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11 October 2020

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Vigésimo octavo domingo del tiempo ordinario

Dear Parishioners of the Anderson and Alexandria Pastorate,

As Fr. Tom is away this weekend, he asked if I would write a letter for the bulletin. He didn't give me parameters so he left it open to me.

Just a little on the pastorate, this new format of parish ministry is new to all of us. Former ways of pastoral ministry were pretty comfortable as we had the focus of one community that we could come to know through regular mass schedule, meeting the people on a regular Sunday basis and through a year be familiar with all those who regularly attended each Mass. With the interruption of Covid, attendance has been completely disrupted. Since March the Catholic obligation of attending Mass on Sunday was suspended (meaning it's not a permanent reality, currently set to expire November 1st. We shall see what happens.) The seriousness of the Covid-19 has led many people to be reluctant to go out, especially into crowded environments. Congregational singing has been put on hold as it is highly contagious and can be transmitted by air-borne particles thus the reason for the recommendation of masks. With masks it is difficult to identify the person wearing one— so again an added difficulty to become familiar with each person. Difficulty increased by the infrequent attendance.

Also compounding this is the moving from one parish to another each Sunday. In our current scheduling pattern, over a 5-week period, Fr. Marty and I will have each of the English Masses twice. Over a year (or 50 weeks) we will have each of the Masses 20 times. As Fr. Tom is the only Spanish-speaking priest among us, he does the Spanish Mass each week and will become familiar with the Hispanic community but that also means he will have each of the English Masses only once every 5 weeks or 10 times in a year.

As my memory isn't as good as it once was, please be patient with me and the other priests, and don't be reluctant in giving me your name - even if you have already done so multiple times. As this is the reality that we all have to work with—maybe just make it a habit to be kind—to us and those you live with. It is a difficult time in many ways—It's best if we just try to handle it with a generous measure of kindness.

Thanking you, Fr. Dave—and on behalf of Fr. Tom and Fr. Marty

Estimados feligreses de la Pastoral de Anderson y Alexandria,

Como el P. Tom está fuera este fin de semana, me preguntó si podría escribir una carta para el boletín. No me dio parámetros, así que me lo dejó abierto.

Solo un poco sobre el pastorado, este nuevo formato de ministerio parroquial es nuevo para todos nosotros. Las formas anteriores de ministerio pastoral eran bastante cómodas, ya que teníamos el enfoque de una comunidad que podíamos llegar a conocer a través del horario regular de misas, reuniéndonos con la gente regularmente los domingos y durante un año estar familiarizados con todos los que asistían regularmente a cada misa. Con la interrupción de Covid, la asistencia se ha interrumpido por completo. Desde marzo se suspendió la obligación católica de asistir a misa el domingo (lo que significa que no es una realidad, que actualmente expira el 1 de noviembre. Veremos qué pasa.) La seriedad del Covid-19 ha llevado a mucha gente a mostrarse reacia a salir, especialmente en entornos abarrotados. El canto congregacional se ha pospuesto ya que es muy contagioso y puede ser transmitido por partículas transportadas por el aire, por lo que se recomienda utilizar máscaras. Con las máscaras es difícil identificar a la persona que usa una, por lo que nuevamente es una dificultad adicional familiarizarse con cada persona. Dificultad aumentada por la escasa asistencia.

También agrava esto el traslado de una parroquia a otra cada domingo. En nuestro patrón de programación actual, durante un período de 5 semanas, el P. Marty y yo tendremos cada una de las misas en inglés dos veces. Durante un año (o 50 semanas) tendremos cada una de las misas 20 veces. Como el P. Tom es el único sacerdote que habla español entre nosotros, él hace la Misa en español cada semana y se familiariza con la comunidad hispana, pero eso también significa que tendrá cada una de las Misas en inglés solo una vez cada 5 semanas o 10 veces al año.

Como mi memoria no es tan buena como antes, por favor tenga paciencia conmigo y con los otros sacerdotes, y no dude en darme su nombre, incluso si ya lo ha hecho varias veces. Como esta es la realidad con la que todos tenemos que trabajar, tal vez simplemente conviértase en un hábito para ser amable, con nosotros y con las personas con las que vive. Es un momento difícil en muchos sentidos; es mejor si tratamos de manejarlo con una generosa dosis de bondad.

Gracias, P. Dave, y en nombre del P. Tom y el P. Marty

Confessions—St. Mary Anderson-Saturday, Oct. 17, from 2:30-3:30 PM

St. Ambrose-Saturday, Oct. 17, 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 Secretaries: Anita Myers and Jan Adams

Holy Cross School Principal: Tina Neal

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Stewardship

St. Ambrose

YTD Giving \$ 310,919 YTD Expenses \$ 300,381

St. Mary

YTD Giving \$ 353,370 YTD Expenses \$ 339,423

Renovation Fund \$ 261,572 of \$330,000 Phase 1

St. Mary Alexandria

YTD Giving \$ 422,612 YTD Expenses \$ 350,622

visit our website - [www.https://stambrosectmary.org](https://stambrosectmary.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	12-Oct.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Roger Chezem
		8:00 AM	St. Mary And.	Betty Brownfield
Tuesday	13-Oct.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Poor Souls
				Thomas and MaryAnn
Wednesday	14-Oct.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Chezem
		8:00 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Kathy Donahue
			St. Vincent	Hospital Mass Not Open To
		11:30 AM	Hosp.	The Public- Jeanné Papai
Thursday	15-Oct.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Betty Krebs Shaffer
		8:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Clarice Weis
Friday	16-Oct.	8:10 AM	St. Ambrose	John Sokol
Saturday	17-Oct.	8:00 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Barbara Sigler
		4:00 PM	St. Mary And.	Elizabeth Wehrley
		5:30 PM	St. Ambrose	Ryan Warner
Sunday	18-Oct.	7:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Jeanné Papai
		8:30 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Jim Brenner
		9:30 AM	St. Ambrose	Popuulo
		11:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Betty Brownfield

Positions available

There are two positions available for employment. One is to work in the cafeteria at Holy Cross North from 9-12 on Fridays only. And the other is for cleaning the St. Mary Rectory once a week. If you are interested please call (765) 644-5956.

Rosary

Our Lady of Fatima requested over 100 years ago "...to come...for six months on the 13th day of the month, at this same hour...." The Daughters of Isabella Catholic women's group invites everyone to attend our rosary at the St. Mary (Alexandria) grotto on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 PM. The rosary is recited at this location (just west of the school playground) rain or shine. In case of stormy weather, the rosary will be recited inside. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, masks, and your rosaries to join us in praying for peace in our world and also to pray for the unborn. Let us all gather to pray for peace in our families, communities, our country, and the world. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners...

October is the month of the rosary and the D of I and St. Joseph's helpers will alternate to lead the rosary 30 minutes before the mass each Sunday.

Small Christian Communities (SCC) and Faith Sharing Groups

Because of the pandemic, there will be no sign-ups for SCC groups this fall. Hopefully, we can continue our groups in February for our Lenten reflections. Here are some resources to use at home with your families: <https://liturgy.slu.edu> and www.emmausjourney.org. Please keep safe, healthy, and pray for an end to this pandemic.

Saint Vincent de Paul

The volunteers will be at the church doors this weekend (10th & 11th) to accept your donations.

Let Us Cook for You – Save the Date!

Saturday, October 24, 2020 marks the beginning of Big Ten Football. Go.....your favorite team! In celebration of football food, St. Vincent de Paul Society will be serving up barbeque pulled pork (and some other fan food). It will be a "Grab and Go" Meal available after the 4:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's and after the 5:30 PM at St. Ambrose. Pick up your "go food" at St. Mary's Church Annex or at St. Ambrose Assembly Hall. Watch for more details in the next bulletin. By the way, hope your Mums are beautiful and healthy. Thanks for your support!

Knights of Columbus

Please join us for the 2nd annual cornhole tournament to benefit Gibault Children's Services. The tournament is organized by the Knights of Columbus and will take place on October 17th at the Columbian Hall located at 1225 Main St. in Anderson. Registration starts at 11:00 AM with the games starting at 12:00 PM. The entry fee is \$25 per team. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. To pre-register or for more information please contact David Kroll at dkrollman@gmail.com.

Enjoy a Marriage Encounter Weekend from the comfort of your own home! Married couples finish a **Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** more in love with each other than ever! Want to find out more? Forthcoming Weekends are November 6-8, 13-15 and 20-22. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: "We want you to know we thought we had a great marriage. But Marriage Encounter helped make it fantastic!"

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!

"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!

How to report an incident of sexual abuse of a minor: If you or someone you know has been a victim of child sexual abuse by a person working for the Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana (such as a priest, deacon, sister, brother, lay officer, lay employee, lay volunteer, etc.) you are requested to report the incident in the following manner:

1) Make a report to Child Protective Services by calling 800-800-5556. 2) Call the Office of the Vicar General (800-942-2397) or the Office of Assistance Ministry (800-533-7018) for the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. 3) Compose in writing a detailed description of the facts/incidents of the abuse and send it as soon as possible to: Mr. Max Layden, 712 Chase Building, Lafayette, IN 47901. 4) Thereafter, an investigation will be undertaken by or on behalf of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

Cómo denunciar un incidente de abuso sexual contra un menor: Si usted o alguien que conoce ha sido víctima del abuso sexual infantil por parte de una persona que trabaje para la Iglesia Católica-Romana en la Diócesis de Lafayette en Indiana (tal como un sacerdote, diácono, religioso, funcionario laico, empleado, voluntario, etc.) se le pide que denuncie el incidente de la siguiente forma: 1) Realice una denuncia ante la organización de protección para menores llamando al 800-800-5556. 2) Llame a la Oficina del Vicario General (800-942-2397) o a la oficina del ministerio de asistencia (800-533-7018) de la Diócesis de Lafayette en Indiana. 3) Redacte una descripción detallada de los hechos e incidentes de dicho abuso y envíela tan pronto como sea posible a: Mr. Max Layden, 712 Chase Building, Lafayette, IN 47901. 4) Posteriormente, la Diócesis de Lafayette en Indiana o un representante de ésta, llevará a cabo una investigación.

Speak up if you know of or suspect any unethical behavior. The Hotline is confidential, anonymous, and available 24/7. dioceseoflafayetteinindiana.ethicspoint.com 855-375-6796

Saint Joseph Retreat & Conference Center

Register online at www.stjosephretreat.org

Soulcore Retreat with Marian Mass	October 10	\$40
Get Away for a Day	October 13	\$20
Get Away for a Day	November 10	\$20
Women's Silent Retreat	November 20-22	\$170
Men's Silent Retreat	December 4-6	\$170
Advent Day of Reflection	December 10	\$40
Get Away for a Day	December 15	\$20



What if the Prodigal Son never came home?
(An excerpt from an article published in *The Catholic Moment*, October 4, 2020)

In the second of a three part series on evangelization, I would like to return to the Lukan parables on repentance and forgiveness. I wish to address the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-31). In it, we learn of the younger of two brothers who asks for his inheritance, leaves home, squanders all his money in debauchery, and never returns to the father. All right, you caught me. The prodigal does in fact return home, but what

if he didn't? Well, if that were the case, the parable would look very much like the Church today. The Church is losing young men and women in droves and many are not coming back.

In the contemporary Church version of our parable, our prodigal sons and daughters often fail to recognize the emptiness of worldly pursuits and rarely consider the truth, grace, and community offered by the Church as an attractive alternative to the current trajectory of their lives. In part, this is due to the deluge of information, social media, entertainment, and education sources that confront young people with messages that contradict the Church. What is worse, however, is that they probably never knew the father in the first place, so they cannot conceive of what a return to him would even entail. Knowing Jesus is the bedrock of our faith, how then can they not know him?

From the domestic church (family) to the parish, we may be failing to introduce our sons and daughters to the Father, through Jesus. We may have taught them what the Church believes without introducing them

to the one in whom she believes. We may have given them religion without relationship!

As a true disciple of Christ it's our mission to bring the Good News of Jesus and an encounter with him to those who are in the pews, those who have fallen away and those who have not yet received the message. As we move forward to address the significant number of young people leaving the Church, your pastors and their ministry leadership teams will be placing greater emphasis on strengthening families (the domestic church), anchoring the faith of teens with improved youth ministries, and making a concerted effort to reach young adults who have left the Church. This is an "all hands on deck" effort, our goal is for everyone to participate in bringing souls back to Christ. Being responsive to the Bishop's Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastoral Plan, our offices have our sights set on your pastorates and bringing back your prodigals, too! Let's bring 'em home!

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



¿Y si el Hijo pródigo nunca regresara a casa?
(Extracto de un artículo publicado en *The Catholic Moment*, 4 de octubre, 2020)

En la segunda de una serie de tres partes sobre la evangelización, me gustaría volver a las parábolas de Lucas sobre el arrepentimiento y el perdón. Deseo abordar la parábola del Hijo Pródigo, (Lucas 15, 11 - 31). En esta parábola nos enteramos del menor de dos hermanos que pide su herencia, sale de casa, derrocha todo su dinero en libertinaje y nunca regresa con el padre. Está bien, te diste cuenta. De hecho el Hijo

Pródigo regresa a casa, pero ¿y si no lo hiciera? Bueno, si ese fuera el caso, la parábola se parecería mucho a la Iglesia de hoy. La Iglesia está perdiendo a hombres y a mujeres jóvenes en masa y muchos son regresarán.

En la versión eclesial contemporánea de nuestra parábola, nuestros hijos e hijas pródigos a menudo no reconocen el vacío de las búsquedas mundanas y rara vez consideran la verdad, la gracia y la comunidad que ofrece la Iglesia como una alternativa atractiva a la trayectoria actual de sus vidas. En parte, esto se debe a la avalancha de fuentes de información, redes sociales, entretenimiento y educación que confrontan a los jóvenes con mensajes que contradicen a la Iglesia. Lo que es peor, sin embargo, es que probablemente nunca conocieron al Padre en primer lugar, por lo que no pueden concebir lo que implicaría regresar a Él. Sabiendo que Jesús es la piedra angular de nuestra fe, ¿cómo es posible que no lo conozcan?

Desde la iglesia doméstica (familia) hasta la parroquia, es posible que estemos fallando en presentar a nuestros hijos e hijas al Padre, a través de Jesús. Es posible que les hayamos enseñado lo que cree la Iglesia sin presentar-

les a aquel en quien ella cree. ¿Es posible que les hayamos dado religión sin relación!

Como verdadero discípulo de Cristo, nuestra misión es llevar la Buena Nueva de Jesús y un encuentro con Él a los que están en las bancas de la iglesia, a los que se han apartado y a los que aún no han recibido el mensaje. A medida que avanzamos para abordar la cantidad significativa de jóvenes que abandonan la Iglesia, sus sacerdotes y sus equipos de liderazgo ministerial pondrán mayor énfasis en fortalecer a las familias (la iglesia doméstica), a anclar la fe de los adolescentes con ministerios juveniles mejorados y a hacer un esfuerzo concertado para llegar a los jóvenes adultos que han dejado la Iglesia. Este es un esfuerzo de "manos a la obra", nuestro objetivo es que todos participen en traer almas de regreso a Cristo. Respondiendo al Plan Pastoral Unidos de Corazón 2030 del Obispo, ¡nuestras oficinas tienen la mirada puesta en sus pastorados y también en traer de regreso a sus pródigos! ¡Vamos a traerlos de vuelta a casa!

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