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4 October 2020

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Vigésimo séptimo domingo del tiempo ordinario

Off the Top of My Head...

Just a reminder that two-thirds of our priests will be gone this week. I'll be on vacation and Fr. Marty will be on retreat. Be kind to Fr. Dave, who is now juggling three parishes!

Our Mass schedule for this week will change due to the absence of Fr. Marty and me.

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.

Over the past few weeks we three priests have met with leadership folks from the three parishes of the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate: St. Ambrose and St. Mary's in Anderson and St. Mary's in Alexandria. Most but not all of the people we met with were members of their parish's Pastoral Council or Finance Council.

We started the meeting by asking each participant to give their name and to say why they loved their parish. The results were wonderful to hear as people talked about their deep attachments in faith and love to their faith communities.

Then I would follow up with five questions for the group:

What does our parish have to offer? (Yes, this is a vague question because I wanted it to be interpreted by those who were responding to it.)

Then, what are our parish's urgent priorities in the next 2-3 months/

How can our parish benefit from being part of the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate? And how can we contribute as part of the Pastorate?

Finally, what do you need from your priests?

Those five questions led to about 90 minutes of good discussion in each parish. The purpose of these meetings was more to get to each other than to produce any detailed reports, so I'm not sharing any of the responses of parishioners. I am sharing the questions with you as parishioners so that you can reflect on these questions yourselves.

See you in a couple weeks!

Fr. Tom Metzger

Hablando de memoria...

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Solo un recordatorio de que dos tercios de nuestros sacerdotes no van a estar esta semana. Estaré de vacaciones y el P. Marty va a estar en un retiro. ¡Sean amables con el P. Dave, que ahora está haciendo malabares con tres parroquias!

Nuestro horario de misas para esta semana cambiará debido a la ausencia del P. Marty y yo.

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 St. 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. Ambrose.

Durante las últimas semanas, los tres sacerdotes nos hemos reunido con líderes de las tres parroquias de la Pastora Anderson-Alexandria: St. Ambrose y St. Mary's en Anderson y St. Mary's en Alexandria. La mayoría de las personas con las que nos reunimos, pero no todas, eran miembros del Consejo Pastoral o del Consejo de Finanzas de su parroquia.

Comenzamos la reunión pidiendo a cada participante que diera su nombre y que dijera por qué amaba su parroquia. Los resultados fueron maravillosos de escuchar mientras la gente hablaba sobre sus profundos lazos de fe y amor a sus comunidades de fe.

Luego seguiría con cinco preguntas para el grupo:

¿Qué tiene que ofrecer nuestra parroquia? (Sí, esta es una pregunta vaga pero quería que la interpretaran quienes responden).

Entonces, ¿cuáles son las prioridades urgentes de nuestra parroquia en los próximos 2-3 meses /

¿Cómo se puede beneficiar nuestra parroquia de ser parte de la Pastora Anderson-Alexandria? ¿Y cómo podemos contribuir como parte de la Pastoral?

Finalmente, ¿qué necesitas de tus sacerdotes?

Esas cinco preguntas dieron lugar a unos 90 minutos de buena discusión en cada parroquia. El propósito de estas reuniones era más llegar unos a otros que producir informes detallados, por lo que no compartiré ninguna de las respuestas de los feligreses. Estoy compartiendo las preguntas con ustedes como feligreses para que ustedes mismos puedan reflexionar sobre estas preguntas.

¡Te veo en un par de semanas!

P. Tom Metzger

27 de septiembre de 2020

Confessions—St. Mary Anderson-Saturday, Oct. 10, from 2:30-3:30 PM

St. Ambrose-Saturday, Oct. 10, 4:00-5:00 PM

Pastor: Father Tom Metzger— fr.tmetzger@dol-in.org, Father Dave Hellmann —fr.dhellmann@dol-in.org, Father Marty Sandhage —fr.msandhage@dol-in.org., Deacon Mike Burns

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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Stewardship

St. Ambrose

YTD Giving \$ 300.199 YTD Expenses \$ 299,909

NOTE: Numbers given for St. Ambrose YTD were incorrect in last week's bulletin.

St. Mary

YTD Giving \$ 344,902 YTD Expenses \$ 337,015

Renovation Fund \$ 260,213 of \$330,000 Phase 1

St. Mary Alexandria

YTD Giving \$ 419,165 YTD Expenses \$ 350,622

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

On Line Giving— visit us at the following:

St. Ambrose—<https://osvhub.com/st-ambrose-church-anderson/funds>

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

St. Mary Alexandria—www.maryandjosephchurches.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	5-Oct.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Grant Lierman
		8:00 AM	St. Mary And.	Betty Brownfield
Tuesday	6-Oct.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Poor Souls
Wednesday	7-Oct.	8:00 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Norm & Mary Parr
				Poor Souls- Not Open
		11:30 AM	St. Vincent Hosp.	to the Public
Thursday	8-Oct.	8:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Poor Souls
Friday	9-Oct.	8:10 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Bill Mehling
Saturday	10-Oct.	4:00 PM	St. Mary And.	Grant Lierman
		5:30 PM	St. Ambrose	Betty Brownfield
Sunday	11-Oct.	7:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Pro Populo
		8:30 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Jane Libler
		9:30 AM	St. Ambrose	Carl Christy
		11:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Poor Souls

The **Catholic Community of Anderson Soup Kitchen Ministry** will be returning with the DONATION BUCKETS on Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25, at all Masses. We have not been able to secure your donations for the Soup Kitchen Ministry since February because of health restrictions. The Soup Kitchen Ministry has continued preparing soup and providing meals for both the Christian Center and Alternatives Shelter for Women and Children throughout the past seven months. We have been busy. God Bless the many soup preparers who have continued in this ministry. Your help is needed!

Second Harvest will be having tailgate food pick-ups on October 9th and 16th in the old Kmart parking lot on Nichol Ave. at 10:00 AM.

To the St. Ambrose Faith Community,

Our sincere "Thank You" to the many members of our congregation for the generous monetary donation given several months ago to the Roger Chezem and Ed Bollman Memorial at Camp Kikthawenund.

The dedication of the memorial was this past weekend. Your considerate financial donation was used to help with the clearing of the wooded area and set up of the site. To each and every person involved, may we extend our heartfelt gratitude and an invitation to visit the beautiful site at the Boy Scout camp.

With humility and our love,

Ron and Nancy Bollman, Parents of Ed Bollman

Phyllis Chezem and the entire Bollman and Chezem Families

"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! Do you want to make your marriage stronger? Do you want to spend an uninterrupted weekend with you spouse? Why not make a **Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and learn more about your wonderful vocation? Forthcoming Weekends are October 9-11, November 13-15 and November 20-22. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

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