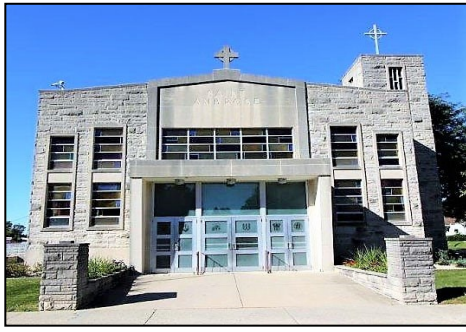




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November 8, 2020

Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

8 noviembre 2020

Trigésimo segundo domingo del tiempo ordinario

Off the Top of My Head...

Fr. Dave, Fr. Marty and I sat down a couple days ago to work out the schedules for Advent Confessions, the Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 7-8), and Christmas.

We think we have a final draft but I want to make sure before actually listing the Masses. Triple and quadruple checking is usually a good idea with something like this!

I can tell you a couple things about the schedules just as an "FYI" and then we will get the detailed and final info out soon.

First, instead of an evening Advent Penance Service in each of the three parishes, we will schedule a time slot in each parish during the day when all three of us are available for Confessions, in addition to the usual Saturday times. We think this has two advantages: It makes social distancing a little easier and it eliminates night driving, which is a problem for some.

We were unsure of what to expect in terms of Christmas Mass attendance during the Pandemic. For some who have been away from Mass for many months, Christmas may just be a non-negotiable: "We ARE going to Mass on Christmas!" So we have scheduled six Christmas Eve Masses in the three parishes of the Pastorate. (One of those will be in Spanish.) This may end up being too many but, with so much uncertainty this year, we thought we'd rather schedule too many Masses than not enough. In addition, there will be two Midnight Masses and one Christmas Day Mass. As "pandemic precautions," we will require masks, and seating will be limited.

We will share more Mass schedule information soon.

One other note: I had mentioned that parishioners who have not yet made a pledge to the Catholic Ministry Appeal would be receiving a letter from the diocese, signed by me. I had indicated it would be a week or two ago, but I had my times mixed up. In fact, those letters should arrive in parishioners' homes beginning around November 30. If you have not pledged, please prayerfully consider doing so. If you have pledged, may God bless you for your generosity!

Fr. Tom Metzger
November 8, 2020

P. Dave, el P. Marty y yo nos sentamos hace un par de días para trabajar en los horarios de las Confesiones de Adviento, las Misas para la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción (del 7 al 8 de diciembre) y la Navidad.

Creemos que tenemos un borrador final, pero quiero asegurarme antes de enumerar las Misas. ¡La verificación triple y cuádruple suele ser una buena idea con algo como esto!

Puedo decirles un par de cosas sobre los horarios como un "FYI" y luego pronto tendremos la información detallada y final.

Primero, en lugar de un Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento por la noche en cada una de las tres parroquias, programaremos un horario en cada parroquia durante el día cuando los tres estemos disponibles para las Confesiones, además de los horarios habituales de los sábados. Creemos que esto tiene dos ventajas: facilita un poco el distanciamiento social y elimina la conducción nocturna, que es un problema para algunos.

No estábamos seguros de qué esperar en términos de asistencia a la misa de Navidad durante la pandemia. Para algunos que han estado alejados de la Misa durante muchos meses, la Navidad puede ser simplemente algo innegociable: "¡Vamos a Misa en Navidad!" Por eso hemos programado seis misas de Nochebuena en las tres parroquias de la Pastorada. (Una de ellas estará en español). Puede que esto termine siendo demasiadas, pero, con tanta incertidumbre este año, pensamos que preferiríamos programar demasiadas misas que pocas. Además, habrá dos misas de medianoche y una misa el día de Navidad. Como "precauciones contra la pandemia", necesitaremos máscaras y los asientos serán limitados.

Pronto compartiremos más información sobre el horario de la misa.

Otra nota: mencioné que los feligreses que aún no se han comprometido a participar en la Campaña del Ministerio Católico recibirán una carta de la diócesis, firmada por mí. Había indicado que sería hace una semana o dos, pero tenía mis tiempos confusos. De hecho, esas cartas deberían llegar a los hogares de los feligreses a partir del 30 de noviembre. Si no se ha comprometido, por favor considere hacerlo en oración. Si se ha comprometido, que Dios le bendiga por su generosidad.

P. Tom Metzger

8 de noviembre de 2020

Confessions—St. Mary Anderson-Saturday, 2:30-3:30 PM
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Monday	9-Nov.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	John Sokol
		8:00 AM	St. Mary Alex.	NO MASS
		8:00 AM	St. Mary And.	Poor Souls
Tuesday	10-Nov.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Ryan Warner
Wednesday	11-Nov.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Thomas and MaryAnn Chezem
		8:00 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Jim Flecker
		11:30 AM	St. Vincent Hosp.	Betty Brownfield
Thursday	12-Nov.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Charles Graybill
		8:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Deceased Members of the Richard Crashev Club
Friday	13-Nov.	8:00 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Harry Libler
		8:10 AM	St. Ambrose	Grant Lierman
Saturday	14-Nov.	4:00 PM	St. Mary And.	Gerald Rigsby
		4:30 PM	St. Mary Alex.	Jim Brenner
		5:30 PM	St. Ambrose	Pro Populo
Sunday	15-Nov.	7:30 AM	St. Mary And.	David Lee Papai
		8:30 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Allan Matchett
		9:30 AM	St. Ambrose	Bonnie and Gerald Uccello
		11:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Poor Souls

Catholic Ministries Appeal: Here is the CMA report for each of the three parishes of the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate:

	St. Ambrose	St. Mary Anderson	St. Mary Alexandria
Mandatory Campaign Goal	\$ 84,523	\$ 69,281	\$ 32,854
Pledge Total	\$ 43,505	\$ 74,990	\$ 21,340
Pledge Percentage of Total	51%	107%	65%
Number of Pledges	68	95	43

St. Vincent de Paul—

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.

St. Mary Alexandria Daughters of Isabella

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30 PM in Zimmer Hall.



Karen Hayes shows sock monkeys made by parishioner Cathy DuPouy

Baby Shower at St. Mary Alexandria

Many thanks for all the generous donations received in October for the St. Elizabeth Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services Catholic organization. Director Renee Hummel was very appreciative for everything that they received. For more information on this Indianapolis Catholic Charities organization you can call 317-787-3412 or visit <https://givingbirthtohope.org>.

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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.

Knights of Columbus

Note the days and dates,

November..... Saturday, Nov. 21st....Chicken fry 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. Carry outs are available.

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 the casual presentation and discussion on Sunday, November 15th 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 purchase. 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.



"It Takes a Village" - Vocations as a shared ministry (An excerpt from an article published in *The Catholic Moment*, November 1, 2020)

In order to foster a culture of vocations in our pastorates, we must recognize that the promotion of vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the religious life, the dedicated single life, and marriage lies beyond merely implementing programs. Building a culture of vocations involves building a mindset in which the pursuit of the universal call to holiness is translated into a pursuit of the particular way that God is calling each person to live that holiness

in her/his life. This starts in the family but must also be reinforced and supported in the greater faith community. Pastors can develop this culture among the faithful through promoting prayer, inspiring activities, education, and encouraging support.

History has proven that young people are inspired through the witness of the vocations that they encounter. It is evident that priests who faithfully and joyfully live their priesthood are integral in inspiring young men to pursue the priesthood. This is evident for the other vocations, as well. The authentic witness of men and women who know and love their vocation is inevitably attractive and desirable for young people. Through regular encounters with those who are faithfully striving to live their vocation, a young person is moved to ask her/himself, "Could that be me?" This is why pastorates must foster a relational approach to vocations ministry, promoting opportunities (formal and informal) for young people to encounter and interact with men and women of any vocation (priests and religious especially) to assist them in discerning God's call.

The phase of discernment in which a young person seeks to know the vocation that God has for her/him is unique for each discernor. Therefore, this requires individual attention

in order to apply effective resources for spiritual nourishment. This attention is what we mean when we say, "pastoral accompaniment". Discerners often get stuck asking the question, "Am I really being called to this?" Having experienced mentors who can help name the signs of a true calling is indispensable and can give that discernor the courage to take the first step to pursue that call. Each of us can take part in this accompaniment by discerning the signs in our own lives and by fostering intentional efforts to "leave no young person behind" as they discover God's call in their lives.

There's an old saying that "it takes a village to raise a child". By seeing vocations as a shared ministry and by working together to apply these three basic tenets, each of us can do our part to raise up holy vocations in our pastorates. In doing so, our pastorates will begin to vibrate with new life. "Many hands make light work." Let us each lend our hands, therefore, to the ministry of vocations as we make Uniting in Heart a reality.

Father Dominic Petan was ordained a priest of the diocese in 2012 and currently serves as the Vicar for Clergy, Director of Vocations and Director of the Permanent Diaconate.



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"Toma todo el pueblo" - Las vocaciones como ministerio compartido (Extracto de un artículo publicado en *The Catholic Moment*, 1 de noviembre de 2020)

Para fomentar una cultura de vocaciones en nuestros pastorados, debemos reconocer que la promoción de las vocaciones al sacerdocio, el diaconado permanente, la vida religiosa, la vida soltera dedicada y el matrimonio va más allá de la mera implementación de programas. Construir una cultura de vocaciones implica construir una mentalidad en la que la búsqueda de la llamada universal a la santidad se traduzca en una búsqueda de la forma particular en que Dios está llamando a cada persona a vivir esa santidad en su vida. Esto comienza

en la familia, pero también debe reforzarse y apoyarse en la comunidad de fe en general. Los pastores pueden desarrollar esta cultura entre los fieles mediante la promoción de la oración, actividades inspiradoras, educación y fomentando el apoyo.

La historia ha demostrado que los jóvenes se inspiran a través del testimonio de las vocaciones que encuentran. Es evidente que los sacerdotes que viven su sacerdocio con fidelidad y alegría son fundamentales para inspirar a los jóvenes a seguir el sacerdocio. Esto es evidente también para las otras vocaciones. El testimonio auténtico de hombres y mujeres que conocen y aman su vocación es inevitablemente atractivo y deseable para los jóvenes. A través de encuentros regulares con aquellos que se esfuerzan fielmente por vivir su vocación, un joven se siente impulsado a preguntarse: "¿Podría ser yo ése?". Es por eso que los pastorados deben fomentar un enfoque relacional de la pastoral vocacional, promoviendo oportunidades (formales e informales) para que los jóvenes se encuentren e interactúen con hombres y mujeres de cualquier vocación (sacerdotes y religiosos especialmente) para ayudarlos a discernir la llamada de Dios.

La fase de discernimiento en la que un joven busca conocer la vocación que Dios tiene para él es única para cada discernidor. Por lo tanto, esto requiere atención individual a fin de aplicar recursos efectivos para la nutrición espiritual. Esta atención es a lo que nos

referimos cuando decimos "acompañamiento pastoral". Los discernidores a menudo se quedan atascados haciendo la pregunta: "¿De verdad me están llamando para esto?". Tener mentores experimentados que puedan ayudar a darle nombre a las señales de un verdadero llamado es indispensable y puede darle a ese discernidor el valor para dar el primer paso para seguir ese llamado. Cada uno de nosotros puede participar en este acompañamiento discerniendo las señales en nuestra propia vida y fomentando esfuerzos intencionales para "no dejar atrás a ningún joven" mientras descubren la llamada de Dios en sus vidas.

Hay un viejo refrán que dice que "toma todo el pueblo para criar a un niño". Al ver las vocaciones como un ministerio compartido y al trabajar juntos para aplicar estos tres principios básicos, cada uno de nosotros puede hacer su parte para suscitar vocaciones santas en nuestros pastorados. Al hacerlo, nuestros pastorados comenzarán a vibrar con nueva vida. "Muchas manos hacen el trabajo liviano." Prestemos, entonces, cada uno de nosotros nuestras manos al ministerio de las vocaciones mientras hacemos Unidos de Corazón una realidad.

El Padre Dominic Petan fue ordenado sacerdote de la diócesis en 2012 y actualmente se desempeña como Vicario para el Clero, Director de Vocations y Director del Diaconado Permanente.



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