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August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

agosto 8, 2021

Decimonoveno domingo del tiempo ordinario

Off the Top of My Head...

In recent months, many public institutions have reduced or eliminated restrictions having to do with Covid-19. That includes the three parishes of our Pastorate. We have reduced the number of “socially distanced” pews, made masks mostly optional, and started singing congregationally. This weekend our ushers begin taking up the collection (while wearing masks). We have not restored physical touch during the Sign of Peace or Communion from the Cup. But we’re moving in that direction. Meanwhile, the numbers of positive Covid tests and Covid-related hospitalizations are rising. A physician friend who reports and comments daily on the latest Covid trends posted this on July 26: “Deaths are at their lowest 7-day average to date, but... deaths are the most lagging indicator. With the rise in hospitalizations, deaths will start to rise as well.”

He continues: “Hospitalizations are up 52% since the nadir of hospitalizations...June 30. Cases are up 194% over the same time period. Local hospitals are...starting to see more COVID,...at a time when hospitals are already full of sick people...”

Information obtained recently from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that the “delta variant” of the virus can be as contagious as chicken pox, spreads more easily than the common cold, and likely increases the risk of severe disease and hospitalization, compared with the original strain.

In sharing this frightening information, I am not trying to frighten anyone. Rather I’m stating the obvious: There is a good chance that we will see another “wave” of Covid infections, disease, and deaths in the coming weeks and months, especially after the weather gets cooler and more people congregate inside of buildings (like churches). So it’s quite possible that we will lose some or all of the gains we have made, including the ways we have been able to reduce Covid-related restrictions for those attending Mass.

So I am making another plea – yes, I’m pleading – for people to receive the Covid vaccine. Almost all of those who were recently hospitalized or died because of Covid were people who were not vaccinated.

The history of chickenpox provides a helpful lesson. In the early 1990s, there were 4 million chickenpox infections, 12,000 hospitalizations, and 125 deaths in the U.S. annually. Since a vaccine became available in 1995, over 3.5 million cases, 9,000 hospitalizations, and 100 deaths are prevented by vaccination in the United States annually. Vaccines work! And chicken pox is not Covid-19.

Fr. Tom Metzger
 August 8, 2021

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Pensamiento del Padre Tom...

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En los últimos meses, muchas instituciones públicas han reducido o eliminado las restricciones relacionadas con Covid-19. Eso incluye las tres parroquias de nuestro Pastorado.

Hemos reducido el número de bancos "socialmente distanciados", hemos hecho que las máscaras sean en su mayoría opcionales y hemos comenzado a cantar en la congregación. Este fin de semana nuestros ministros de hospitalidad comienzan a retomar la colección (con máscaras). No hemos restaurado el contacto físico durante el Signo de la Paz o la copa en la Comunión. Pero nos estamos moviendo en esa dirección.

Mientras tanto, el número de pruebas positivas de Covid y de hospitalizaciones relacionadas con Covid está aumentando. Un amigo médico que informa y comenta diariamente sobre las últimas tendencias de Covid publicó esto el 26 de julio: "Las muertes están en su promedio más bajo de 7 días hasta la fecha, pero... las muertes son el indicador más rezagado. Con el aumento de las hospitalizaciones, las muertes también comenzarán a aumentar".

Continúa: "Las hospitalizaciones aumentaron un 52% desde el punto más bajo de las hospitalizaciones... el 30 de junio. Los casos aumentaron un 194% durante el mismo período de tiempo. Los hospitales locales están ... comenzando a ver más COVID, ... en un momento en que los hospitales ya están llenos de gente enferma ... "

La información obtenida recientemente de los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades muestra que la "variante delta" del virus puede ser tan contagiosa como la varicela, se propaga más fácilmente que el resfriado común y probablemente aumenta el riesgo de enfermedad grave y hospitalización, en comparación con la cepa original.

Al compartir esta aterradora información, no intento asustar a nadie. Más bien, estoy diciendo lo obvio: existe una buena posibilidad de que veamos otra "ola" de infecciones, enfermedades y muertes por Covid en las próximas semanas y meses, especialmente después de que el clima se vuelva más fresco y más personas se congreguen dentro de los edificios (como la iglesia). Por lo tanto, es muy posible que perdamos algunos o todos los logros que hemos logrado, incluidas las formas en que hemos podido reducir las restricciones relacionadas con Covid para los que asisten a misa.

Así que estoy haciendo otra súplica, sí, estoy suplicando, para que las personas reciban la vacuna Covid. Casi todos los que fueron hospitalizados recientemente o murieron a causa de Covid eran personas que NO estaban vacunadas.

La historia de la varicela proporciona una lección útil. A principios de la década de 1990, había 4 millones de infecciones por varicela, 12,000 hospitalizaciones y 125 mil muertes en los EE. UU. Anualmente. Desde que se dispuso de una vacuna en 1995, en los Estados Unidos anualmente se previenen más de 3,5 millones de casos, 9.000 hospitalizaciones y 100 mil muertes mediante la vacunación. ¡Las vacunas funcionan! Y la varicela no es Covid-19.

Fr. Tom Metzger

Agosto 8, 2021

CONFESSION TIMES ON SATURDAYS

St. Mary Anderson - 1:00-2:00 PM until further notice in the sacristy.

St. Ambrose - 4:00-5:00 PM. St. Mary Alexandria - 3:30-4:00 PM

HORARIO DE CONFESIÓN LOS SÁBADOS

St. Mary Anderson - 1:00-2:00 PM. Hasta nuevo aviso en la sacristía.

St. Ambrose - 4:00-5:00 PM. St. Mary Alexandria - 3:30-4:00 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Aug. 9	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Betty Brownfield
Tuesday	Aug. 10	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Poor Souls
Wednesday	Aug. 11	8:00 AM 8:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex. St. Vincent Hosp.	Lee Crum Agnes Libler Betty Brownfield
Thursday	Aug. 12	8:30 AM	St. Mary And.	David Papai
Friday	Aug. 13	8:00 AM 8:10 AM	St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Theresa DiRuzza Connie Reis
Saturday	Aug. 14	4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	St Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Patrick Wildman Pro Populo Father Edward Dhondt
Sunday	Aug. 15	7:30 AM 8:30AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Ruth Justice Allan Matchett Raymond Novak Arnoldo Sierra

Next Sunday's Reading - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lectura del próximo domingo - Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Psalm 45:10-12, 16

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Luke 1:39-56

Revelación 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10 ab

Salmo 45:10-12, 16

1 Corintios 15:20-27

Lucas 1:39-56

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.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary (Alexandria)

Adoration of our Blessed Jesus in the Eucharist is held the **third Sunday of each month (August 15th)** at St. Mary Alexandria after the 8:30 am Mass. Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex to sign up for a particular time from **9:30 am-12:30 pm**. Sign up is preferred but not required. Adoration concludes at 12:30 pm with a simple reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. *“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth,”* — St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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.

Special Intentions

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

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. For information about the Pilgrim Queen of the Family, visit <https://pilgrimqueen.org> or <https://www.virgenperegrina.org/home.php>.

Our Faithful Departed:

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



Sta. María Anderson Actualización del proyecto

Como recordará a partir de 2017, nuestra parroquia comenzó a recaudar fondos para una variedad de reparaciones del exterior del edificio de la iglesia, incluida la reparación / reemplazo del techado, mampostería, canaletas, etc. El trabajo comenzó en 2018 y se completó en 2019, por debajo del presupuesto y pagado en su totalidad por un monto de \$ 284,763. Ese trabajo se consideró la Fase 1 de un proyecto general aprobado por el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial y el Consejo Financiero Parroquial. La Fase 2 comprende las reparaciones del trabajo de metal ornamental, mampostería, ventanas y otros elementos de al torre / campanario.

Muchas gracias a todos los que contribuyeron económicamente con este proyecto y a los que rezaron por su éxito. ¡Usted ayudó a hacer posible este importante y esencial trabajo!

P. Tom Metzger

Quinceañera Retiro de otoño 2021

Las Oficinas de Vida Familiar y Ministerio Hispano han creado un equipo que ofrecerá, dos veces al año, retiros de quinceañeras. Este servicio pastoral tiene como objetivo ofrecer a las jóvenes de 15 años la oportunidad de vivir un encuentro personal con Jesús como el mejor contexto espiritual para celebrar y dedicar su juventud a Dios. Al mismo tiempo, pero en una sala separada, los padres recibirán una formación (en español) sobre cómo acompañar a sus adolescentes en este momento particular de sus vidas: cómo comunicarse de manera eficiente con ellos, y herramientas clave para hablar con ellos sobre la sexualidad y las decisiones emocionales a las que se enfrentan en este momento de sus vidas. El retiro en sí no tiene costo. Solo pedimos una contribución de \$10 por persona (\$25 si viene con dos padres) para cubrir los gastos de comida. Al final del retiro, la adolescente recibirá un certificado que puede presentar en su parroquia como prueba válida de su disposición para celebrar su Quinceañera en un contexto religioso en la iglesia.

Retiro de quinceañera otoño 2021: Sábado 16 de octubre: de 9:00 a 15:30 h. Santa Juana de Arco, 3155 S 200 W Kokomo. Los formularios de inscripción para este retiro se pueden encontrar en el tablón de anuncios de la iglesia. Si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en ponerse en contacto con nuestra oficina.

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.

CÓMO RECIBIR LA VACUNACIÓN COVID-19: Cualquier persona mayor de 12 años o más, ahora puede programar una cita para la vacuna COVID-19 en el estado de Indiana. Para ubicar un sitio de vacunación cerca de usted, inicie sesión en vaccines.gov (inglés) o vacunas.gov (español). Si no tiene acceso a una computadora o necesita ayuda, llame al 211 (866-211-9966).

Todas las vacunas que se ofrecen son seguras, efectivas y aprobadas por la Iglesia Católica para su uso. Las vacunas son gratuitas para todos.

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.

Grab and Go Fundraiser Dinner for SVDP

After the Saturday Masses on August 14th at St. Mary's and St. Ambrose, SVDP volunteers will be offering a Grab and Go Dinner. It's the Sager's Famous BBQ Pork Sandwich, cookie, and chips for \$10! Please come and help the poor in our community by helping SVDP and have a delicious dinner! Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Ten years ago Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsored an annual search to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope to younger couples — that marriage can last a lifetime. **The 11th Annual Search is now on for the Longest Married Couple.** In addition to honoring the longest married couple for the entire United States, recognition will also be given to a couple from each State who has achieved that distinction. Go to wwwme.org to find out more information and to **nominate couples**. You do not need to know the Couple personally to nominate them. Nominations must be received by **September 10, 2021**. THANK YOU for participating in our 11th Annual search for the Longest Married Couple!

HOW TO RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINATION:

Anyone age 12 and older may now schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment in the State of Indiana. To locate a vaccination site near you, log on to [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) (English) or [vacunas.gov](https://www.vacunas.gov) (Spanish). If you do not have access to a computer or need assistance, call 211 (866-211-9966). All the vaccines being offered are safe, effective, and approved by the Catholic Church for use. Vaccinations are free of charge to everyone.

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.

"It's in the Bag" – Purse Auction

Isabel Society of United Faith Housing is hosting a Purse Auction on Saturday, August 28, 2021 to benefit the residents of Harter House and Vermillion Place. It will be held at Davis Park on Nichol Ave in Edgewood from 2:00-4:00 PM. There will be over 35 designer and name brand purses for bid. Each purse is new or gently used and will contain themed contents. Some of the themes are coffee, chocolate, gardening, sports, picnic, and crafts. Cash or cards are accepted. Ticket price is only \$5.00. For tickets, contact Becky Hull @ 765 425-0949 or Harter House @ 765 642 7600. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us!

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

An Update on St. Mary's Anderson Church Renovation Project Phase 1 and the

"People for the Steeple" Appeal

St. Mary's (Anderson) parishioners will remember that, beginning in 2017, our parish began raising funds for a variety of repairs to the exterior of the church building, including repair/replacement of flashing, roofing, masonry, gutters, etc. The work began in 2018 and was completed in 2019, under budget and fully paid in the amount of \$284,763. That work was considered Phase 1 of an overall project approved by the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council. We will conduct a special Pulpit Appeal on the last two weekends of August to raise funds for the costs of Phase 2 of this project, which will encompass repairs to the ornamental metal work, masonry, windows, and other elements of the steeple/bell tower.

Many thanks to all who contributed financially to our Church Renovation Project Phase 1, and to those who prayed for its success. You helped to make this important and essential work possible!

Fr. Tom Metzger

Catholic Community of Anderson Soup Kitchen Ministry

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 (765) 779-4302 or (317) 701-1170.

Soup Kitchen Menu *"For I was Hungry and you gave me Food."* (Mt25:35) The Catholic Community of Anderson encourages **everyone to bring any of the following food items** to church and place them in baskets during the weekend Masses on **August 21/22**: 14.05 oz. can diced tomatoes; 15.5 or 30.5 oz. cans of Chili Hot Beans; Onions; 8 oz. of spaghetti; 3 oz. cans of Chili powder; 30 oz. packages of American cheese; Boxes of Saltine crackers; Quart or gallon size cans fruit. **During the month of August, we will be preparing 20 gallons of Chili for the Women and Children at Alternatives; and the men of the Christian center plus those from the community who will dine separately at the Center. That is about 300 bowls of Chili. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. The meals will be served on August 25th.**

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.

Support the School Sisters of Notre Dame!

The School Sisters of Notre Dame is an international congregation of religious women grounded in the concept of transforming the world through education. The sisters faithfully served at St. Mary School and Parish in Alexandria – beginning their work at the first school in 1897! Given their deep-rooted history with our parish, we welcome you to contribute to their fund supporting a new chapel which will be built on Trinity Woods, a residential community on the Mount Mary University campus in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Benefactors who give \$300 or more will be included in a beautiful Commemorative Registry displayed prominently outside the new chapel. St. Mary's Parish has made a contribution and will be recognized in the Commemorative Registry. To donate, please make checks payable to SSND and return to School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development Office, 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove 53122. Thank you for your generosity! For more information, contact Theresa Liu at tliu@ssndcp.org.

Rummage Sale Knights of Columbus (1225 Main St. Anderson)

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.

Little Sisters of the Poor Gold Outing

The Swing Fore Seniors Golf Tournament is Thursday, September 9, 2021 at Prairie View Golf Club Indianapolis, registration begins at 10:00 am, lunch is served at 11:00 am and the shotgun start is at 11:30 am. Dinner and Awards following golf. Please contact Jeremy Hill at (317) 635-8900 or Jeremy.hill@dentons.com for more information.

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