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April 25, 2021

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Off the Top of My Head...

Someone recently asked me when the Parish Council would begin meeting again. The answer is not as simple as you might expect.

With the new configuration of the three parishes in Alexandria and Anderson as part of the Uniting in Heart pastoral planning process, instead of three separate parish pastoral councils, there will be one. This council will emphasize the life and ministry of the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate more than that of each individual parish. Of course, the council will include members from each of the three parishes, and the unique identity and gifts of each parish will be acknowledged and nurtured. As with so many features of the Uniting in Heart process, this change is meant to be not only a reorganization but a transformation.

The council will be pastoral in nature. It will address the life and mission of the parishes and the pastorate, with less emphasis on aspects like facilities or finances. The council will not be expected to serve as an “auxiliary staff” for the parishes, responsible for tasks that need to be taken care of in their regular administration.

The council will also be advisory or consultative in nature. By Church law, the Pastor, not the council, is responsible for decision making. So the council’s role is advisory. This means that as Pastor, I have to take seriously the advice, recommendations, and input of the council on pastoral matters for the sake of the life and ministry of the parishes and the Pastorate. It does not simply mean that “the pastor has veto power.”

I don’t know when we will be ready to form the pastoral council for the Pastorate! There is much ground-work to be laid first and that needs to be done carefully and thoughtfully. I won’t even try to guess a starting date.

Meanwhile, we are also forming or reactivating other groups in the Pastorate: Parish Finance Councils (one in each parish), a Pastorate Liturgy Council, and School Advisory Councils for St. Mary’s School in Alexandria and Holy Cross School in Anderson.

While the process of organizing these groups (and all at the same time!) can be difficult, it is also exciting. Our Pastorate, and the three parishes that are part of it, have great potential for service in the Kingdom. These groups, and others, will help us to carry out that mission.

Fr. Tom Metzger
 April 25, 2021

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Pensamiento del padre Tom.....

Alguien me preguntó recientemente cuándo comenzaría a reunirse el Consejo Parroquial. La respuesta no es tan simple como se podría esperar.

Con la nueva configuración de las tres parroquias en Alexandria y Anderson como parte del proceso de planificación pastoral Unidos en Corazón (Uniting in Heart), en lugar de tres consejos pastorales parroquiales separados, habrá uno. Este consejo enfatizará la vida y el ministerio de la Pastoral Anderson-Alexandria más que la de cada parroquia individual. Por supuesto, el consejo incluirá miembros de cada una de las tres parroquias, y la identidad y los dones únicos de cada parroquia serán reconocidos y cultivados. Al igual que el proceso de Unidos de Corazón, este cambio está destinado a ser no solo una reorganización, sino una transformación.

El consejo será de naturaleza pastoral. Abordará la vida y misión de las parroquias y el pastorado, con menos énfasis en aspectos como las instalaciones o las finanzas. No se espera que el consejo sirva como un “personal auxiliar” para las parroquias, responsable de las tareas que deben ser atendidas en su administración regular.

El consejo también será de carácter consultivo. Según la ley de la Iglesia, el pastor, no el consejo, es responsable de la toma de decisiones. Por tanto, el papel del consejo es consultar. Esto significa que como párroco, tengo que tomarme en serio los consejos, recomendaciones y aportes del consejo sobre asuntos pastorales por el bien de la vida y el ministerio de las parroquias y la pastoral. Esto no significa que "el pastor tiene poder de voto".

¡No sé cuándo estaremos listos para formar el consejo pastoral! En primer lugar, hay mucho trabajo preliminar que debe hacerse con cuidado y consideración. Ni siquiera intentaré adivinar una fecha de inicio.

Mientras tanto, también estamos formando o reactivando otros grupos en la Pastoral: los Consejos Parroquiales de Finanzas (uno en cada parroquia), un Consejo de Liturgia Pastoral y los Consejos Asesores Escolares para la Escuela St. Mary en Alexandria y la Escuela Holy Cross en Anderson.

Si bien el proceso de organizar estos grupos (¡y todos al mismo tiempo!) Puede ser difícil, también es emocionante. Nuestra Pastoral, y las tres parroquias que la integran, tienen un gran potencial de servicio en el Reino. Estos grupos, y otros, nos ayudarán a llevar a cabo esa misión. Fr.

Tom Metzger

April 25, 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.
St. Mary Alexandria será de 3:30-4:00 PM



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April 26	8:00 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	John and Connie Reis Betty Brownfield
Tuesday	April 27	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Poor Souls
Wednesday	April 28	8:00 AM 8:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex. St. Vincent Hosp.	Dec'd of the Geroge Mehling Family Maurice Mehling Bernard Edward O'Donnell
Thursday	April 29	8:00 AM 8:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Grant Lierman Betty Shaffer
Friday	April 30	8:00 AM 8:10 AM	St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Harry and Jane Libler Ravage and Janowski Families
Saturday	May 1	4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Albert Stoner Pro Populo Rolando Leyva
Sunday	May 2	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Beata Kincaid Brovich Hank & Susie Stephan Rosalba Salazar Amy Szczesny

Bulletin Deadline: To have announcements published in the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate Bulletin, please email them to amyers1525@gmail.com by Thursday at 12:00 Noon (at the latest) for publication the following weekend.

Anuncios para el boletín: Para publicar anuncios en el Boletín de la Pastora Anderson-Alexandria, envíe un correo electrónico a amyers1525@gmail.com antes de los jueves a las 12:00 del mediodía (a más tardar) para su publicación en el fin de semana siguiente.

Spiritual Life

Eucharistic Adoration May 2nd

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

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

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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!

Novena to St. Joseph the Worker (May 1st)

Let us praise Christ the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day of Saint Joseph, the Worker on May 1st. Consider praying the following prayer or another Litany to St. Joseph, beginning on May 1st. In Praise of Saint Joseph,

Joseph, patron saint of workers, blending skill with charity, silent carpenter, we praise you!

Joining work with honesty, you taught Christ with joy to labor, sharing his nobility.

Joseph, close to Christ and Mary, lived with them in poverty, shared with them their home and labor, worked with noble dignity. May we seek God's will as you did, leader of his family!

Joseph, inspiration for workers, man of faith and charity, make us honest, humble, faithful, strong with Christ's true liberty, make our labor and our leisure fruitful to eternity!

St. Mary Alexandria parishioners: Remember that you can offer prayers and then light the special votive candles in the Narthex that are near the statue of St. Joseph. Let's light up all the candles in the Narthex to commemorate our prayers offered throughout this year of St. Joseph!

Daughters of Mary Meeting Tuesday April 27th 6:00 PM

The next meeting for the new Daughters of Mary women's ministry will be held at St. Mary Alexandria (Zimmer Hall) on Tuesday, April 27th at 6:00 PM. All women over 18 years old are welcome to attend to learn more about this new parish ministry. We look forward to growing and building a community of women who support the Catholic church and the goals and vision of St. Mary Parish and school. For more information, contact Fran Crist (voice / text 765-639-2107) and look for more information in the parish Narthex in the near future!

Donations Accepted for the Care of the Grotto

The Daughters of Mary and other volunteers maintain the grotto plants, flowers, and mulch each year. Donations always welcome from parishioners who might want to support the maintenance and update to the grotto. Checks can be made out to St. Mary Church with "D of M Grotto" in the memo. Cash donations should be put in envelopes labeled "D of M Grotto." May St. Mary and St. Joseph bless you for your support! The D of M ministry appreciates your help in defraying these costs.

St. Mary Anderson Parishioner needs a ride to 4:00 Mass. If you are available please call them at (765) 643-0238.

Career Opportunity: The Catholic Pastorate of Anderson-Alexandria is seeking a talented, motivated, and faith-filled person to serve as the Director of Operations for the pastorate. This person will oversee the day-to-day operations for the three parishes of the pastorate.

Any interested and qualified candidate should contact Molly Clark at mclark@dol-in.org.

This position is posted on our diocesan website at <https://www.dol-in.org/employment-opportunities>.

SVDP Mother's Day Flower Sales SVDP volunteers will be selling 10 inch hanging baskets (petunias, impatiens, geraniums, and begonias) provided by Welsh Landscaping, the weekend of May 1-2 after all the Masses. There may be a limited supply of baskets left for the 11:30 Mass on May 2nd. Each basket will cost \$22.00. Give your mother a beautiful hanging basket on Mother's Day, May 9th and you will also be helping SVDP with the poor in our community.

Knights of Columbus (Located at 1225 Main St. Anderson) Chicken and noodle dinner on Friday, April 30th from 5:00-7:30 PM. Dinner will include chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, and salad. Cost - \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children. Also don't forget the Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 9th from 8:30 AM—12:30 PM. It will be eat-in or carry-out. Please let us know if you plan to attend so that we can purchase what we will need. Also, tell us how many in your party so that we can set-up proper seating. Reserve your spot by Monday, May 3rd, by calling the hall at 274-5311 (if no answer, leave a message with your name and phone number and someone will get back to you), or call Joe at 606-8711.

GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION: Any Indiana resident age 16 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.)

OBTENGA SU VACUNACIÓN COVID-19: Cualquier residente de Indiana de 16 años o más ahora es elegible para programar una cita de vacunación, al igual que los residentes de atención a largo plazo, algunos socorristas y trabajadores de la salud, y grupos específicos de pacientes en riesgo. Regístrese en línea en <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/index.htm> o llamando al 211. (El número 211 ofrece opciones en español e inglés).

Vacation Bible School- We are looking for a person to be the coordinator of Vacation Bible School this Year. If you are interested please contact the parish office at (765) 644-5956.

Holy Cross School is now accepting new students! If you would like to send your child to an Indiana "A" school, please call the school office. Don't forget to explore HCS' webpage <http://www.holycrossschool-anderson.com/>!

South Campus (PreK 3/4 year olds-1st Grade) 765-642-8428 North Campus (2nd-8th Grade) 765-642-1848

Holy Cross School will be holding an Open House at the South Campus (St. Ambrose) for new PreK 3/4-year-olds and new Kindergarten students on Wednesday, April 28th, from 6-7 pm. There will be an On My Way PreK representative and translator present for assistance. Please join us if you have a new PreK 3 or 4 years old and/or a new Kindergarten student joining our HCS family. Families may visit the rooms, ask questions, and enroll for the next school year. Please refer your family members, friends, and neighbors!

Holy Cross School llevará a cabo una recepción en el campus sur (St. Ambrose) para los nuevos niños de Pre K 3/4 años y los nuevos estudiantes de Kindergarten el miércoles 28 de abril de 6 a 7 pm. Habrá un representante de On My Way Pre K y un traductor presentes para recibir asistencia. Únase a nosotros si tiene un nuevo estudiante de Pre K de 3 o 4 años y / o un nuevo estudiante de Kindergarten que se une a nuestra familia de HCS. Las familias pueden visitar los salones, hacer preguntas e inscribirse para el próximo año escolar. ¡Refiera a sus familiares, amigos y vecinos!



What does it mean to Unite in the Heart of Jesus?

We named our pastoral plan Uniting in Heart because to unite in heart means to continuously enter into the heart of Jesus where love and mercy in its

purest form can be found and experienced. It is God's grace that draws us into the heart of love. In that heart, we learn to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. This is where we learn to become selfless, meek and humble of heart like Jesus. Here we are invited to suffer with and for Christ. Where sacrificing our own self, our own wills for the will of the Father, like our Jesus, is necessary to experience true transformation of our lives. Here we find not only love, but peace and joy as well.

Notice the actions of Jesus were never about himself, his personal desires, but rather about the will of the one who sent him. Jesus, always moved by the love of His Father lived a life of charity. He touched and healed people at their core, at the very heart of their being. They then went forth and shared that saving love for the life of the world.



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¿Qué significa unirse al corazón de Jesús?

Llamamos a nuestro plan pastoral Unidos en el Corazón porque unirse en el corazón significa entrar continuamente en el corazón de Jesús, donde se

puede encontrar y experimentar el Amor y la misericordia en su forma más pura. Es la gracia de Dios la que nos lleva al corazón del Amor. En ese corazón, aprendemos a amar a Dios y a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Aquí es donde aprendemos a ser desinteresados, mansos y humildes de corazón tal como Jesús. Aquí estamos siendo invitados a sufrir con y por Cristo. Donde sacrificar nuestro propio yo, nuestra propia voluntad por la voluntad del Padre, como nuestro Jesús, es necesario para experimentar la verdade-

ra transformación de nuestra vida. Aquí no sólo encontramos amor, sino también paz y alegría.

Note que las acciones de Jesús nunca fueron sobre Él mismo, sus deseos personales, sino más bien sobre la voluntad de quien lo envió. Jesús, siempre movido por el Amor de su Padre, vivió una vida de caridad. Tocó y curó a las personas en su esencia, en lo más profundo de su ser. Luego salieron y compartieron ese Amor salvador por la vida del mundo.



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