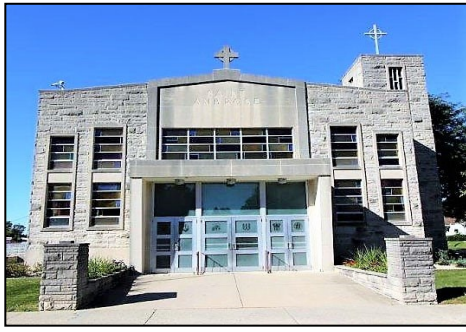




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January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

31 de enero 2021

Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Off the Top of My Head...

Recently the clergy of the diocese received a notice that they would be eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccine sooner rather than later even if they were not eligible because of age. (The age requirements have placed many of us in a strange position – wishing we were older instead of younger!) The reason some (or most) clergy are eligible is that we visit the sick on a regular basis, including those who are infected with the Covid virus.

Fr. Dave, being over 70, has already received his first vaccination shot; Fr. Marty and I, although we are below age 70, are scheduled for our first shots. I'm looking forward to getting this vaccination process completed, for obvious reasons.

A reason that may not be so obvious is that my vaccination will help make other people safer. While those who are vaccinated may still be able to carry and spread the virus without being infected, each person's vaccination helps make the community safer and healthier. When enough people are vaccinated against a contagious disease like Covid, the germs can't travel as easily from person to person — and the entire community is less likely to get the disease. So even people who can't get vaccinated will have some protection from getting sick. Eventually, the disease becomes rare — and sometimes, it's wiped out altogether.

Vaccination, like mask wearing, hand washing/sanitizing, and social distancing, not only protects me; it protects those around me.

So if you are wondering whether or not to be vaccinated, the answer is "Yes!" Assuming there is no medical reason prohibiting it, being vaccinated helps protect vaccine recipient as well as others who come into contact with that person.

So, wear a mask, get in line (six feet away from others, of course), and roll up your sleeve!

Father Tom Metzger
 January 31, 2021

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Pensamiento de Fr. Tom

Recientemente, el clero de la diócesis recibió un aviso de que serían elegibles para recibir la vacuna Covid-19 más temprano que tarde, incluso si no eran elegibles debido a su edad. (Los requisitos de edad nos han colocado a muchos de nosotros en una posición extraña: ¡deseamos ser mayores en lugar de más jóvenes!) La razón por la que algunos (o la mayoría) del clero son elegibles es que visitamos a los enfermos con regularidad, incluidos aquellos que están infectados con el virus Covid.

P. Dave, que tiene más de 70 años, ya recibió su primera vacuna; P. Marty y yo, aunque tenemos menos de 70 años, tenemos programadas nuestras primeras inyecciones. Espero completar este proceso de vacunación, por razones obvias.

Una razón que puede no ser tan obvia es que mi vacuna ayudará a que otras personas estén más seguras. Si bien las personas vacunadas aún pueden portar y propagar el virus sin infectarse, la vacunación de cada persona ayuda a que la comunidad sea más segura y saludable. Cuando se vacuna a suficientes personas contra una enfermedad contagiosa como Covid, los gérmenes no pueden viajar tan fácilmente de una persona a otra, y es menos probable que toda la comunidad contraiga la enfermedad. Por lo tanto, incluso las personas que no pueden vacunarse tendrán cierta protección para no enfermarse. Con el tiempo, la enfermedad se vuelve rara y, a veces, desaparece por completo.

La vacunación, como el uso de mascarillas, el lavado / desinfección de manos y el distanciamiento social, no solo me protege; protege a los que me rodean.

Entonces, si se pregunta si debe vacunarse o no, la respuesta es "¡Sí!" Suponiendo que no hay ninguna razón médica que lo prohíba, la vacunación ayuda a proteger al receptor de la vacuna y a otras personas que entran en contacto con esa persona.

Por lo tanto, use una máscara, póngase en línea (a dos metros de distancia de los demás, por supuesto) y arremangarse.

Padre Tom Metzger
31 de enero de 2021

**Confessions— NOTE STARTING FEBURARY 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.
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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	1-Feb.	8:00 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Joseph (Joey) Kirby Betty Brownfield
Tuesday	2-Feb.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Poor Souls
Wednesday	3-Feb.	8:00 AM 8:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex. St. Vincent Hosp.	Betty Brownfield Brian Duffy Betty Shaffer Mass not open to public
Thursday	4-Feb.	8:00 AM 8:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Dec'd. of George Mehling Family Poor Souls
Friday	5-Feb.	8:10 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex.	Grant Lierman Gil Miller
Saturday	6-Feb.	4:00: PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Edward O'Donnell Hank & Susie Stephan Temple Phillips
Sunday	7-Feb.	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Veniero Ippolito Pro Populo Zachary Novak Ramiro Salazar

Spiritual Life

Eucharistic Adoration February 7th

Adoration will begin next Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Ambrose Church. A bilingual rosary will be prayed at 3:30 PM. Closing will be at 4:00 PM.

The E6 (Ephesians 6) Catholic Men's Conference

This conference will be held in St. Joseph Church in St. Leon, IN on Saturday, February 27th. In person attendance is sold out. But it will also be live streamed. Tickets may be purchased on-line on the E6 website at: E6 Catholic Men's Conference | Armor of God. Tickets are \$10.00. The one \$10.00 ticket can be used by one person, a small group, or an entire parish. A live stream link will be sent to the email of the person who has registered for the conference.

FORMED

Our parishes have a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate when prompted for the parish. This week you can watch The Sanctuary Course for Catholics. Don't miss this eight-session course that explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics. You may also want to start your day off right by being inspired and renewed each morning with daily reflections and enrichment from Dr. Tim Gray.

Quinceñera

This is a traditional celebration of life and gratitude to God on the occasion of the fifteenth birthday of a young Hispanic woman. If you will be requesting a Mass or a blessing you are invited to participate in a one-day retreat. On May 1st, a retreat is scheduled from 9:00 AM—3:30 PM at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 2300 S. 9th St. Lafayette, and on October 9th from 9:00 AM-3:30 PM at St. Joan of Arc, 3155 S. 200 W. Kokomo. For more information please contact Edith Torres Monzón at 765-269-4656 or Claudia Castillo at 765-269-4662.

Quinceañera

Esta es una celebración de vida tradicional y agradecimiento a Dios con motivo de los XV Años de una joven hispana a mujer. Si va a solicitar una misa o una bendición, está invitado a participar en un retiro de un día. El 1 de mayo, un retiro está programado de 9:00 a.m. a 3:30 p.m. En el Centro Pastoral Católico, 2300 S. 9th St. Lafayette, y el 9 de octubre de 9:00 a.m. a 3:30 p.m. En St. Joan. of Arc, 3155 S. 200 W. Kokomo. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Edith Torres Monzón al 765-269-4656 o Claudia Castillo al 765-269-4662.

Ash Wednesday

St. Ambrose Masses are 8:10 AM and 6:00 PM

St. Mary Anderson Masses are 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM

St. Mary Alexandria Masses are 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Regulations regarding Fast and Abstinence for Lent: Fasting applies to all adults who have completed their 18th year of age through age 59. When fasting a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as 2 smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence is for all persons who have completed their 14th year of age. On a day of abstinence NO MEAT OR MEAT PRODUCTS are permitted. Abstinence applies to Ash Wednesday and ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT.

Regulaciones con respecto al ayuno y la abstinencia para la Cuaresma: El ayuno se aplica a todos los adultos que hayan cumplido los 18 años hasta los 59 años. Cuando ayuna, una persona puede comer una comida completa, así como 2 comidas más pequeñas que juntas no equivalen a Comida completa. La abstinencia es para todas las personas que hayan cumplido los 14 años de edad. En un día de abstinencia NO se permiten CARNES NI PRODUCTOS CARNE. La abstinencia se aplica al Miércoles de Ceniza y TODOS LOS VIERNES DURANTE LA CUARESMA.

Catholic School Week begins this Sunday, January 31st, and is celebrated all week! Thank you to all parishioners for supporting the schools. Holy Cross School is a hidden gem in Anderson and is made possible by the support of priests, parishioners, school families, and the staff of Holy Cross School. Thank You!

On Tuesday, February 2nd starting at noon until Wednesday, February 3rd at noon, Holy Cross School will be participating in Day of Giving. Last year they raised \$203 in donations for the school year. Our goal this year is \$500. You may make a donation at <https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/L4QOGR66C> or visit NCEA.org/csw/ manygifts & choose Holy Cross School, Anderson. Donations will fund special events at school (Field Day, Red Ribbon Week, Catholic Schools Week, Lent...). If you would like an email reminder, please email Principal Neal at tneal@holycrossschool-anderson.org.

Show your Love and Support of St. Mary School Alexandria during Catholic Schools week through a charitable donation toward our Technology Fund. Your donation will support our mission of a quality Catholic School Education rooted in Gospel values while helping to fund our new cloud-based server and computer lab. We not only ask for your careful consideration, but prayers for guidance as we seek to provide the best learning platforms to meet the ever-evolving technology needs for the students of St. Mary School.

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.

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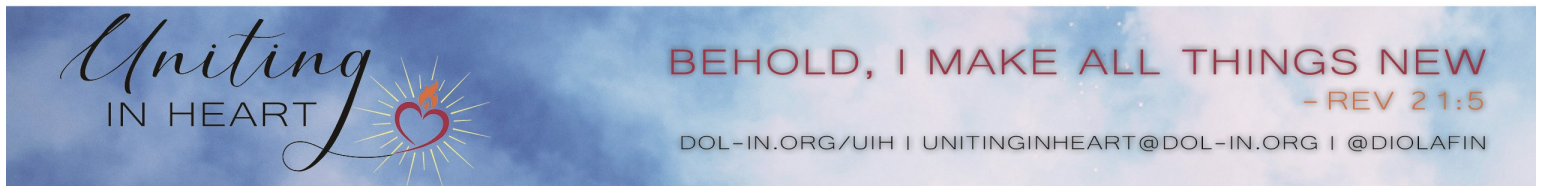
We will be having a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 6th. We are opening for indoor seating, however it will be limited to 50 people. While eating, masks may be removed. When you are done “eating” a mask MUST be worn. You are to wear your mask while drinking (move it out of the way when taking 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.



Kerygma (Proclaiming the Gospel)

Simple definition from the Modern Catholic Dictionary by John Hardon, S.J.: Preaching or proclaiming, as distinct from teaching of instruction in the Gospel of Christ. In-depth definition from the Theological Dictionary by Karl Rahner and Herbert Vorgrimler: A New Testament term which means the word that is preached to the Christian community or individual in the name of God, by lawful commission of God and the Church, as the very word of God and Christ and which efficaciously makes present its utterance in the situation of the hearer whom it summons.



Kerygma (proclamando el evangelio)

Según la Definición simple del Diccionario Católico Moderno de John Hardon, SJ, Kerygma es predicar o proclamar la Buena Nueva del Evangelio, más que enseñar o instruir sobre el Evangelio. De manera más profunda, el Diccionario Teológico de Karl Rahner y Herbert Vorgrimler definen el Kerygma como un término del Nuevo Testamento que significa la palabra de Dios y de Cristo que se predica a la comunidad cristiana o individuo en el nombre de Dios, y por comisión legítima de Dios y de la Iglesia, a través de cuyo anuncio Dios mismo se hace eficazmente presente en la situación del oyente a quien se la proclama.



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