

Christ is Born Cristo ha Nacido



*For a child is born to us, a son is given
to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor,
God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:5

*Porque un niño nos ha nacido, un hijo
se nos ha dado; le ponen en el hombro el
distintivo del rey y proclaman su nombre:
Consejero Admirable, Dios Fuerte,
Padre Que no Muere, Principe de la Paz.*

Isaias 9, 5

DECEMBER 25, 2022

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OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

Merry Christmas!

After our four weeks of Advent waiting and preparation, we now come to the season of fulfillment, when we recognize Christ's coming among us.

A special welcome to all our guests and visitors who are with us for our Christmas Masses. Whether you're out-of-towners visiting family or returning home, parishioners who haven't been with us for awhile, or true visitors to our parishes, perhaps experiencing Christmas Mass for the first time, welcome! May God bless you and yours with great joy and peace today and always.

I mentioned last week that the Christmas season only begins today, not ending the night of December 25 but continuing into January. (The last day of Christmas this year is Monday, January 9, 2023, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.)

What's the true meaning of Christmas?

For many, the answer to that question is simple: Christmas is not about trees, St. Nick, gifts, shopping, or snow, but about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. THAT's the meaning of Christmas.

While that answer is correct, it does not go far enough. After all, when we celebrate the Christmas season, we don't simply repeat our celebration of the birth of Christ. And when we consider that that final day of Christmas celebrates an event in the life of the adult Christ, namely his baptism, we have to conclude that Christmas is about more than just the birth of Jesus.

First, there are the events which accompanied the birth of Christ and which resulted from the birth of Christ, like the massacre of the Holy Innocents (Matthew 2:16-18) and the coming of the Magi (Luke 2:1-12).

Next, there are the various aspects of the coming of Christ that we celebrate in the liturgy during Christmas with feasts like the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and the Feast of the Holy Family.

Beyond the birth of Jesus, Christmas celebrates the Incarnation. The word "incarnation" comes from the Latin "in carne," and expresses the Word of God becoming flesh. The Gospel reading for Mass During the Day (of Christmas) comes from John 1:1-14, reaching its high point in these words: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

So, Merry Christmas! May we all rejoice in the Incarnation of the Word of God, who still dwells among us!

Fr. Tom Metzger
December 25, 2022

PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM

¡Feliz Navidad!

Después de las cuatro semanas de nuestra espera y preparación para el Adviento, ahora llegamos a la temporada del cumplimiento, cuando reconocemos la venida de Cristo entre nosotros.

Una especial bienvenida a todos nuestros huéspedes y visitantes que nos acompañan en nuestras Misas de Navidad. Ya sea que usted viva fuera de Anderson y visita a su familia o regresa a casa, un feligrés que no ha estado con nosotros por un tiempo o un verdadero visitante a nuestras parroquias, quizás experimentando por primera vez la Misa de Navidad ¡bienvenido! Que Dios te bendiga a ti y a los tuyos con mucha alegría y paz hoy y siempre.

Mencioné la semana pasada que la temporada navideña solo comienza hoy, que no termina la noche del 25 de diciembre sino que continúa hasta enero. (El último día de Navidad de este año es el lunes 9 de enero de 2023, la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor).

¿Cuál es el verdadero significado de la Navidad?

Para muchos, la respuesta a esa pregunta es simple: la Navidad no se trata de árboles, San Nicolás, regalos, compras o nieve, sino del nacimiento de Jesús en Belén. ESE es el significado de la Navidad.

Si bien esa respuesta es correcta, no abarca lo suficiente. Después de todo, cuando celebramos la temporada navideña, no repetimos simplemente nuestra celebración del nacimiento de Cristo. Y cuando consideramos que ese último día de Navidad celebra un evento en la vida del Cristo adulto, a saber, su bautismo, tenemos que concluir que la Navidad es algo más que el nacimiento de Jesús.

Primero, están los eventos que acompañaron el nacimiento de Cristo y que resultaron del nacimiento de Cristo, como la matanza de los Santos Inocentes (Mateo 2:16-18) y la venida de los Reyes Magos (Lucas 2:1-12).

Luego, están los diversos aspectos de la venida de Cristo que celebramos en la liturgia durante la Navidad con fiestas como la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios y la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia.

Más allá del nacimiento de Jesús, la Navidad celebra la Encarnación. La palabra "encarnación" proviene del latín "in carne", y expresa el Verbo de Dios hecho carne. La lectura del Evangelio para la Misa durante el día (de Navidad) proviene de Juan 1: 1-14, alcanzando su punto culminante en estas palabras: "Y la Palabra se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros".

Entonces, ¡Feliz Navidad! ¡Que todos nos regocijemos en la Encarnación la Palabra de Dios, que aún habita entre nosotros!

P. Tom Metzger
25 de diciembre de 2022

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS FOR THE WEEK / INTENCIONES & LECTURAS DE LAS MISAS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 / LUNES, 26 DE DICIEMBRE

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts/Hechos 6:8-10; 7:54-59 | Matthew/Mateo 10:17-22

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +*Poor Souls*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 / MARTES, 27 DE DICIEMBRE

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 John/1 Juan 1:1-4 | John/Juan 20:1a, 2-8

8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +*Theresa Witsken Minnick*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 / MIÉRCOLES, 28 DE DICIEMBRE

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 John/1 Juan 1:5—2:2 | Matthew/Mateo 2:13-18

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria +*Charles Mack*

11:30 AM St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson *Intentions Mayra Sierra*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 / JUEVES, 29 DE DICIEMBRE

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 John/1 Juan 2:3-11 | Luke/Lucas 2:22-35

8:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson +*Poor Souls*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 / VIERNES, 30 DE DICIEMBRE

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*Sirach/Sirácides 3:2-6, 12-14 or Colossians/Colosenses 3:12-21 |
Matthew/Mateo 2:13-15, 19-23*

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria +*Maurice Mehling*

8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +*Sarah Johnson*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 / SÁBADO, 31 DE DICIEMBRE

St. Sylvester I, Pope

1 John/1 Juan 2:18-21 | John/Juan 1:1-18

4:00 PM St. Mary, Anderson +*Stephanie Farran Miller*

4:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria +*Jerry Clabaugh*

5:30 PM St. Ambrose +*Richard Augustinovicz*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 / DOMINGO, 1 DE ENERO

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Numbers/Números 6:22-27 | Galatians/Gálatas 4:4-7 | Luke/Lucas 2:16-21

7:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson +*Hilde Mueller*

8:30 AM St. Mary, Alexandria *People of the Pastorate*

9:30 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +*Richard Jakupco*

11:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson *Intentions of Ibarra Pacheco Family*

Find the daily & Sunday readings
at [https://bible.usccb.org/readings/
calendar](https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar)

Encuentra las lecturas diarias y
dominicales en Español en [https://
bible.usccb.org/es/readings/
calendar](https://bible.usccb.org/es/readings/calendar)



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St. Ambrose Anita Myers

St. Mary, Anderson Robin Grose

St. Mary, Alexandria Traci Gates

CONFESSION TIMES / HORARIO DE CONFESIÓN

✠ St. Mary, Anderson
Saturdays/Sábados 1:00-2:00 PM
*Until further notice in the sacristy.
Hasta nuevo aviso en la sacristía.*

✠ St. Mary, Alexandria
Saturdays/Sábados 3:30-4:00 PM

✠ St. Ambrose
Saturdays/Sábados 4:00-5:00 PM



Holiday Office Hours

St. Ambrose Office Closed

- * Noon on Friday, December 23 until Tuesday, December 27 @ 8am
- * Noon on Friday, December 30 until Tuesday, January 3 @ 8am

St. Mary, Anderson Office Closed

- * Wednesday, December 21
- * Noon on Friday, December 23 until Tuesday, December 27 @ 8am
- * Wednesday, December 28
- * Noon on Friday, December 30 until Tuesday, January 3 @ 8am

St. Mary, Alexandria Parish & School Office Closed—

- * beginning Friday, December 23 until Monday, January 9 @ 8am



Oficina de San Ambrosio Cerrada

- * mediodía del viernes 23 de diciembre hasta el martes 27 de diciembre a las 8am
- * mediodía del viernes 30 de diciembre hasta el martes 3 de enero a las 8am

Oficina de Santa Maria, Anderson Cerrada

- * miércoles, 21 de diciembre
- * Mediodía del viernes 23 de diciembre hasta el martes 27 de diciembre a las 8am
- * miércoles, 28 de diciembre
- * mediodía del viernes 30 de diciembre hasta el martes 3 de enero a las 8am

Oficina de la Iglesia y la Escuela de Santa Maria, Alexandria Cerrado

- * a partir del viernes 23 de diciembre hasta el lunes 9 de enero a las 8am

FULL-TIME MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED—ST. MARY SCHOOL, ALEXANDRIA

St. Mary Catholic school in Alexandria, is seeking to hire a full-time middle school teacher.

Teacher assignment: 7th and 8th grade (non-departmentalized) classroom teacher.

Start date: January 9th, 2023

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 rduckworth@stmaryalex.net or contact the school office at 765.724.4459





NOW HIRING—MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

We are currently seeking candidates for the position of full-time maintenance technician at St. Mary Anderson/Holy Cross School North. The desired applicant is one with previous maintenance experience, skilled in plumbing, electrical, drywall, painting, etc. Benefits include Pension & Retirement plans, medical, dental and vision coverage, paid time off, paid parental leave and free parking. Please call Director of Operations Buddy LeRose at (765) 644-5956 or email your resume to dlrose@parish.dol-in.org.

AHORA CONTRATANDO—TÉCNICO DE MANTENIMIENTO

Actualmente estamos buscando candidatos para el puesto de técnico de mantenimiento de tiempo completo en St. Mary Anderson/Holy Cross School North. El solicitante deseado es uno con experiencia previa en mantenimiento, con conocimientos de plomería, electricidad, paneles de yeso, pintura, etc. Los beneficios incluyen planes de pensión y jubilación, cobertura médica, dental y de la vista, tiempo libre pagado, licencia parental paga y estacionamiento gratuito. Llame al Director de Operaciones Buddy LeRose al (765) 644-5956 o envíe su currículum por correo electrónico a dlrose@parish.dol-in.org.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Holy Cross School in Anderson, the successor school to Saint Mary's and Saint Ambrose schools in Anderson, is compiling an alumni list. We are looking for former students (not only graduates) of St. Ambrose, St. Mary or Holy Cross schools.

We would love to have as much current contact information as possible, including address, email and phone number. Besides information for yourselves, if you have friends or family members who are alumni/former students, we would be grateful if you would share any contact information you have for them as well.

Information can be submitted:

- ⇒ by email— scouncil@holycrossschool-anderson.org
- ⇒ by mail—St. Mary Church,
c/o Alumni Committee
305 E. 11th Street, Anderson, IN 46016.
- ⇒ by phone—St. Mary, Anderson [765-644-8467](tel:765-644-8467)
St. Ambrose [765-644-5956](tel:765-644-5956)

We are also looking for copies of St. Mary's yearbooks from 1976 to 1981. We want to plan opportunities to reconnect with alumni so we appreciate your help!



NOSOTROS NECESITAMOS TU AYUDA

La escuela Holy Cross en Anderson, la escuela sucesora de las escuelas Saint Mary's y Saint Ambrose en Anderson, está compilando una lista de ex alumnos. Estamos buscando ex alumnos (no solo graduados) de las escuelas St. Ambrose, St. Mary o Holy Cross.

Nos encantaría tener la mayor cantidad de información de contacto actualizada posible, incluida la dirección, el correo electrónico y el número de teléfono. Además de la información para ustedes, si tienen amigos o familiares que son exalumnos/antiguos alumnos, les agradeceríamos que también compartiesen cualquier información de contacto que tengan con ellos.

La información se puede enviar:

- ⇒ por correo electrónico—scouncil@holycrossschool-anderson.org
- ⇒ por correo—St. maria iglesia,
c/o Comité de Antiguos Alumnos
305 E. 11th Street, Anderson, IN 46016.
- ⇒ por teléfono—St. María, Anderson [765-644-8467](tel:765-644-8467)
San Ambrosio [765-644-5956](tel:765-644-5956)

También estamos buscando copias de los anuarios de St. Mary's de 1976 a 1981. ¡Queremos planificar oportunidades para volver a conectarnos con ex alumnos, por lo que apreciamos su ayuda!



Adoration
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Next Sunday, January 1
10:30am—3:00pm
at St. Ambrose



Adoración
DEL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO
Proximo domingo,
1 de January
10:30am—3:00 pm
en St. Ambrose, Anderson



IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Are you considering becoming a Catholic? Do you have questions about how a person would join the Catholic Church? If yes, please call one of the persons listed below for more information.

For St. Ambrose & St. Mary Parishes, Anderson:

- Mary Pat Marstall @ 765-617-2523

For St. Mary Parish, Alexandria:

- Scott Woodruff @ 765-278-7134



¿DIOS TE LLAMA?

¿Está considerando convertirse en católico? ¿Tiene preguntas sobre cómo una persona se uniría a la Iglesia Católica? En caso afirmativo, llame a una de las personas que se enumeran a continuación para obtener más información.

- Ana Kroll (español) @ 765-278-6453



Journeys of Faith is a series of videos of the newly initiated telling the story of the journey that brought them to the Church. Their stories witness the goodness of God and refresh our weary souls.

Check out Kyuss' story:

<https://vimeo.com/716518332/7eec35750d>



SCAN ME

Check out Brandy's story:

<https://vimeo.com/718764559/41366ea283>



SCAN ME

THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL!

Thank you for your overwhelming response to the 2022 Advent Giving Trees. Saint Vincent de Paul picked up over 4 truck loads of non-food items and house-hold goods all the way from pillows to toasters on December 15, 2022. All the items are top quality and match our needs for 2023. Blessings.



GRACIAS DE ST. VICENTE DE PAUL!

Gracias por su abrumadora respuesta a los árboles de donación de Adviento de 2022. Saint Vincent de Paul recogió más de 4 camiones cargados de artículos no alimentarios y artículos para el hogar, desde almohadas hasta tostadoras, el 15 de diciembre de 2022. Todos los artículos son de primera calidad y se ajustan a nuestras necesidades para 2023. Bendiciones.

MORE INFORMATION NEXT WEEK ON THE SUCCESS OF THE ADVENT GIVING TREES!

ATTENTION MEN OF THE ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA PASTORATE

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be?

Then Come Join...



THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.



THY KINGDOM COME

CLAIM YOUR ROYAL DIGNITY AND INHERITANCE

EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF TRANSFORMATION!

- Confront the worldly kingdoms and spiritual evils of our day.
- Discover exactly what it takes to overthrow an empire and inherit the kingdom of God.
- Discover a new way, a new outlook and new perspective on this life and the next.
- Wrestle with the mysteries of a kingdom "not of this world" yet simultaneously "within you".
- Learn to acquire the taste for the kingdom of heaven with food for both the body and soul.
- Contemplate a powerful, modern day prophecy and discern its profound implications.
- Experience the transformation of God through personal testimonies that will touch the hardest of hearts.
- Embrace the God of mercy and experience His superabundant compassion and love.
- Discover Jesus Christ present, as the true King of your heart and claim your royal inheritance.
- Live with an eternal perspective.
- Become the man we need to rebuild the kingdom!

SPEAKERS:



FR. DAVE PIVONKA
PRESIDENT, FRANCISCAN
UNIVERSITY OF ST. LOUIS
CREATOR, THE WILD-DOSE



DR. RALPH MARTIN
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT,
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PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Saturday Mornings,
Beginning January 7, 2023
6:00 A.M. to 7:30 A.M.
Knights of Columbus Hall
1225 Main Street

SCHEDULE:

6:00 A.M. Breakfast
6:30 A.M. Presentation
7:00 A.M. Discussion
7:30 A.M. Dismissal

REGISTRATION:

For more information TEXT:
Mike Evans
765-602-0306
Please put "TMIY" first in the
message.



**THY
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THAT MAN IS YOU—SPRING SEMESTER SCHEDULE

January 7:	Resilience and Perseverance
January 14:	Son of Man, Do You See?
January 21:	The Time of Purification
January 28:	The Kingdom is Like a Dragnet
February 4:	Just a Guy in the Pew
February 11:	The Narrow Gate
February 18:	A Tale of Two Cities
February 25:	The Darkness of Modern Culture
March 4:	A Civilization of Love
March 11:	A Life of Dissipation
March 18:	Working in Redemption
March 25:	The Kingdom is Like a Great Banquet
April 1:	A Royal People

OBJECTIVES:

Set your eyes on the ultimate prize of eternal life with perseverance and precision. Experience a journey into the heart of the kingdom and heart of the Father. Together with a band of brothers, embark upon the narrow road to salvation as opposed to the superhighway of perdition. Experience the joy and the feast awaiting within the Father's house. Claim your royal dignity and inheritance. The spring semester is practical, profound and even prophetic.

PARISH NEWS / NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES—ST. AMBROSE & ST. MARY, ANDERSON

THANK YOU!

Thank you “Special Cleaning Angels” for making the Pew Washing/church cleaning chore a fast and efficient job! Give yourselves a high-five and a giant pat on the back. St. Ambrose smells so good. Again, thanks to all who helped with this huge task.



¡GRACIAS!

¡Gracias a los “Ángeles de limpieza especiales” por hacer que la tarea de limpieza de iglesias/bancos sea un trabajo rápido y eficiente! Choquen los cinco y dense unas palmaditas gigantes en la espalda. San Ambrosio huele tan bien. Una vez más, gracias a todos los que ayudaron con esta enorme tarea.

PARISHIONER NEEDING RIDE TO MASS

St. Ambrose has a parishioner that is blind and wants to come back to church for the 9:30am Sunday Mass. She lives on the east side of Anderson. If you are interested, please call St. Ambrose at 765-644-5956.



FELIGRESE QUE NECESITA TRANSPORTE A MISA

St. Ambrose tiene un feligrés que es ciego y quiere volver a la iglesia para la misa dominical de las 9:30 am. Vive en el lado este de Anderson. Si está interesado, llame a St. Ambrose al 765-644-5956.





Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Good Shepherd Conference

December 2022

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Good Shepherd Conference has had a very successful 2022. Our mission is: “A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.” To accomplish this purpose, we have called on many of you to partner with us in giving financially and through donations of furniture, household goods, food and cleaning supplies of every kind. Your generosity is amazing! Thank you for stepping up and assisting us in many ways.

In the last twelve months, SVdP has helped over 790 individuals and families with furniture, household goods, utility help, rent assistance and emergency food. SVdP made over 180 home visits to individuals/families in the greater Anderson area. Volunteers have traveled over 5000 miles to collect donated furniture while Home Visitors crisscrossed the city to assess the home needs of our clients. This December 2022, we plan to provide over 72 children with Christmas toys including goodies for Mom.

In September 2022, we hosted the Friends of the Poor Walk. It was successful in multiple ways. Over 150 walkers enjoyed a great day of sunshine, exercise, family fun and hanging out with friends. Holy Cross School children and families supported our efforts by being in the Dunk Tank, helping call Spanish BINGO, flag bearers, donating pies and goodies and walking with their classes (and families) at the Walk. Financially, we reached our goal of raising over \$30,000 to replenish our resources for utility and rent aid. Hooray for all of us!

Everyone who volunteers at SVdP donates their time and talents to help those in need. In 2022, over 5,000 hours were given in service. We all serve in charity to those who come to seek aid. Good stewardship of dollars donated is a hallmark of our Conference. Beside Warehouse expenses and national dues, all of our financial efforts are directed towards those in need in our community. Likewise, furniture, household good and emergency foods go to those who live at the poverty level.

The SVdP Warehouse is located at 2115 W 25th Street and is open Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 3 PM. During open hours, we interview clients for utility and rent aid, welcome those who have come to pick up furniture, household goods, and emergency food by presenting the vouchers that they have qualified for through a Home Visit. Furniture and home merchandise donations are accepted during this time. SVdP volunteers will pick up gently used furniture by appointment. Call 765-642-5401. We would be delighted to give tours of our Warehouse during our Open Hours.

Our operations are powered by your kind and generous donations. We value your faithful support, financially and in home goods donations. Our gratitude for you is abounding! Your goodness shines the Light of Christ to our community, and reaches many individuals and families who are grateful beyond measure. Heartfelt thanks to you!

Grace and peace,

Keith Olson, President
Good Shepherd Conference of the Society of
St. Vincent de Paul

P.O. Box 957
Anderson, IN 46015
Phone 765-642-5401





Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Good Shepherd Conference

Diciembre 2022

La Conferencia del Buen Pastor de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl (SVdP) ha tenido un 2022 muy exitoso. Nuestra misión es: “Una red de amigos, inspirados en los valores del Evangelio, creciendo en santidad y construyendo un mundo más justo a través de las relaciones personales con y servicio a las personas necesitadas”. Para lograr este propósito, les hemos pedido a muchos de ustedes que se asocien con nosotros para dar económicamente y a través de donaciones de muebles, artículos para el hogar, alimentos y artículos de limpieza de todo tipo. ¡Tu generosidad es increíble! Gracias por dar un paso adelante y ayudarnos de muchas maneras.

En los últimos doce meses, SVdP ha ayudado a más de 790 personas y familias con muebles, artículos para el hogar, ayuda con los servicios públicos, ayuda con el alquiler y alimentos de emergencia. SVdP realizó más de 180 visitas domiciliarias a individuos/familias en el área metropolitana de Anderson. Los voluntarios han viajado más de 5000 millas para recolectar muebles donados, mientras que los visitantes del hogar recorrieron la ciudad para evaluar las necesidades del hogar de nuestros clientes. Este diciembre de 2022, planeamos proporcionar a más de 72 niños juguetes navideños, incluidos obsequios para mamá.

En septiembre de 2022, organizamos la Marcha de los Amigos de los Pobres. Tuvo éxito de múltiples maneras. Más de 150 caminantes disfrutaron de un gran día de sol, ejercicio, diversión familiar y pasar el rato con amigos. Los niños y las familias de la escuela Holy Cross apoyaron nuestros esfuerzos estando en el Dunk Tank, ayudando a llamar BINGO en español, abanderados, donando pasteles y golosinas y caminando con sus clases (y familias) en la Caminata. Financieramente, alcanzamos nuestra meta de recaudar más de \$30,000 para reponer nuestros recursos para servicios públicos y ayuda para el alquiler. ¡Hurra por todos nosotros!

Todos los que son voluntarios en SVdP donan su tiempo y talento para ayudar a los necesitados. En 2022 se dieron más de 5.000 horas de servicio. Todos servimos en caridad a aquellos que vienen a buscar ayuda. La buena administración de los dólares donados es un sello distintivo de nuestra Conferencia. Además de los gastos de almacén y las cuotas nacionales, todos nuestros esfuerzos financieros están dirigidos a los necesitados de nuestra comunidad. Asimismo, muebles, menaje y alimentos de emergencia van a parar a quienes viven en el nivel de pobreza.

El almacén SVdP está ubicado en 2115 W 25th Street y está abierto los martes y jueves desde el mediodía hasta las 3 p. m. Durante el horario de apertura, entrevistamos a los clientes para ayudas de servicios públicos y alquiler, damos la bienvenida a aquellos que han venido a recoger muebles, artículos para el hogar y alimentos de emergencia presentando los cupones para los que han calificado a través de una Visita a Domicilio. Durante este tiempo se aceptan donaciones de muebles y artículos para el hogar. Los voluntarios de SVdP recogerán muebles en buen estado con cita previa. Llama al 765-642-5401. Estaremos encantados de ofrecer recorridos por nuestro almacén durante nuestro horario de atención.

Nuestras operaciones están impulsadas por sus amables y generosas donaciones. Valoramos su fiel apoyo, tanto económico como en donaciones de artículos para el hogar. ¡Nuestra gratitud por ti es abundante! Tu bondad hace brillar la Luz de Cristo en nuestra comunidad y llega a muchas personas y familias que están infinitamente agradecidas. ¡Gracias de corazón!

Paz y gracia,
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PARISH NEWS / NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES—ST. MARY, ALEXANDRIA



DAUGHTERS OF MARY—VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Each year the Daughters of Mary select a **Volunteer of the Year** to acknowledge the special contributions of a person or family who unselfishly shares their time and talents with the parish of St. Mary Alexandria. Join us at the **Sunday January 8th 8:30 am Mass** to acknowledge the 2022 recipient of this award. We are so grateful for everyone who contributes to our church and our faith community. However, we truly want to show special appreciation to the 2022 Volunteer of the Year as voted on by the Daughters of Mary. We are truly blessed!

COFFEE AND DONUTS—JANUARY 8

Due to the holidays, Coffee and Donuts from the Alexandria Bakery is moved to January 8 after 8:30am Mass, in Zimmer Hall. Stop in for fellowship and delicious treats!



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWS / NOTICIAS DE LA ESCUELA HOLY CROSS

BIG NEWS!

Holy Cross School's Preschool program recently achieved a Level 4 rating through *Paths to Quality*. *Paths to Quality* is a statewide preschool accreditation system where each level builds on the previous one, resulting in significant quality improvements at each stage. As a Level 4 program, Holy Cross has earned the highest possible rating in Indiana, along with national accreditation!

This rating is a significant achievement that has been years in the making. Out of the 768 licensed Preschool programs in Indiana, only 238 (31%) are Level 4. Out of the 11 programs in Madison County, just four (36%) have earned Level 4 status.

Holy Cross Preschool is a safe and engaging program for children ages 3-5. Our Preschool is affordable, too, with many opportunities for financial assistance. Better still, most of our preschool students enter into our K-8 program, which is the only school in Anderson rated as an "A" school by the Indiana Department of Education.



¡GRANDES NOTICIAS!

El programa preescolar de la escuela Holy Cross obtuvo recientemente una calificación de nivel 4 a través de *Paths to Quality*. *Paths to Quality* es un sistema de acreditación preescolar estatal en el que cada nivel se basa en el anterior, lo que resulta en mejoras significativas de calidad en cada etapa.

¡Como programa de Nivel 4, Holy Cross ha obtenido la calificación más alta posible en Indiana, junto con la acreditación nacional!

Esta calificación es un logro significativo que lleva años en proceso. De los 768 programas preescolares con licencia en Indiana, solo 238 (31 %) son de nivel 4. De los 11 programas en el condado de Madison, solo cuatro (36 %) han obtenido el nivel 4.

Holy Cross Preschool es un programa seguro y atractivo para niños de 3 a 5 años. Nuestro preescolar también es asequible, con muchas oportunidades de asistencia financiera. Mejor aún, la mayoría de nuestros estudiantes de preescolar ingresan a nuestro programa K-8, que es la única escuela en Anderson calificada como una escuela "A" por el Departamento de Educación de Indiana.

PENNY BATTLE

Our Penny Battle was a huge success! We donated **\$1,741.95** to Nativity Parish in Petit Trou de Nippes, Haiti.

North Campus Champion: Mrs. DeLillo's Grade 5 class
South Campus Champion: Mrs. Martin's Grade 1 class

Our next Day of Service is Wednesday, January 18. Donate jars of **Peanut Butter** to support the St. Mary Parish Food Pantry.



BATALLA DEL CENTAVO

¡Nuestra Penny Battle fue un gran éxito! Donamos **\$1,741.95** a la Parroquia de la Natividad en Petit Trou de Nippes, Haití.

Campeona del Campus Norte: clase de 5.º grado de la Sra. DeLillo

Campeón del campus sur: clase de grado 1 de la Sra. Martin

Nuestro próximo día de servicio es el miércoles 18 de enero. Done frascos de mantequilla de maní para apoyar el Despensa de alimentos de la parroquia de St. Mary.



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