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March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

14 de marzo 2021

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Off the Top of My Head...

Last Monday, staff and lay leaders from the three parishes of the Pastorate took part in a webinar entitled “A ‘Welcome Back’ Plan for the Parishes in the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana.” It gave parish leaders an opportunity to brainstorm about a plan for “reopening” as the Covid Pandemic begins to wane.

One of the key elements of the suggested plan was regular communication from the Pastor, and beyond bulletin columns and emails there will be periodic mailings to all parishioners, beginning sometime after Easter. A couple of other elements include some sort of welcome back celebration and an opportunity to remember in prayer those who died during the pandemic, whether or not Covid was the cause. There were plenty of other good ideas and I’m looking forward to putting some of them into practice. (Personally, I’m still holding out for a Pastorate-wide mask burning party!)

Meanwhile, as the numbers continue to trend down, we need to remember that they are still high. According to the State of Indiana’s Covid website, there were 32 deaths in the state caused by Covid between February 21 and March 10. Because that number is lower than past numbers, we may be tempted to say that only 32 people died during that period. But, although lower, it’s still a high number. So continued vigilance and care are needed.

Every week until further notice, our bulletin will include a reminder and information about receiving the Covid vaccine. I pray that every eligible person in our Pastorate will take advantage of the opportunity as it arises.

As more people are vaccinated, we anticipate an increase in Mass attendance. This is a “good problem.” We will need to balance two legitimate needs – the need for social distancing and the need to worship. Please be patient and keep parish leadership in your prayers as we seek the best options!

Speaking of worship, remember that the Easter Triduum liturgies at all three parishes will be on Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm, Good Friday at 7:00 pm, and Holy Saturday at 8:15 pm. We are STILL working on the Easter Sunday schedule as I am typing up this column. We hope to have that announced soon.

Two more weeks until Holy Week! Keep on fasting, praying, and serving!

Fr. Tom Metzger

March 14, 2021

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Reflexión Del Padre Tom....

El pasado lunes, personal y líderes laicos de las tres parroquias de la Pastoral participaron en un webinar titulado "Un plan de bienvenida de regreso" para las parroquias de la Diócesis de Lafayette en Indiana". Les dio la oportunidad a los líderes de las parroquias de intercambiar ideas sobre un plan para la "reapertura" a medida que la pandemia de COVID comienza a disminuir.

Uno de los elementos clave del plan sugerido fue la comunicación regular del Pastor, y anuncios en los boletines y el envío de correos electrónicos habituales a todos los feligreses, comenzando después de la pascua. Otros elementos incluyen algún tipo de celebración de bienvenida y una oportunidad para recordar en oración a los que murieron durante la pandemia, ya fuera de Covid u otra causa.

Hubo muchas otras buenas ideas y estoy deseando poner algunas de ellas en práctica. (¡Personalmente, todavía estoy esperando una fiesta de quema de máscaras en todo el Pastorado!)

Mientras tanto, a medida que los números continúan bajando, debemos recordar que aún son altos. Según el sitio web COVID del estado de Indiana, hubo 32 muertes en el estado causadas por COVID entre el 21 de febrero al 10 de marzo. Debido a que ese número es más bajo que los números anteriores, es posible decir que SOLO 32 personas murieron durante este período. Pero, aunque sea un número menor, sigue siendo un número elevado. Por lo tanto, Continuemos vigilando y seguir con los cuidando continuos.

Cada semana hasta nuevo aviso, nuestro boletín incluirá un recordatorio e información sobre la recepción del Vacuna del COVID-19. Orar para que cada persona elegible en nuestro Pastorado aproveche la oportunidad.

A medida que se vacunen más personas, anticipamos un aumento en la asistencia a misa. Este es un "problema bueno". Necesitaremos equilibrar dos necesidades legítimas: la necesidad de distanciamiento social y la necesidad de adorar. ¡Sea paciente y mantenga el liderazgo parroquial en sus oraciones mientras buscamos las mejores opciones!

Hablando de adoración, recuerde que las liturgias del Triduo Pascual en las tres parroquias serán el día Jueves Santos a las 7:00 pm, Viernes Santo a las 7:00 pm y Sábado Santo a las 8:15 pm. TODAVÍA estamos trabajando en el horario del Domingo de Pascua mientras estoy escribiendo esta columna. Espero que se anuncie pronto.

¡Dos semanas más hasta Semana Santa! ¡Sigamos ayunando, orando y sirviendo!

Fr. Tom Metzger
March 14, 2021

CONFESSION TIMES on Saturdays-St. Mary Anderson will be 1:00-2:00 PM until further notice, to enable social distancing, Confessions will take place in the sacristy.

St. Ambrose will be 4:00-5:00 PM.

St. Mary Alexandria will be 3:30-4:00 PM

HORARIO DE CONFESIÓN los sábados-St. Mary Anderson será de 1: 00-2: 00 PM hasta nuevo aviso, para permitir el distanciamiento social, las Confesiones se llevarán a cabo en la sacristía.

St. Ambrose será de 4: 00-5: 00 PM.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	15-Mar.	8:00 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Paul Backous Poor Souls
Tuesday	16-Mar.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Poor Souls
Wednesday	17-Mar.	8:00 AM 8:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex. St. Vincent Hosp.	Betty Brownfield David Crist Betty Shaffer
Thursday	18-Mar.	8:00 AM 8:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And	Dec'd of the George Mehling Family Dennis Coppock
Friday	19-Mar.	8:10 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex.	Josephine Sellers Intentions of Bud & Faye Beemer
Saturday	20-Mar.	4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	St. Mary And St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Bernard Edward O'Donnell Pro Populo Grant Lierman
Sunday	21-Mar.	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Josephine Jordan Culbertson & Ploch Families Ryan Warner Poor Souls

Spiritual Life

Stations of the Cross are conducted every Friday at 7:00 PM at all three parishes. There will not be any on Good Friday.

Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

Monday, March 15th	St. Mary Anderson	8:30-10:00 AM
Tuesday, March 16th	St. Ambrose	8:30-10:00 AM
Friday, March 19th	St. Mary Alexandria	8:30-10:00 AM
Thursday, March 25th	St. Ambrose	4:00 - 5:00 PM
Thursday, March 25th	St. Mary Alexandria	4:00 - 5:00 PM
Friday, March 26th	St. Mary Anderson	4:00 - 5:00 PM



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Since Wednesday, Feb. 17th, when the 2021 Spring Campaign of 40 days for Life began, 101 babies have been known to have been spared from abortion! This campaign will continue until Sunday, March 28th. Please continue to pray and fast during this time for an end of abortion and for the safety of the vigil participants who will be praying at abortion centers during these 40 days. More information can be found at www.40daysforlife.com/INDIANAPOLIS

FORMED Sign Up Information to Help New Subscribers

Spread the word to others on this wonderful resource which includes both English and Spanish language content! To login to the new **Anderson Alexandria Pastorate** subscription, you can check out this video (<https://vimeo.com/358383023>) or use these steps below:

Go to <https://formed.org/> and select the **Sign Up**

Select the **Sign Up as Parishioner**

In the **Find Your Parish or Organization** field, enter **Anderson Alexandria Pastorate**.

Select the option that lists the **Anderson Alexandria Pastorate** with the address of **2801 Lincoln Street, Anderson, IN 46106**.

Select **Next**.

Enter your name and email address in the designated fields.

Select **Sign Up**.

You now have an account under the new **Anderson Alexandria Pastorate** subscription. Be sure to bookmark that page of <https://watch.formed.org/browse> No password needed!

As always, please reach out if you have questions about our parish subscription to FORMED. Have technical questions or connection issues? You can also contact FORMED ParishCare here:

<https://help.formed.org/support/home> or by calling 1-844-367-6331

God Bless you all!

St. Mary, St. Joseph, and St. Ambrose, pray for us!

God bless you all!

Important D of I Meeting at St. Mary, Alexandria

The Daughters of Isabella (D of I) St. Elizabeth Seton circle will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 16 at 6:00PM** in Zimmer Hall. All current members are encouraged to attend. Discussions will focus on the next steps in the formation of the new parish women's ministry. Topics will include (but not limited to) the scope of the new ministry, the review of proposed bylaws, and more. **Materials about the new proposed ministry will be available in the narthex of the church for current D of I members to review prior to this meeting.** If attending the meeting in person, please be sure to wear a mask and plan to follow the current COVID guidelines followed by the church. As a reminder to all current members and as a general notification to the parish: the Daughters of Isabella (D of I) St. Elizabeth Seton circle is sadly being disbanded after nearly 100 years at the parish. This decision was made due to ongoing expenses required by the international and state levels of the D of I organization coupled by the inability to raise enough funds to address the goals of the group. Members present at a meeting held late in 2020 voted unanimously to disband the local D of I circle. Also unanimously agreed upon was the need to create a new women's ministry or group. If anyone has questions or is unable to attend the meeting, please contact Fran Crist at (765) 639-2107 (voice/text) or Karen Gilson (765) 610-1315 (voice/text).

Knights of Columbus

Our Lenten fish fries are on Fridays of Lent from 5-7:30 PM. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Greg Acra will once again be grilling when the weather is permitted, either salmon or trout with sides for \$15. These dinners are limited to 15 per week, so reserve yours by calling Joe Lambert at (765) 606-8711, between 11:00 AM on Mondays and 1:00 PM on Wednesdays to reserve yours. You must call each week to set your order. Masks are required when you come into the hall and while you are in line. We will have seating for 50 people at a time, and while you are seated (eating/drinking) you may remove your mask. If you get up to get a drink, or go to the restroom, etc. you must put your mask back on.

Scholarship Information

Attached to this week's bulletin on the website, is the information you will need to apply for college scholarships. Please go to <https://education.dol-in.org/diocesan-college-scholarships> to apply thru the Diocese of Lafayette.



***Christ be our Light:
Day of Reflection for the Divorced***

*Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021
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GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION: Any Indiana resident age 50 and older is now eligible to schedule a vaccination appointment, as are long-term care residents, some first responders and healthcare workers, and specific groups of at-risk patients. Register online at <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/index.htm> or call 211. (The 211 number offers options in Spanish and English.)

Pete's Pantry in Alexandria

Pete's Pantry needs a variety of food and non-food items. Special request was made for egg cartons. Plastic bags are always appreciated. Cereals, canned meats, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, and personal hygiene items are frequently needed. Donated items can be dropped off in the Narthex of St. Mary Church, Alexandria. Monetary donations are especially appreciated to help buy items in bulk. Checks can be made out to "Pete's Pantry" and mailed directly to Pete's Pantry at the address noted below.

Reminder: Pete's Pantry-located in the Lutheran Church, 309 W. Washington St., Alexandria—is open to residents of Alexandria, Summitville, and Orestes. Residents of these communities can visit the pantry up to 3 times each month. Current hours of operation: Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays 9:30 am-11:00am. Call Pete's Pantry at (765)724-7566 for more information.

Little books of the Dioceses of Saginaw

Those of you that use the little blue or black books that are out during Advent and Lent, from this diocese can order other materials from them. You can look at their website which is www.littlebooks.org or by calling (989)797-6653. You might find other interesting reading materials.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Herman and Anne Leaf Educational Scholarship - \$2,000 each semester available for first year freshman attending college or university in Indiana.

Requirements:

Attended St. Ambrose Catholic School or St. Mary Catholic School in Anderson

Graduate of Madison County high school or from a Catholic high school or a magnet school in a nearby county with academic achievements that have placed them in the top twenty-five percent of the class in which they graduated, while maintaining residency in Madison County.

Application due date: April 30, 2021

St. Ambrose and St. Mary Scholarships - Two scholarship awards (one from each parish) are available for high school graduate attending college or university. \$500 each semester.

Requirements:

Attended St. Ambrose Catholic School or St. Mary Catholic School in Anderson.

Graduate of Madison County high school or from a Catholic high school or a magnet school in a nearby county with academic excellence, while maintaining residency in Madison County. Must maintain academic excellence to be awarded second semester funds.

Application due date: April 30, 2021

St. Mary Educational Scholarships - Funds of \$1,000 per semester available for college freshman. Two scholarship awards are available.

Requirements:

Parishioner of St. Mary or St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Anderson

Practicing Catholic with regular Mass attendance, conduct worthy of the award, with desire to study and advancement in learning without means of attaining the same.

Application due date: April 30, 2021

Scholarships Available thru the Diocese of Lafayette - Please go online to for applications <https://education.dol-in.org/diocesan-college-scholarships>

Applications due date: April 30, 2021

Christopher Warner Scholarships - \$1,000 award to recognize a high school senior in the Local Church of Lafayette-in-Indiana who demonstrates Catholic faith and identity through commitment and service to Parish, School and Community.

Diocesan Leadership Scholarship - \$1,000 award to recognize a high school senior in the Local Church of Lafayette-in-Indiana who demonstrates active participation and Catholic leadership in their parish and parish youth ministry program.

Northcentral Indiana Hispanic Scholarship Fund - the purpose of this Fund is to provide academic scholarships or similar educational financial aid to Roman Catholic, Hispanic children living within the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, who have been accepted as incoming students, or who are currently enrolled as students, at an accredited college or trade school within the United States



Discernment

From a Latin word meaning “to separate or to distinguish between,” it is the practice of listening for God’s call in our lives and distinguishing between good and bad choices.



Discernimiento

El discernimiento proviene de una palabra latina que significa “separar o distinguir entre”, es la práctica de escuchar el llamado de Dios en nuestras vidas y distinguir entre buenas y malas decisiones.



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