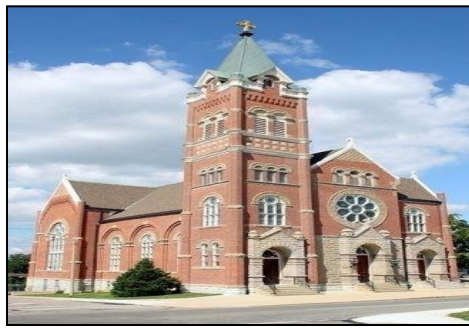




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July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

julio 25, 2021

Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Off the Top of My Head...

I recently received an anonymous note which read: "Would you please consider bringing back: 1. Altar boys and girls 2. Singing 3. Ringing bells 4. Lighting the Easter candle 5. Community gatherings. Thank you. God bless you."

I agree with most of these requests. I would also like to see physical touch at the Sign of Peace, Communion from the cup, ushers, and more.

A brief response to those five requests: 1. Yes, we want our altar servers back, too! Can anyone help to (re-)train and schedule them? 2. The diocese has given discretion to parishes, in consultation with local health officials, to restore the use of congregational singing. I want to contact the county health department about this, but I am hopeful! 3. The ringing of bells during the Eucharistic prayer is an optional ritual and the priests need to discuss and discern its return. 4. We do light the Easter candle during the Easter Season and at funerals and baptisms. 5. We have had a few social gatherings in the Pastorate. I'm hoping we can continue them and increase their frequency. Of course, social distancing may be necessary. And again, we will need help for this to happen.

And I will reiterate that the best way for us to get back to "normal" is for as many people as possible to be vaccinated. Recently we have seen a slight increase in the numbers of those infected, while only 43% of Indiana residents have been fully vaccinated. Nationwide, of those being hospitalized, put on a ventilator, or dying from the Covid virus, 99% are not vaccinated. As the powerful "Delta variant" gathers momentum, we must take this pandemic seriously, as well as the protective measures that need to be embraced. If you are not vaccinated, please get vaccinated! It is safe, it is effective, and its use is approved by Church.

Now, about anonymous notes: I usually look to see if a letter or note is signed, and if not, I discard it without reading it, because most anonymous notes are negative, hateful, or irrational. The note I referenced above was none of the above, but the fact that it was unsigned means that I was unable to contact the nice person who wrote it and respond directly.

So if you write me a note, please sign it! I like to hear from parishioners.

Fr. Tom Metzger
 July 25, 2021

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Pensamiento del Padre Tom...

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Recientemente recibí una nota anónima que decía: “¿Podrían considerar traer de regreso: 1? Servidores del altar niños y niñas (Monaguillos). 2. Misa con cantos completos 3. Tocar las campanas 4. Encender el cirio de Pascua 5. Reuniones comunitarias. Gracias. Dios los bendiga.”

Estoy de acuerdo con la mayoría de estas solicitudes. También me gustaría ver el toque físico en el Signo de la Paz, la Comunión de la copa, los acomodadores y más.

Una breve respuesta a esas cinco solicitudes: 1. ¡Sí, también queremos que nuestros monaguillos regresen! ¿Alguien puede ayudar a capacitarlos y programarlos? 2. La diócesis ha dado discreción a las parroquias, en consulta con los funcionarios de salud locales, para restaurar el uso del canto congregacional. Quiero comunicarme con el departamento de salud del condado sobre esto, ¡pero tengo esperanzas! 3. El repique de campanas durante la oración eucarística es un ritual opcional y los sacerdotes deben discutir y discernir su regreso. 4. Encendemos el cirio de Pascua durante la temporada de Pascua y en los funerales y bautismos. 5. Hemos tenido algunas reuniones sociales en la Pastorada. Espero que podamos continuar con ellos y aumentar su frecuencia. Por supuesto, el distanciamiento social puede ser necesario. Y nuevamente, necesitaremos ayuda para que esto suceda.

Y reiteraré que la mejor manera de volver a la “normalidad” es vacunar a la mayor cantidad posible de personas. Recientemente, hemos visto un ligero aumento en el número de personas infectadas, mientras que solo el 43% de los residentes de Indiana han sido completamente vacunados. En todo el país, de los que están hospitalizados, se les pone un ventilador o mueren a causa del virus Covid, el 99% no están vacunados. A medida que la poderosa “variante Delta” cobra impulso, debemos tomar esta pandemia en serio, así como las medidas de protección que deben adoptarse. Si no está vacunado, ¡hágalo! Es seguro, eficaz y su uso está aprobado por la Iglesia.

Ahora, sobre las notas anónimas: normalmente miro para ver si una carta o nota está firmada, y si no, la descarto sin leerla, porque la mayoría de las notas anónimas son negativas, odiosas o irracionales. La nota que mencioné anteriormente no era ninguna de las anteriores, pero el hecho de que no estuviera firmada significa que no pude contactar a la persona amable que la escribió y responder directamente.

Entonces, si me escribe una nota, ¡firmela! Me gusta escuchar a los feligreses.

Fr. Tom Metzger
Julio 25, 2021

CONFESSION TIMES ON SATURDAYS AT 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 EN SANTA MARIA, 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	July 26	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Poor Souls
Tuesday	July 27	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Betty Brownfield
Wednesday	July 28	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	John and Mary Kudroch
		8:00 AM	St. Mary Alex.	David Crist
		11:30 AM	St. Vincent Hosp.	David Papai
Thursday	July 29	8:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Mick O'Neill
Friday	July 30	8:00 AM	St. Mary Alex.	Mike Chatterson
		8:10 AM	St. Ambrose	The Smith Family
Saturday	July 31	4:00 PM	St Mary And.	Clarice Weis
		4:30 PM	St. Mary Alex.	Bill Clabuagh
		5:30 PM	St. Ambrose	Intentions of Robert Laurenti
Sunday	Aug. 1	7:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Veniero Ippolito
		8:30AM	St. Mary Alex.	Ralph Flecker
		9:30 AM	St. Ambrose	Poor Souls
		11:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Yolanda Medoza

Next Sunday's Reading - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectura del próximo domingo - Décimo octavo domingo del tiempo ordinario

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Psalm 78:3-4, 23-25, 54

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

éxodo 16:2-4, 12-15

Salmo 78:3-4, 23-25, 54

Efesios 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

Bulletin Deadline: To have announcements published in the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate Bulletin, please email them to stambrose2801@gmail.com by Thursday at 12:00 Noon (at the latest) for publication the following week-end.

Anuncios para el boletín: Para publicar anuncios en el Boletín de la Pastora Anderson-Alexandria, envíe un correo electrónico a stambrose2801@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

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Weekday Mass Schedule Change

Beginning Thursday, July 29th, we will celebrate Thursday morning Mass at St. Mary's in Anderson at 8:30 am and St. Ambrose at 8:10 am on Friday, July 30th. These times will enable participation by the students of the two campuses of Holy Cross School. Resumption of the 8:00 am Monday Mass at St. Mary's in Anderson and the 8:00 am Thursday Mass at St. Ambrose will not take place until after Fr. Dave Hellmann has recovered sufficiently from knee replacement surgery, which takes place in early August. Thank you for your patience. All are invited to weekday Mass at the three parishes of the Pastorate: St. Mary's in Alexandria, St. Mary's in Anderson, and St. Ambrose.

Masses at the Hospital

Unfortunately, Masses said at the hospital are still closed to the public. Hopefully soon the restriction will be lifted but until then public is not allowed.

COVID PROTOCOLS: For information, see the website of the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana, <https://dol-in.org/covid-19-updates>. The following COVID protocols will be in place in Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate.

All Masses except 11:30 am:

- One section of pews in each church will be reserved for those wearing masks. In that section, every other pew will be closed to enable social distancing.

11:30 Mass only:

- In the main church and in the balcony, masks will be required and every second pew closed.
- In the church annex, masks will be encouraged but optional.

At all Masses:

- The use of masks, hand sanitizer, and social distancing are still strongly encouraged for all, in order to stop the spread of the COVID virus, especially during Communion. Masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be supplied by the parishes. Clergy and Communion Ministers will wear masks and use hand sanitizer before and after distributing Communion. Communion Ministers will continue to distribute Communion only in the hand. At that point when we begin taking up the collection during Mass, ushers will wear masks while passing the basket.

Rosary at the Grotto (St. Mary Alexandria)- Everyone is invited to join the parishioners of St. Mary, Alexandria for our annual Rosary at the Grotto event which is held on the 13th of each month through October at 7:00 PM. Plan to gather at the outside parish grotto (to the west of the school playground) to recite the rosary. This year, to commemorate the Year of St. Joseph, we also plan to recite a litany to St. Joseph. Bring blankets and/or your lawn chairs and be sure to dress for outdoor weather. In case of stormy weather, the rosary will be recited in the church.

Parish Library Survey

At St. Mary (Alexandria), plans are underway to move books to the new parish library location in the Narthex. The goal is to have everything in place for the library the **weekend of August 14-15**. Until then and while we get things organized, we could use your help. Please fill out a short survey to let us know the topics that interest you. Do you want information on the Mass, a specific saint, the sacraments, general spiritual guidance, Bible studies, or the Catechism? **Look for the surveys in the Narthex.** Thank you for your patience as the parish rebuilds this resource (with the assistance of members of the Daughters of Mary). Contact Karen Gilson (k.gilson@protonmail.com) or Patty Brooks (pbrooks80@comcast.net) for more information.

Special Intentions- If you have special intentions you would like to put on the prayer line or would like to help with this ministry please Call Betty Worden (765) 606-9933.

Our Faithful Departed:

John (Ronald) Nuce was a member of St. Ambrose died July 17th.

Please pray for their eternal rest and for the comfort of their families and loved ones.



Se cancelarán misas

Las misas en St. Ambrose el miércoles 25 de agosto y el viernes 3 de septiembre están canceladas.

Siéntase libre de ir a St. Mary en Alexandria ambos días para la misa a las 8:00 AM.

Nuevos Protocolos Covid

SE LEVANTA LA DISPENSACIÓN DE LA OBLIGACIÓN DOMINICAL DE ASISTIR A LA MISA EN TODO EL ESTADO DE INDIANA: Esto significa que, a excepción de situaciones únicas que se describen a continuación, aquellos que por lo demás están sanos están obligados a participar en misa.

- Aquellos que están gravemente enfermos, presentan síntomas similares a los de la gripe Y / o Pueden tener una enfermedad contagiosa (incluyendo la cuarentena debido a la exposición).
- Aquellos que no pueden asistir a Misa por causas ajenas a su voluntad (por ejemplo, problemas de transporte).
- Aquellos que están confinados en casa y / o discapacitados debido a la edad, enfermedad y / o restricciones médicas.
- Aquellos que tienen condiciones de salud comprometidas y / o con alto riesgo de contraer el virus.
- Aquellos que son cuidadores de personas enfermas o de personas con alto riesgo de enfermedades grave si contraen el virus Covid.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre necesidades, inquietudes o protocolos específicos, le recomendamos que se comunique Directamente con la parroquia. Como su pastor, el P. Tom tiene la autoridad para dispensar en casos individuales y él y el P. Marty y el P. Dave puede ser útil para abordar los miedos y preocupaciones individuales.

Información sobre doctrina y preparación sacramental

2021-2022 Las clases de doctrina y las clases de preparación sacramental comenzarán el 12 de septiembre. La inscripción en el lugar se llevará a cabo después de las misas de fin de semana a partir del 14 de agosto. Comuníquese con Christine Vincent-Rodas si tiene preguntas antes de los fines de semana de inscripción. Puede ser contactada por mensaje de texto al 765-374-5064 o llame al 765-644-8467. También puede enviarle un correo electrónico a cvincent-rodas@parish.dol-in.org.

Por favor, considere en oración ayudar como catequista. Necesitamos 2-3 catequistas para cada grado. Se ofrecerán capacitaciones para catequistas la semana del 23 de agosto. Por favor, sepa que sin su ayuda, no podemos ofrecer clases de formación en la fe y preparación sacramental para los jóvenes de nuestras parroquias. Comuníquese con Christine para obtener más información.

VACUNACIÓN CONTRA LA COVID: Cualquier persona de 12 años o más ahora puede programar una cita para la vacunación contra la COVID-19 en el estado de Indiana. Para registrarse, inicie sesión en <https://vaccine.coronavirus.in.gov/en-US/> o llame al 211 (866-211-9966) si no tiene acceso a una computadora o necesita ayuda. También se aceptan citas sin cita previa en la mayoría de los lugares de vacunación. Ambas opciones brindan servicios en español e inglés.

Cambio de horario de misa entre semana

A partir del jueves 29 de julio, celebraremos la misa del jueves por la mañana en St. Mary's en Anderson a las 8:30 am y St. Ambrose a las 8:10 am el viernes 30 de julio. Estos tiempos permitirán la participación de los alumnos de los dos campus de Holy Cross School. La reanudación de la misa del lunes a las 8:00 am en St. Mary's en Anderson y la misa del jueves a las 8:00 am en St. Ambrose no se llevará a cabo hasta después del P. Dave Hellmann se ha recuperado lo suficiente de la cirugía de reemplazo de rodilla, que se lleva a cabo a principios de agosto. Gracias por su paciencia. Todos están invitados a la misa de lunes a viernes en las tres parroquias de la Pastorada: St. Mary en Alejandría, St. Mary en Anderson y San Ambrosio.

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

Si usted aun no se registra en nuestra parroquia, le invitamos a que lo haga. Si usted ya esta registrado y se cambio de casa o tiene nuevo numero de teléfono, les pedimos nos deje saber para actualizar su información. Es muy importante estar registrado en la parroquia y usar sus sobres, esto nos indica que usted es miembro activo. Recuerde que si usted llega a necesitar de una carta para algún asunto esto nos indica que ha sido activo en la parroquia y poder hacerle la carta. Para mas información puede hablar con Jessica.

Pláticas Pre-Bautismales

Las pláticas pre bautismales en español son cada primer miércoles de mes para bautizar el primer sábado de mes. Las pláticas son en el anexo de la escuela comenzando a las 6:00 pm. Deben asistir padres y padrinos. Traer copia del acta de nacimiento del niño o niña que se bautizara y los padrinos si son pareja deben traer el acta de Matrimonio.

(Recuerden si los padrinos son pareja, deben ser casados por la Iglesia.) Para más información contacte a Gaby "o" Jessica.

Religious Education and Sacrament Prep Information

2021-2022 Religious Education classes as well as Sacrament Preparation classes will begin September 12th. Onsite registration will be held after weekend Masses beginning August 14th. Please contact Christine Vincent-Rodas if you have questions prior to the registration weekends. She can be reached by text at 765-374-5064 or call 765-644-8467. You may also email her at cvincent-rodas@parish.dol-in.org.

Please prayerfully consider helping as a catechist. We need 2-3 catechists for each grade. There will be catechist trainings offered the week of August 23rd. Please know that without your help, we cannot offer faith formation and sacramental preparation classes for the young people of our parishes. Please contact Christine for more information.

St. Joseph Helpers

On Thursday, July 29th at 6:00 PM the St. Joseph Helpers will meet in Zimmer Hall.

Daughters of Mary: Social Gathering on Tuesday, July 27th at 6:00pm

Calling all women 18 years older: Are you new to the St. Mary Alexandria parish? Or, do you want to learn how to help others or just meet other women of the parish? In July, the Daughters of Mary women's ministry is hosting a short regular monthly meeting followed by a social gathering. Join us at St. Mary Alexandria (Zimmer Hall) on **Tuesday, July 27th at 6:pm**. We plan to have games, snacks, drinks, and fun time!

For more information about Daughters of Mary, contact Fran Crist (voice/test 765-639-2107). Also, look for flyers and information about the Daughters of Mary at the entrances of the church.

Knights of Columbus (1225 Main St. Anderson)

Rummage sale is August! We will be accepting donations up to Friday, July 30th for our rummage sale on August 12-15. Please call Joe @ 765-606-8711 to set up a time that you will be dropping of your treasures or if you need to do it on another day. The times for our rummage sale are Thursday, August 12th, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm; Friday, August 13th, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm; Saturday, August 14th, from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm; and Sunday, August 15th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Masks are recommended.

Registration Deadline Approaching for Marriage Healing Program

Retrouvaille is program that has been helping hurting marriages around the world for more than 40 years. The Indianapolis-area community holds two weekends each year and last year served couples from Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois. If you are arguing constantly, feeling angry, frustrated or thinking about separating; if you wish that you could reconnect or build a stronger, more satisfying relationship; or if you experienced a crisis that leave you feeling broken or in despair, there is hope. Retrouvaille offers tools to help you rediscover a loving marriage relationship. The next Indianapolis Retrouvaille program begins August 13-15, 2021. For confidential information and to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org, email: RetrouIndy@gmail.com or call 317-489-6811.

COVID VACCINATION: Anyone age 12 and older may now schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment in the State of Indiana. To register, log on to <https://vaccine.coronavirus.in.gov/en-US/> or call 211 (866-211-9966) if you do not have access to a computer or need assistance. Walk-in appointments are also accepted at most vaccination sites. Both options provide services in Spanish and English.

Holy Cross School is seeking a 4th grade and Art teacher. Please call the school office at 765-642-1848 or email resume to Principal Neal at tneal@holycrossschool-anderson.org.

St. Mary Catholic School in Alexandria, is seeking to hire a full-time middle school teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Teacher assignment: 7th and 8th grade classroom teacher St. Mary School Alexandria. Start date: August 4, 2021 Candidate should possess the following: A bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university; A valid Indiana Teaching License; Excellent written and oral communication skills; Believes in cooperative, hands on learning strategies for education; Knowledge of Indiana Middle school education standards; Desire to incorporate the Catholic faith into daily lessons; Ability to collaborate, as a part of a learning community, with colleagues; Candidates who model Catholic beliefs, practices, and values are preferred; Application candidates should submit their cover letter and resume to Rachel Duckworth rduckworth@stmaryalex.net or contact the school office at 765.724.4459.

Part-time Cafeteria Position

Holy Cross South Campus has an open position in the cafeteria from approximately 9:00 AM - Noon for 2 to 3 days a week. If you are interested or know someone that might be, please call the St. Ambrose Rectory at 644-5956.

Catholic Community of Anderson Soup Kitchen Ministry

Resurrection is our call to do what is right in this world. If we come to Mass, share the scriptures, stand together at the altar and receive Communion, then we are compelled to carry the implications of the Mass into the world, especially through the corporal works of mercy. The risen Christ waits for us to serve him in the poor, in the hungry, thirsty, naked, abandoned people around us. The message could not be clearer: If you say you love me, come and find me in these, your least brothers and sisters. "As long as you do it to one of these, you have done it to me" (Matt 25:31-46). The Catholic Community of Anderson Soup Kitchen Ministry is seeking men and women who have a call from the Lord to feed the hungry at the Christian Center. We will be serving the last Wednesday of the month, 4:15 pm. to 6:15 p.m. Two meals will be served: One for the men of the Center and the second for the community at large. For more information call Ron Cole at 779-4302 or (317) 701- 1170.

Save the Date: St. Mary (Alexandria) 125th Celebration

Friends and families: Save the date of Saturday, September 11th after the 4:30pm Mass! St. Mary Catholic Church and School (820 W. Madison St. in Alexandria) will be commemorating the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the original church. More information to come on this celebration of Faith, Family and Fun! For more information, contact Jenny Chapel via voice/text (765)749-0848 or email larryjennychapel@gmail.com.

5th Annual Serra Series Softball Game

The Priests and the Seminarians will play their 5th annual softball game between each other. This will be held on Friday, July 30th at the Kokomo Municipal Stadium. Gates open at 6:00 PM. Pregame starts at 6:45 PM and the first pitch is at 7:00 PM. The Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. This is an awesome family-friendly event and they would like the parish families to join them for a night at the ballpark!

USCCB Is Celebrating Natural Family Planning Week July 25-31.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a unique form of fertility education. Specifically, NFP is the title for the moral, natural and healthy, modern and scientifically reliable methods of family planning. These methods teach married couples how to identify and understand their combined signs of fertility. This information then helps married couples plan to achieve or postpone a pregnancy. NFP is morally good because it helps married couples respect God's design for married love. (Theresa Notare, PhD, Assistant Director, NFP Program, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). Questions? Contact Susan Hoefer, NFP Coordinator at shoefer@dol-in.org / (765) 421-1998.

Coffee Sales

Coffee Sales will be August 7th & 8th. They will be on the first weekend of every month in the St. Mary Anderson Church Annex after the Masses.

Prayer Guardians Needed: Pilgrim Queen of the Family

Since 2006, St. Mary (Alexandria) has had several teams of prayer Guardians who recite the rosary and litany to Our Blessed Mother for the Church and Pope's intentions, vocations, families, friends, and all intentions by all individuals. Through the Pilgrim Queen of the Family, Our Blessed Mother visits our individual homes, wanting to give us many graces and blessings. How does this work? Teams receive a rosary shrine of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe along with a book of prayers to use. Each team of Guardians consists of 10 families or individuals who take turns praying a rosary at home with the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for three assigned days each month (for example, the 16th, 17th, and 18th day of the month). After completing their three days of prayer, the Guardian passes the shrine to the next Guardian in their team. We currently have 3 openings for families or individuals to join one of the teams. If interested, Guardians will be available in the Narthex after Masses the weekend of July 31-Aug. 1. Calendars of existing St. Mary (Alexandria) teams and information will be available in the Narthex. For general information about the Pilgrim Queen of the Family, visit <https://pilgrimqueen.org> or <https://www.virgenperegrina.org/home.php>.

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