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November 1, 2020

All Saints Day

1 noviembre 2020

Todos los Santos

Off the Top of My Head...

Happy All Souls' Day!

At the risk of accusations of "talking money" too much, I have a couple of informational items regarding the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

First, the most recent report for the three parishes of the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate is included elsewhere in this bulletin. I want to reiterate that the word "goal" does not mean "optional goal," but "mandatory goal." So if a parish does not reach its goal, it will be required to pay off the shortfall, either by sending money to the diocese that would be going to parish ministries, or by taking up one or more second collections after the appeal. The problem with second collections is that they are counted by the diocese as parish income, which is one of the criteria for determining (and therefore raising) our CMA goal next time around.

So we are much better off if we just reach our goal (in pledges AND payments) from the start!

Second, the diocese has communicated with pastors that any surplus funds contributed by one parish in a Pastorate can be applied to cover the shortfall of any other parish(es) in the Pastorate. That enables our three parishes to help each other out and relieves the pressure a bit. Unlike with the Fruitful Harvest campaign, none of those surplus funds will come back directly to the contributing parish. However, all surplus funds (over paid goals) will go into a diocesan fund for parishes with special financial needs. Considering our present status here in Anderson-Alexandria, that description may apply to one or more of our parishes.

I know that some parishioners are not able to contribute as they have in past, or not at all. To those parishioners, I say: "God does not want you to impoverish yourselves to help the Church! Please commit to daily prayer for your parish, our Pastorate, and our Diocese!"

And I express, again, my gratitude to all those who have made their pledges and/or even starting making payments. Your donations go to a great cause, the work of the Church in our diocese!

Fr. Tom Metzger November 1, 2020 La parte superior de mi cabeza ...

De memoria;

¡Feliz Día de los Difuntos!

A riesgo de ser acusado de "hablar demasiado sobre dinero", tengo un par de artículos informativos sobre la Campaña de Ministerios Católicos.

Primero, el informe más reciente de las tres parroquias de la Pastoral Anderson-Alexandria se incluye en otra parte de este boletín. Quiero reiterar que la palabra "objetivo" no significa "objetivo opcional", sino "objetivo obligatorio". Entonces, si una parroquia no alcanza su meta, se le pedirá que pague el déficit, ya sea enviando dinero a la diócesis que iría a los ministerios parroquiales o realizando una o más segundas colectas después de la apelación. El problema con las segundas colectas es que la diócesis las cuenta como ingresos parroquiales, que es uno de los criterios para determinar (y por lo tanto elevar) nuestra meta de CMA la próxima vez.

¡Así que estaremos mucho mejor si alcanzamos nuestra meta (en promesas Y pagos) desde el principio!

En segundo lugar, la diócesis se ha comunicado con los pastores que los fondos excedentes aportados por una parroquia en un pastorado se pueden aplicar para cubrir el déficit de cualquier otra parroquia (s) en el pastorado. Eso permite que nuestras tres parroquias se ayuden entre sí y alivien un poco la presión. A diferencia de la campaña Fruitful Harvest, ninguno de esos fondos excedentes regresará directamente a la parroquia contribuyente. Sin embargo, todos los fondos excedentes (por encima de las metas pagadas) irán a un fondo diocesano para parroquias con necesidades financieras especiales. Teniendo en cuenta nuestro estado actual aquí en Anderson-Alexandria, esa descripción puede aplicarse a una o más de nuestras parroquias.

Sé que algunos feligreses no pueden contribuir como lo hicieron en el pasado, o no pueden contribuir en absoluto. A esos feligreses les digo: "¡Dios no quiere que se empobrecen para ayudar a la Iglesia! ¡Por favor, comprométase a la oración diaria por su parroquia, nuestra Pastoral y nuestra Diócesis!"

Y expreso, nuevamente, mi agradecimiento a todos aquellos que han hecho sus promesas y / o incluso han comenzado a realizar pagos. ¡Sus donaciones van a una gran causa, el trabajo de la Iglesia en nuestra diócesis!

P. Tom Metzger

1 de noviembre de 2020

Confessions—St. Mary Anderson-Saturday, Oct. 31, from 2:30-3:30 PM St. Mary Alexandria Oct. 31, 3:30-4:00 PM St. Ambrose -Saturday, Oct. 31, 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

Business Manager: Harriett Russel Parish Secretaries: Anita Myers and Jan Adams Holy Cross School Principal: Tina Neal

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STEWARDSHIP



St. Ambrose

YTD Giving \$ 328,233 YTD Expenses \$ 343,520

St. Mary

YTD Giving \$ 376,528 YTD Expenses \$ 366,231

Renovation Fund \$ 262,834 of \$330,000 Phase 1

St. Mary Alexandria

YTD Giving \$433,703 YTD Expenses \$377,968

visit our website - www.https://stambrosestmary.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.

Monday	2-Nov.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Betty Brownfield
		8:00 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Aida Shaw
		8:00 AM	St. Mary And.	Poor Souls
Tuesday	3-Nov.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Rite Elaine Chezem
Wednesday	4-Nov.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Polly Duquaine
		8:00 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Jim Donahue
		11:30 AM	St. Vincent Hosp.	Poor Souls
Thursday	5-Nov.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Deceased members of the George Mehling family
		8:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Poor Souls
Friday	6-Nov.	8:00 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Richard Willley
		8:10 AM	St. Ambrose	Poor Souls
Saturday	7-Nov.	4:00 PM	St. Mary And.	Grant Lierman
		4:30 PM	St. Mary Alex.	Bill Mehling
		5:30 PM	St. Ambrose	Josephnine Sellers
Sunday	8-Nov.	7:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Jeanne Papai
		8:30 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Diana Boyer
		9:30 AM	St. Ambrose	Terry Reddick and Terry Ruth
		11:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Pro Populo

Food Pantry

Food for the food pantry can be dropped off at the St. Mary School Annex on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Prayer Chain

Since so many our struggling in our world today, you may call Betty Worden at 765-642-0824 and put you concerns on the prayer chain.

Catholic Ministries Appeal: Here is the CMA report for each of the three parishes of the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate as of Tuesday, October 27:

	St. Ambrose		St. Mary And		St. Mary Alex	
Mandatory Campaign Goal	\$	84,523	\$	69,281	\$	32,854
Pledge Total	\$	42,355	\$	73,580	\$	21,340
Pledge Percentage of Total		50%		106%		65%
Number of Pledges		63		92		43

Thank you to all who have made a financial commitment to the Catholic Ministries Appeal in support of the ministry of the Diocese of Lafayette.

A letter from Fr. Tom was sent to all parishioners who have not yet made a pledge. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to this appeal.

God bless you!

THANKS, THANKS!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is grateful to those who purchased our Grab 'n Go Meal on October 24th. Thanks for your ongoing support! We trust that you enjoyed the food...and not having to cook your own meal. St. V.'s was able to raise enough money to help over 100 families with rent and utilities with the proceeds. Please know that your kindness is being felt by families in the poorest sections of Anderson. Our last project for the year will be the Holiday Raffle. If you are lucky, we can make your holiday shopping easier. St. Vincent de Paul Society has gathered FIVE valuable gifts as prizes. They are 1) a Weekend at French Lick Resorts, 2) a \$500 gift card from Best Buy, 3) \$500 in cash, 4) \$250 in cash and 5) Another \$250 in cash. SVdP volunteers will be selling raffle tickets beginning the weekend of November 7/8, 2020 (at Masses, at the Warehouse and at the Parish Offices). The cost is \$5/ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Simply put your name and contact number on the ticket at time of purchase and drop it in the bin. We will draw for the prizes on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 1 PM. Winners will be notified by 2 PM that day. Take a chance! The winner could be you.

Knights of Columbus

Note the days and dates, some have been changed:

November.....Saturday, Nov..7.....Fish fry from 5-7:30......Saturday instead of Friday

Saturday, Nov. 21st....Chicken fry (changed to 3rd Sat. instead of 2nd Sat.), 5-7:30.

December... Saturday, Dec. 5th.....Tenderloin dinner 5-7:30......breaded, fried, or grilled.

Saturday Dec. 12th,.....Chicken fry 5-7:30

All meals are at the Columbian Hall and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

Parenting With Grace: Christian Parenting in a Technological Age

Technology seems to be moving at a rapid pace - because it is. Do you feel like you're able to keep up? Join us for this casual presentation and discussion on Sunday, November 15 from 6-8 pm at Pizza King in Yorktown. From how technology influences us as persons, to discussing appropriate boundaries, while equipping you with tools to help protect your children, this evening aims to provide you with practical information and ideas to help you navigate these ever changing waters. While the event is free, you are responsible for your food purchases. Space is limited. Register at https://parentingwithgracetechnology.eventbrite.com or contact Susan Hoefer, Office of Family Life, at 765.421.1998 or shoefer@dol-in.org for more information.

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated from November 1-7, 2020. National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 1-7, 2020 is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Saint Joseph Retreat and Conference Center 2020 Retreats

Register online at www.stjosephretreat.org

Get Away for a Day	November 10, 2020	\$20
Women's Silent Retreat	November 20-22, 2020	\$170—SOLD OUT!
Men's Silent Retreat	December 4-6, 2020	\$170—SOLD OUT!
Get Away for a Day	December 15, 2020	\$20
Advent Day of Reflection	December 17, 2020	\$40
Get Away for a Day	December 22, 2020	\$20

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 from 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: "We want you to know we thought we had a great marriage. But Marriage Encounter helped make it fantastic!"



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