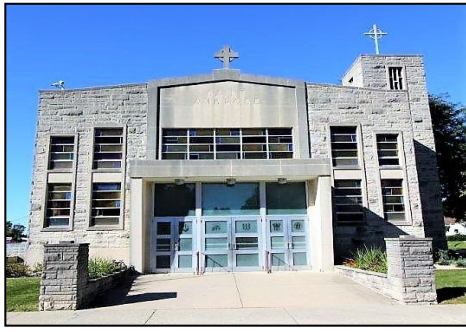




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Anderson, IN 46016
765-644-5956



St. Mary Church
1115 Pearl St.
Anderson, IN 46016
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Alexandria, IN 46001
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August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

agosto 15, 2021

La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

Off the Top of My Head...

I'm happy to announce that Christine Vincent-Rodas has been hired as the Director of Evangelization for the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate.

Christine has served as Director of Religious Education at St. John Vianney parish in Fishers. She has degrees from Marian University and St. Meinrad School of Theology, with extensive experience in lay ministry and leadership on parish and diocesan levels. She reads, writes, and speaks Spanish fluently.

Her journey to our Pastorate began in the summer of 2020, when, already employed at St. John Vianney parish but living in Anderson, she volunteered in the Anderson parishes to help organize sacramental preparation processes which were hindered by the Covid-19 pandemic and an absence of faith formation staff. She found herself drawn to the community here in the Pastorate, including the Hispanic community.

Her full title is "Director of Evangelization, Family Life, and Pastoral Ministries," and her responsibilities include the areas of pastoral planning, adult formation, liturgy, music, pastoral and community care, and outreach. Although Christine has some experience with sacramental preparation in the Anderson parishes, she will be taking on broader responsibilities in the Pastorate, with its three parishes of St. Mary's (Alexandria), St. Mary's (Anderson), and St. Ambrose. One of my priorities is for Christine to become familiar with the various aspects of life, ministry, and community in each of our three parishes.

Christine's starting date is August 23. Welcome, Christine Vincent-Rodas, our new Director of Evangelization, Family Life, and Pastoral Ministries!

And another important announcement: St. Mary's parish in Anderson will soon be conducting a financial appeal to raise \$250,000 for the repair of the church steeple, which has needed attention for quite some time. The appeal, entitled "St. Mary's People for the Steeple," will be kicked off next Sunday and continue through December 31st.

To clarify, St. Mary's (Anderson) will not be asking for donations from the people of St. Mary's in Alexandria or St. Ambrose, with these exceptions: Former St. Mary's (Anderson) parishioners and alumni of St. Mary's School in Anderson will be invited to consider a donation, AFTER they attend to the needs of their own parishes. These "Friends of St. Mary's" are members of parishes all over the country, including St. Ambrose and St. Mary's, Alexandria.

Parishioners and non-parishioners of St. Mary's Anderson who want to find out more about this appeal can check out the Pastorate website, <https://stambroestmary.org/>, under "People for the Steeple."

We are moving *on*!

Fr. Tom Metzger
 August 15, 2021

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 Business Manager: Harriett Russel -Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate
 Parish Secretaries: Anita Myers; & Jan Adams (M-W-F); Madison King St. Mary Alexandria
 Holy Cross School Principal: Tina Neal St. Mary School Principal: Rachel Duckworth

Me complace anunciar que Christine Vincent-Rodas ha sido contratada como Directora de Evangelización para la Pastora Anderson-Alexandria.

Christine se ha desempeñado como Directora de Educación Religiosa en la parroquia St. John Vianney en Fishers. Tiene títulos de la Universidad Mariana y la Escuela de Teología de St. Meinrad, con amplia experiencia en el ministerio y liderazgo laico a nivel parroquial y diocesano. Lee, escribe y habla español con fluidez. Su viaje a nuestra Pastoral comenzó en el verano de 2020, cuando, ya empleada en la parroquia de St. John Vianney pero viviendo en Anderson, se ofreció como voluntaria en las parroquias de Anderson para ayudar a organizar los procesos de preparación sacramental que se vieron obstaculizados por la pandemia de Covid-19 y una ausencia de personal de formación en la fe. Se sintió atraída por la comunidad aquí en la Pastoral, incluida la comunidad hispana.

Su título completo es “Directora de Evangelización, Vida Familiar y Ministerios Pastorales”, y sus responsabilidades incluyen las áreas de planificación pastoral, formación de adultos, liturgia, música, cuidado pastoral y comunitario, y alcance.

Aunque Christine tiene algo de experiencia con la preparación sacramental en las parroquias de Anderson, asumirá responsabilidades más amplias en la Pastoral, con sus tres parroquias de St. Mary (Alejandría), St. Mary (Anderson) y St. Ambrosio. Una de mis prioridades es que Christine se familiarice con los diversos aspectos de la vida, el ministerio y la comunidad en cada una de nuestras tres parroquias.

La fecha de inicio de Christine es el 23 de agosto. ¡Bienvenida, Christine Vincent-Rodas, nuestra nueva Directora de Evangelización, Vida Familiar y Ministerios Pastorales!

Y otro anuncio importante: la parroquia de St. Mary en Anderson pronto realizará un llamado financiero para recaudar \$ 250,000 para la reparación de la torre de la iglesia, que ha necesitado atención durante bastante tiempo. La apelación, titulada “La Gente por la Torre” “St. Mary’s People for the Steeple”, comenzará el próximo domingo y continuará hasta el 31 de diciembre.

Para aclarar, St. Mary's (Anderson) no pedirá donaciones de la gente de St. Mary's en Alexandria o St. Ambrosio, con estas excepciones: Antiguos feligreses de St. Mary's (Anderson) y ex alumnos de St. Mary's School en Anderson serán invitados a considerar una donación, DESPUÉS de atender las necesidades de sus propias parroquias. Estos "Amigos de Santa María" son miembros de parroquias de todo el país, incluidos San Ambrosio y Santa María, Alejandría.

Los feligreses y no feligreses de St. Mary's Anderson que deseen obtener más información sobre esta apelación pueden visitar el sitio web de la Pastoral, <https://stambrosestmary.org/>, en "Gente por la Torre". ¡Seguimos adelante!

Fr. Tom Metzger
August 15, 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



St. Ambrose

YTD Giving \$ 253,647 YTD Expenses \$ 221,935

St. Mary

YTD Giving \$ 314,024 YTD Expenses \$ 258,886

St. Mary Alexandria

YTD Giving \$ N/A YTD Expenses \$ N/A

visit our website - [www.https://stambrosestmary.org](https://stambrosestmary.org)

On Line Giving— visit us at the following:

St. Ambrose—<https://osvhub.com/st-ambrose-church-anderson/funds>

St. Mary Anderson—<https://osvhub.com/stmaryanderson/funds>

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Aug. 16	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Betty Brownfield
Tuesday	Aug. 17	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Poor Souls
Wednesday	Aug. 18	8:00 AM 8:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex. St. Vincent Hosp.	Hilda & Ted Kempher Albert Biscuso Betty Brownfield
Thursday	Aug. 19	8:30 AM	St. Mary And.	Ronald Rhoten
Friday	Aug. 20	8:00 AM 8:10 AM	St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Pat & Regina Hellmann James Coker
Saturday	Aug. 21	4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	St Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Catherine Holtzleiter Macy Jo Brunt Raymond Novak
Sunday	Aug. 22	7:30 AM 8:30AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Pro Populo Ken Clark Kathryn Cole Poor Souls

Next Sunday's Reading - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectura del próximo domingo - Vigésimo primer domingo del tiempo ordinario

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21

Eph 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Salmo 34:2-3, 16-21

Efesios 5:21-32

Juan 6:60-69

Bulletin Deadline: To have announcements published in the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate Bulletin, please email them to stambrose2801@gmail.com by Wednesday at 12:00 Noon (at the latest) for publication the following weekend. And we reserve the right to edit.

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 miércoles a las 12:00 del mediodía (a más tardar) para su publicación en el fin de semana siguiente. Y nos reservamos el derecho a editar.

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.

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>.

St. Mary Alexandria Music Ministry

Our music ministry at St. Mary's Alexandria has re-started our praying/singing the Divine Mercy chaplet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm with cantor practice following it at 7 pm. (New cantors are welcome, too!)



Religious Education and Sacrament Prep Information

2021-2022 Religious Education classes as well as Sacrament Preparation classes will begin September 12th. 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. Mary Food Pantry

The food pantry is running low on boxed cereal, canned fruit, and toilet paper. You can bring these items to the St. Mary school annex on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. This pantry is listed on the Madison County Food Pantry List which means they are serving on average 11 families a week. The need is great if you are available to donate.

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 (English) or 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.

“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!

Boy Scout Troop 301—Building Leaders for Over 70 years!

Are you a boy aged 11-17?

Do you like to hike, camp, canoe, fish, rock climb and be outdoors? Troop 301 may be for you! We meet every Monday in the former Kindergarten building at St. Ambrose. Meetings are at 6:30 pm to 8pm. Reach out to Scoutmaster Adam Gwaltney at 765-606-5272 or gwaltneyae@aol.com. Connect with our Facebook page at Boy Scout Troop 301 Chartered 1950

Save The Date

Friends of the Poor Walk is September 25th at Highland Middle School. Check in at 10:30 am and the walk starts at 11:00 am. Activities are from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

School News

Holy Cross School is seeking a 4th grade teacher and Physical Education 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.

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.

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. 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.

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.**

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

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.

Misas en el Hospital

Desafortunadamente, Masses dijo que en el hospital todavía están cerrados al público. Es de esperar que pronto se levante la restricción, pero hasta entonces no se permite el público.





Sacred Heart of Jesus Pastorate releases their 3-year rolling pastoral plan (An excerpt from an article published in the August 8 edition of *The Catholic Moment*)

The weekend of June 11-13, 2021 was an exciting one for the Sacred Heart of Jesus pastorate in Cicero. Not only was the dispensation to attend Mass lifted that weekend but the parish had also just celebrated their feast day on June 11. These events together made it the perfect time to also roll out their pastorate's Pastoral Vision Plan which they had been working on for several months. "I devoted my weekend homily to introducing the plan

the weekend of June 12 and 13," said Father Sean Pogue, missionary pastor of the Sacred of Jesus pastorate. "We had just celebrated our feast day the day before on June 11, so I incorporated that as well. And since this was the weekend that COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, it also felt like a re-opening of sorts."

As part of the Uniting in Heart 2030 Pastoral Plan, pastorate leadership teams have been working with Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), the diocese, and their pastorate consultant, Molly Clark, to formulate a 3-year rolling pastoral plan. Over the last several months Sacred Heart has collected feedback from parishioners to guide their process, and spent much time in prayer to discern what Uniting in Heart will look like at their pastorate and to spread the love of Jesus Christ to all.

Since the plan rolled out in June, parishioners have been very engaged and interested in understanding how the plan will take shape. "Personally, I have received a ton of feedback from parishioners who are ready to get moving," said Annie Aker, director of evangelization for the pastorate. "Many are excited about the programs—having looked up the ones we are going to be implementing by publishers or asking questions about the ones that are in the works by the leadership team."

To make sure everyone had a chance to

review the plan, every registered parishioner received a copy in the mail. The pastorate has also made sure to keep the 3-year rolling plan top of mind. "We are always referencing the document," said Emily Sipes, director of operations. "We have them set out in various places, and Annie dedicated the July/August bulletin board in the narthex to the plan."

Through all of this, the Holy Spirit has certainly been at work. "Having had some great conversations over the last month or so, the energy and movement of the Holy Spirit has overflowed from the leadership team and planning committee to the parishioners who want to take on and embody the plan just as much as we are embracing it," said Aker.

Father Pogue agreed that the enthusiasm of the parishioners has been rewarding. "I have had a few people ask questions about some of the activities that are listed in our plan or things they weren't familiar with," he said. "One thing I have heard often is that there is a lot of stuff in the plan, and some have wondered if we could do it all. To that I responded that we have three years, a committed staff, a growing parish, and a vibrancy that only the Holy Spirit could bring, so yes, we can do it!"

To read more, see the August 8th edition of *The Catholic Moment*.



El Pastorado del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús lanza su plan pastoral continuo de 3 años (Un extracto de un artículo publicado en la edición del 8 de agosto de *The Catholic Moment*)

El fin de semana del 11 al 13 de junio de 2021 fue emocionante para el pastorado del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en Cicero. No sólo se levantó la dispensa para asistir a la Misa ese fin de semana, sino que la parroquia también acababa de celebrar su día de fiesta el 11 de junio. Estos eventos juntos hicieron que fuera el momento perfecto para implementar también el Plan de Visión Pastoral de su pastorado en el que habían estado trabajando durante varios meses. "Dediqué mi homilía del fin de semana

a presentar el plan el fin de semana del 12 y 13 de junio", dijo el padre Sean Pogue, pastor misionero del pastorado Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. "Acabábamos de celebrar nuestra fiesta el día anterior, el 11 de junio, así que también incorporé eso. Y dado que este fue el fin de semana en que se levantaron las restricciones de COVID-19, también se sintió como una especie de reapertura".

Como parte del Plan Pastoral Unidos en el Corazón 2030, los equipos de liderazgo pastoral han estado trabajando con Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), la diócesis y su consultora pastoral, Molly Clark, para formular un plan pastoral continuo de 3 años. Durante los últimos meses, el Sagrado Corazón ha recopilado comentarios de los feligreses para guiar su proceso y ha pasado mucho tiempo en oración para discernir cómo será Uniting in Heart en su pastorado y para difundir el amor de Jesucristo a todos.

Desde que se lanzó el plan en junio, los feligreses han estado muy comprometidos e interesados en comprender cómo tomará forma el plan. "Personalmente, he recibido un montón de comentarios de feligreses que están listos para ponerse en movimiento", dijo Annie Aker, directora de evangelización del pastorado. "Muchos están entusiasmados con los programas, ya que han buscado lo que vamos a implementar por editoriales o han hecho preguntas sobre los que están en proceso por parte del equipo de liderazgo".

Para asegurarse de que todos tuvieran la oportunidad de revisar el plan, todos los feligreses registrados recibieron una copia por correo. El pastorado también se ha asegurado de tener en mente el plan renovable de 3 años. "Siempre estamos haciendo referencia al documento", dijo Emily Sipes, directora de operaciones. "Los hemos colocado en varios lugares, y Annie dedicó el boletín de anuncios de julio/agosto en el nártex al plan".

A través de todo esto, el Espíritu Santo ciertamente ha estado obrando. "Habiendo tenido algunas grandes conversaciones durante el último mes, la energía y el movimiento del Espíritu Santo se ha desbordado desde el equipo de liderazgo y el comité de planificación a los feligreses que quieren asumir y encarnar el plan tanto como lo estamos adoptando", dijo Aker.

El padre Pogue estuvo de acuerdo en que el entusiasmo de los feligreses ha sido gratificante. "Algunas personas me han hecho preguntas sobre unas de las actividades que se enumeran en nuestro plan o cosas con las que no estaban familiarizados", dijo. "Una cosa que he escuchado a menudo es que hay muchas cosas en el plan y algunos se han preguntado si podremos hacerlo todo. A eso respondí que tenemos tres años, un personal comprometido, una parroquia en crecimiento y una vitalidad que sólo el Espíritu Santo podría traer, así que sí, ¡podemos hacerlo!".

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