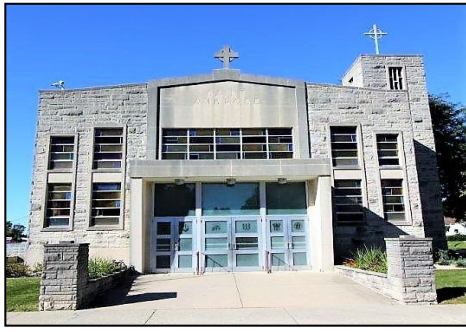




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January 24, 2021

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Off the Top of My Head...

Recently, you probably noticed the use of a new term, “the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate,” in various parish announcements. What’s the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate?

As part of the diocesan pastoral planning process, Uniting in Heart, the over 60 parishes in the diocese have been clustered into 27 groupings called pastorates. Some pastorates consist of only one parish, as is the case with most of the large parishes in Hamilton County. Others consist of as many as six parishes. The purpose of grouping the parishes into pastorates is to increase efficiency, reduce redundancy, and build “communities of parishes.” This is aimed at making each “community of parishes” not only more efficient, but more effective in ministering, serving, and evangelizing.

Our pastorate consists of three parishes, St. Mary in Alexandria and St. Ambrose and St. Mary in Anderson, as well as St. Mary School in Alexandria and Holy Cross School in Anderson. Our pastorate also has responsibility for ministry at the state correctional facilities at Pendleton.

We are not merging the three parishes into one, and while merging the two schools is a hypothetical possibility, there are many compelling and convincing reasons why we are not even considering this option.

We are keeping the finances for each parish separate, although there will be expenses shared by the three.

There are three priests assigned to the pastorate, with all three of us are serving and ministering in all three parishes. I am Pastor, and Fr. Dave Hellmann and Fr. Marty Sandhage are Associate Pastors, of all three parishes. Deacon Mike Burns is Deacon for all three parishes as well.

Beyond the ministry of the clergy, there will eventually be professional staff serving all three parishes, and rather than three Parish Pastoral Councils, there will be one pastoral council for the pastorate. We will continue to explore how the parishes of the pastorate can work together more efficiently, but especially how we can minister, serve, and evangelize together more effectively. Very little has been decided in terms of timelines, specific responsibilities, finances, etc., but we are taking the long view, looking at the big picture, and moving forward at a deliberate pace. This information about the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate may raise more questions than it answers, but it’s a start! If you have other questions about Uniting in Heart or the pastorate, email me at fr.tmetzger@dol-in.org.

Fr. Tom Metzger
 January 24, 2021

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 Holy Cross School Principal: Tina Neal
 St. Mary School Principal: Rachel Duckworth

Pensamiento de Fr. Tom

Probablemente han notado el uso de nuevos términos como, “el Pastorado Anderson-Alexandria”, en varios anuncios parroquiales. ¿Qué es el pastorado Anderson-Alexandria?

Como parte del proceso de planificación pastoral diocesana, Unidos en Corazón, las más de 60 parroquias de la diócesis se han agrupado en 27 grupos llamados pastorados. Algunos pastorados constan de una sola parroquia, como es el caso de la mayoría de las grandes parroquias del condado de Hamilton. Otros constan de hasta seis parroquias. El propósito de agrupar las parroquias en pastorados es aumentar la eficiencia, reducir la redundancia y construir “comunidades de parroquias”. Esto tiene como objetivo hacer que cada “comunidad parroquial” no solo sea más eficiente, sino más eficaz en los ministerios, el servicio y la evangelización.

Nuestro pastorado consta de tres parroquias, Santa María en Alexandria, St. Ambrosio y Santa María en Anderson, así como también la Escuela Santa María en Alexandria y la Escuela de la Santa Cruz en Anderson. Nuestro pastorado también tiene la responsabilidad del ministerio en las instalaciones correccionales estatales en Pendleton.

Esto no quiere decir que estamos juntando las tres parroquias en una, y aunque juntar las dos escuelas es una posibilidad hipotética, hay muchas razones convincentes por las que ni siquiera estamos considerando esta posibilidad.

Mantendremos las finanzas de cada parroquia separadas, aunque habrán gastos compartidos por las tres.

Hay tres sacerdotes asignados al pastorado, y los tres estamos sirviendo en el ministerio en las tres parroquias. Yo soy Párroco, el P. Dave Hellmann y el P. Marty Sandhage son Párrocos Asociados de las tres parroquias. El diácono Mike Burns también es el diácono de las tres parroquias.

Más allá del ministerio del clero, eventualmente habrá personal profesional al servicio de las tres parroquias, y en lugar de tres Consejos Pastorales, solo habrá un Consejo Pastoral. Continuaremos explorando cómo las parroquias del pastorado pueden trabajar juntas de manera más eficiente, pero especialmente cómo podemos servir y evangelizar juntos de manera más eficaz. Se ha decidido muy poco en términos de plazos, responsabilidades específicas, finanzas, etc., pero estamos mirando a largo plazo, mirando el panorama general y avanzando a un ritmo deliberado.

Esta información sobre la Pastoral de Anderson-Alexandria puede generar más preguntas que respuestas, ¡pero es un comienzo! Si tiene otras preguntas sobre Unidos en Corazón o del pastorado, envíeme un correo electrónico a fr.tmetzger@dol-in.org.

Fr. Tom Metzger
Enero 24, 2021

Confessions—St. Mary Anderson-Saturday, 2:30-3:30 PM: St. Mary Alexandria-Saturday, 3:30-4:00 PM
St. Ambrose -Saturday, 4:00-5:00 PM **NOTE STARTING FEBRUARY 6th ST. MARY ANDERSON
CONFESSION TIME WILL BE 1:00-2:00 PM. Until further notice, to enable social distancing,
Confessions will take place in the sacristy.**

Confesiones — St. Mary Anderson-Sábado, 2: 30-3: 30 PM: St. Mary Alexandria-Sábado, 3: 30-4: 00 PM
St. Ambrose -Sábado, 4: 00-5: 00 PM **NOTA A PARTIR DEL 6 DE FEBRERO ST. MARY ANDERSON
LA HORA DE LA CONFESIÓN SERÁ 1: 00-2: 00 PM. Hasta nuevo aviso, para posibilitar el dis-
tanciamiento social, Las confesiones tendrán lugar en la sacristía.**



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St. Mary Alexandria—<https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/choosegifts/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	25-Jan.	8:00 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Poor Souls Poor Souls
Tuesday	26- Jan.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Betty Brownfield
Wednesday	27-Jan.	8:00 AM 8:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex. St. Vincent Hosp.	Deceased of George Mehling Family George Dewey Mehling Family Betty Brownfield Mass is not open to the public
Thursday	28- Jan.	8:00 AM 8:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Raymond Novak Betty Shaffer
Friday	29-Jan.	8:10 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex.	John Sokol Everett & Betty Duffy
Saturday	30-Jan.	4:00: PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Edward O'Donnell David Libler Grant Lierman
Sunday	31-Jan.	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Thomas Sokol John & Pat Ditzler 70th Wedding Anniversary Pro Populo Poor Souls

Bookkeeper Position for St. Mary Church Anderson and St. Ambrose Church

Duties include– Review invoices for payment, payroll for the Churches and School, maintain inventory for Church supplies. This is a part-time position. If interested please send resume to harriett.russel@gmail.com. Or call St. Ambrose with any questions at 765-644-5956.

Scholarship Grant Organization

Would you like to donate to your parish school's SGO (Scholarship Grant Organization) in order to assist in a student's Catholic education? You will also earn an Indiana State Tax Credit of 50% of your donation! To make an on-line donation visit <http://www.i4qed.org> and click "Donate Now", or you may pick up an application at the back of the church or school office.

**Guerin Catholic High School News**

Guerin Catholic High School announced its First Trimester Honor Roll for the 2020-21 school year. Congratulations to the following parishioners who are to be commended for their hard work:

St. Ambrose

First Honors Mariela Gonzalez '21

St. Mary

Guerin Honors Angela Molina '21, Lilian Villegas '21, Makena Thiemet '24

First Honors Ronald Jackson '21, Francesca Henn '23, Sandra Velasco '24

Indiana March for Life**Commemoration of the Solemn Anniversary of Roe v. Wade**

All are invited to join in any of the following events commemorating the solemn anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The events include: Thursday, January 21 Vigil for Life, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carmel, from 7 – 9 pm

This event still has space available, and people can register here: <https://VigilForLifeCarmel2021.eventbrite.com>

Friday, January 22 Mass for Life, St. John Church, Indianapolis, at 10:30

This event has reached capacity, but a waitlist is available

Live-streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsindy>

March for Life and Rally, downtown Indianapolis, beginning at noon

This event has a waitlist which can be accessed here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-local-solemn-observance-roe-vs-wade-mass-tickets-125042428269>

Live-streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/RTLIndy>

Diocesan Mass for Life, St. Mary Cathedral, Lafayette, at 6:30 pm

This event still has space available, and people can register here: <https://LafayetteDioceseMassForLife.eventbrite.com>

Live-streamed at <https://saintmarycathedral.org/watch-mass-live>

Pray for Right to Life in our Country

Dioceses across the USA participating in Nationwide Prayer Vigil for life on January 28-29:

<https://www.usccb.org/news/2021/dioceses-across-usa-participating-nationwide-prayer-vigil-life-january-28-29>

Knights of Columbus

We will be having a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 6th. We are opening for indoor seating, however it will be limited to 50 people. While eating, masks may be removed. When you are done “eating” a mask **MUST** be worn. You are to wear your mask while drinking (move it out of the way when taking a drink and then replace it). The meal will consist of spaghetti, sauce (meat sauce available upon request, Garlic bread, and salad. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. We will be open from 5:00 to 7:30 PM.

There will be a chicken fry on Saturday, February 13th. The same seating restrictions will be in force at that time. Our Lenten fish fries will begin on Friday, February 19th.

Small Christian Communities/Faith Sharing Groups

We will not be having sign-ups for SCC/Faith Sharing Groups this Lenten Season because of COVID. Hopefully, They will resume in the Advent Season. Here are some resources you can use at home:

www.emmausjourney.org, www.formed.org (parish-Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate), www.usccb.org or <https://liturgy.slu.edu>. May God bless you and keep you safe.

GRANT WRITER NEEDED! If you or someone you know have any grant writing experience or knowledge, you may be able to help the parishes and schools in the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate. Call Anita Myers at the St. Ambrose parish office, 765-644-5956.

FORMED

Our parishes have a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select a parish. For January you can watch John Paul II: “I Kept Looking For You.” This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II’s impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ. Formed Now! “Misery Meets Mercy: Saint Faustina Kowalska,” St. Faustina is known as the “secretary of Divine Mercy” because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy. You can listen to “7 Secrets of Confession” By Vinny Flynn. The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord’s mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.

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.

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

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.

Hable si conoce o sospecha de algún comportamiento poco ético. La línea directa es confidencial, anónima y está disponible las 24 horas, los 7 días de la semana. diocesoflafayetteinindiana.ethicspoint.com 855-375-6796

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