a house heating/air conditioning system to run for years without any servicing, so why do we expect our marriage relationship to keep running smoothly without a little maintenance? The **Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives married couples the tools to keep their relationship in top running condition. Forthcoming weekends are from 9-11 October, 6-8 November, 13-15 November and 20-22 November. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: "Our Weekend will be a dramatic high point in our lives for years to come."

Recycling cans- Please remember that both St. Ambrose and St. Mary is still recycling aluminum cans. You can drop them off at St. Ambrose by the Assembly Hall door. At St. Mary's Anderson, put them by the garage doors but please don't block the garage doors.



Grab your flashlight and your broom!
(An excerpt from an article published in *The Catholic Moment*, September 20, 2020)

The world has changed drastically over the past 60 years and we no longer live in a culture favorable to Christianity. In the past, families, cultural norms, and values would naturally lead individuals into the Church, but now we find it is just the opposite. Under such circumstances, we must change our approach if we are to fulfill the Great Commission Jesus left to

the Church.

This is no surprise to our Church leaders. Bishops and Popes have been telling us for the past half-century that we need to transition from maintenance to mission. By that, the leaders of the Church are telling us that we have emphasized ministries to those already in the Church while neglecting those outside or those who have left the Church.

If the Church is going to fulfill its mission in the world today, it must reverse its approach. The Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastoral Plan is this diocese's vision for how to do just that. Evangelization, for both pastors and laity, is a key element of the plan and we are relying on you, the people that actually salt the earth, enter the workplace, attend the schools, and live in the community, to bring the Gospel to the lost.

As I consider the topic of evangelization, I am drawn immediately to the parables of the lost sheep and lost coin in the middle of Luke's gospel. In them, we read of a shepherd who has 100 sheep and 70 of

them wander away, and a woman who has ten silver coins and loses seven of them.

What can we glean from the parables that can help us transition from maintenance to mission? For our readers who quickly recognized that in both parables Jesus mentions only one thing that was lost, good for you! That is precisely what Jesus wants us to notice. Many of us might say, "Come on, really? There are 99 of us here, it's just one little ol' sheep, what's the big deal?" That is an attitude of maintenance, not mission! Looking through the eyes of God, we should never underestimate the intrinsic value of one individual, one soul, one who just drifted away.

Some of our parishes may have lost 70 of 100, others maybe only 10. Every parish has lost one. That means we all have work to do. So, let's open up our closets and break out the broom and the flashlight. We've got some lost souls to find!

Rob Hartley is the Director of Evangelization, Family Life and Pastoral Ministries.



¡Toma tu linterna y tu escoba!
(Un extracto de un artículo publicado en el periódico *The Catholic Moment*, el 20 de septiembre del 2020)

El mundo ha cambiado drásticamente en los últimos 60 años y ya no vivimos en una cultura favorable al cristianismo. En el pasado, las familias, las normas culturales y los valores conducían naturalmente a las personas a la Iglesia, pero ahora descubrimos que es todo lo contrario. Bajo tales circunstancias, debemos cambiar nuestro enfoque si queremos cumplir con la Gran Comisión que

Jesús dejó a la Iglesia.

Esto no sorprende a los líderes de nuestra Iglesia. Los obispos y los Papas nos han estado diciendo ya por más de medio siglo, que necesitamos hacer la transición del mantenimiento a la misión. Basándonos en eso, los líderes de la Iglesia nos dicen que hemos enfatizado los ministerios para aquellos que ya están en la Iglesia mientras hemos estado descuidando a los que están afuera o que han dejado la Iglesia.

Si la Iglesia va a cumplir su misión en el mundo de hoy, debe revertir su enfoque. El Plan Pastoral Unidos de Corazón 2030 es la visión de esta diócesis sobre cómo hacer precisamente eso. La evangelización, tanto para sacerdotes como para laicos, es un elemento clave del plan y confiamos en ustedes, las personas que realmente salan la tierra, los que ingresan al lugar de trabajo, los que asisten a las escuelas y los que viven en la comunidad, para llevar el Evangelio a la comunidad olvidada o perdida. Al considerar el tema de la evangelización, me atraen inmediatamente las parábolas de la oveja perdida y de la moneda perdida en medio del Evangelio de Lucas. En ellos, leemos sobre un pastor que tiene 100 ovejas y 70 de ellas se pierden y una mujer que tiene diez

monedas de plata y pierde siete de ellas.

¿Qué podemos extraer de las parábolas que nos ayuden a pasar del mantenimiento a la misión? Para nuestros lectores que rápidamente reconocieron que en ambas parábolas Jesús menciona solamente una cosa que se perdió, ¡bien por ustedes! Eso es precisamente lo que Jesús quiere que notemos. Muchos de nosotros podríamos decir: "¿Vamos, de verdad? Aquí somos 99, es solamente una ovejita, ¿cuál es el problema?" ¡Esa es una actitud de mantenimiento, no una actitud de misión! Mirando a través de los ojos de Dios, nunca debemos subestimar el valor intrínseco de un individuo, un alma, uno que simplemente se alejó.

Algunas de nuestras parroquias pueden haber perdido 70 de 100, otras quizás sólo 10. Cada parroquia ha perdido una. Eso significa que todos tenemos trabajo por hacer. Entonces, abramos nuestros armarios y saquemos la escoba y la linterna. ¡Tenemos algunas almas perdidas por encontrar!

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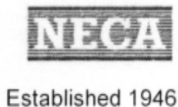




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