



OCTOBER 8, 2023

27th Sunday *in* Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Matthew 21:43

27^o Domingo *del* Tiempo Ordinario

"Se les quitará el Reino de los Cielos, y será entregado a un pueblo que le hará producir sus frutos."

Mateo 21, 43

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OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

Several folks have thanked me for last week's bulletin column, inviting people to participate in parish funeral Masses even when they don't know the person who has died.

Another way of supporting grieving people is to help provide them with a meal after the funeral Mass. Many families gratefully take advantage of this option. I have only been asked to make this appeal for one of our parishes, but I assume all three would welcome more volunteers. If interested, please call your parish office. (And if you've volunteered before and never been invited [which sometimes happens], be sure to mention THAT!]

In just under a month, on Thursday, November 2, we will celebrate our second annual Pastorate-wide All Souls' Day Mass. The Mass this year will be celebrated at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's in Anderson. This is a great opportunity to join parishioners from Anderson and Alexandria for a distinctive Catholic activity - praying for those who have died. We'll have more information in the next couple weeks, but please mark your calendar now!

We will also place a Book of Remembrance near the baptismal font of each parish, and invite parishioners and friends to enter the names of loved ones who have died, especially those whose names have not been entered before. These books will be placed near the altar during the All Souls' Day Mass.

Two of our three parishes have also had a display in November remembering those who have died, and that will continue. If anyone from St. Ambrose is interested in getting this custom started there, or just learning more about the practice, please call the parish office.

On to another topic: Our request for commitments to liturgical ministries a few weeks ago was very successful! About 150 people indicated a desire to begin (or resume) involvement as a lector, Communion Minister, usher (minister of hospitality), altar server, or sacristan. Stay tuned for the schedule of training sessions!

And finally: A few people have asked whether St. Mary's in Alexandria will sponsor a community Thanksgiving Dinner this year. My clear and definite answer is: I don't know. We will need a coordinator for this project, and the coordinator could come from any of our parishes. This is a great project and it would be wonderful to continue it! If interested in leading or learning more, please call St. Mary's (Alexandria) at 765-724-2483.

Fr. Tom Metzger
October 8, 2023

PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM...

Varias personas me han agradecido por la columna del boletín de la semana pasada, donde invitaba a la gente a participar en las misas fúnebres parroquiales incluso cuando no conocen a la persona que ha fallecido.

Otra forma de apoyar a las personas en duelo es ayudar a proporcionarles una comida después de la misa fúnebre. Muchas familias aprovechan esta opción con gratitud. Sólo me pidieron que hiciera este llamamiento para una de nuestras parroquias, pero sospecho que las tres darían la bienvenida a más voluntarios. Si está interesado, llame a la oficina parroquial. (Y si usted ya se ha ofrecido como voluntario y nunca ha sido invitado [lo que a veces sucede], ¡asegúrese de mencionar ESO!]

En poco menos de un mes, el jueves, 2 de noviembre, celebraremos nuestra segunda misa anual del Día de los Fieles Difuntos en el Pastorado. La misa de este año se celebrará a las 7:00 pm en St. Mary's en Anderson. Esta es una gran oportunidad para unir a los feligreses de Anderson y Alexandria en una actividad muy católica: orar por los que han fallecido. Tendremos más información en las próximas dos semanas, ¡pero marque su calendario ahora!

También colocaremos un Libro del Recuerdo cerca de la pila baptismal de cada parroquia e invitaremos a feligreses y amigos a ingresar los nombres de los seres queridos que han fallecido, especialmente aquellos cuyos nombres no se han ingresado antes. Estos libros se colocarán cerca del altar durante la misa para los fieles difuntos.

Dos de nuestras tres parroquias también realizaron una pequeña exhibición en noviembre recordando a los que murieron, y eso continuará. Si alguien de St. Ambrose está interesado en iniciar esta costumbre allí, o simplemente en aprender más sobre la práctica, llame a la oficina parroquial.

Pasando a otro tema: Nuestra solicitud de compromisos para los ministerios litúrgicos hace unas semanas ¡fue muy exitosa! Alrededor de 150 personas indicaron su deseo de comenzar (o reanudar) su participación como lector, ministro de la Comunión, ujier (ministro de hospitalidad), monaguillo o sacristán. ¡Estén atentos al calendario de sesiones de entrenamiento!

Y finalmente: algunas personas han preguntado si St. Mary's en Alexandria patrocinará una cena comunitaria de Acción de Gracias este año. Mi respuesta clara y definitiva es: no lo sé. Necesitaremos un coordinador para este proyecto, y el coordinador podría provenir de cualquiera de nuestras parroquias. ¡Este es un gran proyecto y sería maravilloso continuarlo! Si está interesado en liderar o aprender más, llame a St. Mary's (Alexandria) al 765-724-2483.

Padre Tom Metzger
8 Octubre 2023

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 / LUNES, 9 DE OCTUBRE

*St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Jonah/Jonás 1:1—2:2, 11 | Luke/Lucas 10:25-37*

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Breece Banter

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 / MARTES, 10 DE OCTUBRE

Jonah/Jonás 3:1-10 | Luke/Lucas 10:38-42

8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Dorothy Guffey

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 / MIÉRCOLES, 11 DE OCTUBRE

Saint John XXIII, Pope

Jonah/Jonás 4:1-11 | Luke/Lucas 11:1-4

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria +Ed & +Gert Glotzbach

11:30 AM St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson +James, +Anna Wisehart

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 / JUEVES, 12 DE OCTUBRE

Malachi/Malaquías 3:13-20b | Luke/Lucas 11:5-13

NO 8:15AM MASS AT ST. MARY, ANDERSON TODAY

7:00 PM St. Mary, Anderson +Jerry Gorman

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 / VIERNES, 13 DE OCTUBRE

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 | Luke/Lucas 11:15-26

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria +Janet Rastetter

8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Kathleen Degitz

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 / SÁBADO, 14 DE OCTUBRE

Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Joel 4:12-21 | Luke/Lucas 11:27-28

4:00 PM St. Mary, Anderson +Mike Wulle

4:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria Roesler & Emundts Families

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 / DOMINGO, 15 DE OCTUBRE

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /

VIGÉSIMO OCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Isaiah/Isaías 25:6-10a | Philippians/Filipenses 4:12-14, 19-20 |

Matthew/Mateo 22:1-14

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

8:30 AM St. Mary, Alexandria +Leslie Clark

9:30 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson People of the Pastorate

11:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Otoniel Mercado &
+Atanacia Reyes

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..... Father Tom Metzger

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..... Rob Frey

ST. MARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/

DIRECTORA DE LA ESCUELA STA. MARIA

..... Rachel Duckworth

PARISH SECRETARIES /

SECRETARIAS DE LAS PARROQUIAS:

St. Ambrose Anita Myers

St. Mary, Anderson Robin Grose

St. Mary, Alexandria Traci Gates

CONFESSION TIMES / HORARIO DE CONFESIÓN

✠ St. Mary, Anderson
Thursdays/Jueves 6:00-6:45 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 2:30-3:30 PM

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at [https://bible.usccb.org/readings/
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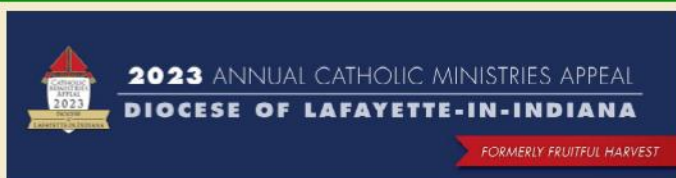
Encuentra las lecturas diarias y
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PASTORATE NEWS / NOTICIAS DEL PASTORADO

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(Fiscal Year July 1 – June 30)

		Oct. 1, 2023	YEAR-TO-DATE / EL AÑO HASTA LA FECHA
St. Mary, Alexandria	<i>BUDGETED / PRESUPUESTADO</i>	\$4,808	\$67,312
	<i>RECEIVED / RECIBIDO</i>	\$6,754	\$66,473
	<i>OVER/(SHORT) SOBRE / (CORTO)</i>	\$1,946	(\$839)
St. Mary, Anderson	<i>BUDGETED / PRESUPUESTADO</i>	\$11,110	\$155,540
	<i>RECEIVED / RECIBIDO</i>	\$8,160	\$138,305
	<i>OVER/(SHORT) SOBRE / (CORTO)</i>	(\$2,951)	(\$17,235)
St. Ambrose	<i>BUDGETED / PRESUPUESTADO</i>	\$8,805	\$123,270
	<i>RECEIVED / RECIBIDO</i>	\$9,146	\$105,497
	<i>OVER/(SHORT) SOBRE / (CORTO)</i>	\$341	(\$17,773)



St. Mary, Alexandria

2023 Parish Goal/Meta = \$34,472
 Amount Pledged/Cantidad Prometida = \$46,830
 Amount Received/Recibido = \$34,638
 Amount Outstanding/Saldo Pendiente =
 (\$166 / \$12,192)



St. Ambrose

2023 Parish Goal/Meta = \$70,176
 Amount Pledged/Cantidad Prometida = \$73,047
 Amount Received/Recibido = \$64,589
 Amount Outstanding/Saldo Pendiente =
 (\$5,587 / \$8,458)



St. Mary, Anderson

2023 Parish Goal/Meta = \$79,507
 Amount Pledged/Cantidad Prometida = \$81,604
 Amount Received/Recibido = \$56,596
 Amount Outstanding/Saldo Pendiente =
 (\$22,911 / \$25,008)

SATURDAY MASS LOCATION

CHANGE IN ANDERSON

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE: Remember, as previously announced, the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary, Anderson, beginning October 7, continuing through March 2024. Remember to change your route to church on Saturdays in Anderson!



CAMBIO DE LUGAR PARA LA

MISA DEL SÁBADO EN

ANDERSON

Recuerde, como se anunció anteriormente, la misa del sábado de las 4:00 p. m. se celebrará en St. Mary, Anderson, a partir del 7 de octubre y continuará hasta marzo de 2024. ¡Recuerde cambiar su ruta a la iglesia los sábados en Anderson!





FROM THE
DESK OF

**BISHOP TIMOTHY
L. DOHERTY**

ONGOING FORMATION

Ongoing formation of our clergy and lay leaders has continued to be a top priority of our Uniting in

Heart 2030 diocesan pastoral plan. The Church insists on providing lifelong training and development for our priests. This includes ongoing professional development for staff and lay leaders to be good stewards of our parishes.

Continuous learning, development and training is essential to each of us as we serve to build up Christ's Kingdom on earth.

This announcement is intended to inform you that there will be a meeting of priests and parish

and diocesan leadership this coming Thursday, October 12 as part of our ongoing formation. I expect your priests, deacons and lay leaders to participate.

Because of that, Mass at your parish may be canceled. These opportunities for formation and fellowship are not an interruption to our ministry but a core part of it. I humbly ask that you hold your priests, this gathering and your lay faithful community in prayer as we assemble together on Thursday. God bless you!



BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

-REV 21:5

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**BISHOP TIMOTHY
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FORMACIÓN PERMANENTE

La formación continua de nuestro clero y nuestros líderes laicos ha seguido siendo una de las principales prioridades de nuestro

plan pastoral diocesano "Unidos en el Corazón 2030". La Iglesia insiste en brindar capacitación y desarrollo permanente a nuestros sacerdotes. Esto incluye desarrollo profesional continuo para el personal y los líderes laicos con el fin de que sean buenos administradores de nuestras parroquias. El aprendizaje, el desarrollo y la capacitación continuada son esenciales para cada uno de nosotros, mientras servimos para construir el Reino de Cristo en la tierra. Este anuncio tiene como objetivo informarles de que habrá una reunión de sacerdotes, líderes parroquiales, y

diocesanos, el próximo jueves 12 de octubre como parte de nuestra formación. Espero que participen sus sacerdotes, diáconos y líderes laicos. Debido a esto, se tendrá que cancelar la Misa en sus parroquias. Estas oportunidades de formación y compañerismo no tienen que ser vistas como una interrupción de nuestro ministerio sino como una parte central del mismo. Humildemente les pido que mantengan en oración a sus sacerdotes, a esta reunión y a su comunidad de fieles laicos mientras nos reunimos el próximo jueves. ¡Dios los bendiga!



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NO 8:15AM MASS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

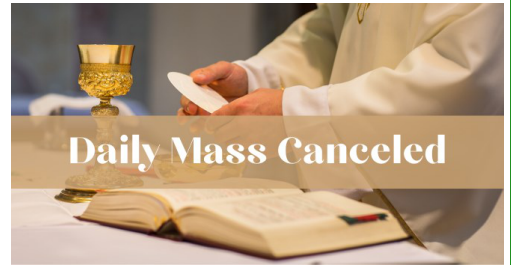
As Bishop Doherty mentioned in his article about Ongoing Formation, the priests as well as pastorate leadership—Christine, Buddy, Rob and Rachel—will be at a diocesan formation session from 8am-5pm on Thursday, October 12.

There will be NO 8:15am Mass Thursday, October 12. The 6pm adoration and confessions will still take place as norm along with the Mass in Spanish at 7pm that evening.

NO HAY MISA DE 8:15AM LOS JUEVES, 12 DE OCTUBRE

Como mencionó el obispo Doherty en su artículo sobre la Formación Continua, los sacerdotes y los líderes del pastorado (Christine, Buddy, Rob y Rachel) estarán en una sesión de formación diocesana de 8 am a 5 pm el jueves 12 de octubre.

Ese día NO habrá misa a las 8:15am en Jueves, 12 de Octubre. La adoración y las confesiones de las 6:00pm se llevarán a cabo como norma junto con la Misa en español a las 7:00pm esa noche.



LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

Thank you to all who responded to the need for additional liturgical ministers at all of our Masses. If you are a new Lector or Communion minister please plan to attend either of the sessions offered for your ministry.

LECTORS—

- October 10 @ 7pm at St. Ambrose
- October 13 @ 3pm at St. Mary, Alexandria

COMMUNION MINISTERS

- October 18 @ 7pm at St. Mary, Alexandria
- October 19 @ 4pm at St. Ambrose

ALL hospitality ministers (ushers)—both new and those who currently are serving—need to attend the training at the parish where you serve.

HOSPITALITY

- October 24 @ 7pm at St. Mary, Anderson
- October 25 @ 7pm at St. Mary, Alexandria
- October 26 @ 7pm at St. Ambrose

If you signed up to be a sacristan or an altar server, we will be reaching out to you directly to schedule training. Thank you again to everyone!



ROSARY AT THE GROTTO— OCTOBER 13TH

Friday, October 13 at 7pm is the last rosary at the grotto for this year. The parishioners of St. Mary, Alexandria invite everyone to join us in praying for peace in our families, communities, and the world and also to pray for the respect for all life.



The rosary will be recited at the grotto located on the west side of the school playground (corner of Madison and Belmont). In case of stormy weather, the rosary will be recited inside. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and your rosaries to join us in prayer.

ROSARIO EN LA GRUTA— 13 DE OCTUBRE

El viernes 13 de octubre a las 7 pm es el último rosario en la gruta de este año. Los feligreses de St. Mary, Alexandria invitan a todos a unirse a nosotros para orar por la paz en nuestras familias, comunidades y el mundo y también a orar por el respeto a toda vida.

El rosario se recitará en la gruta ubicada en el lado oeste del patio de recreo de la escuela (esquina de Madison y Belmont). En caso de tormenta, se rezará el rosario en el interior. Traiga sillas de jardín, mantas y sus rosarios para unirse a nosotros en oración.

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." *John 11:25-26*

The Commemoration of **All the Faithful Departed**

**Mass at 7pm at St. Mary,
Anderson followed by a Simple
Reception in the Gym.**

"Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque muera, vivirá. El que vive, el que cree en mí, no morirá para siempre." *Juan 11:25-26*

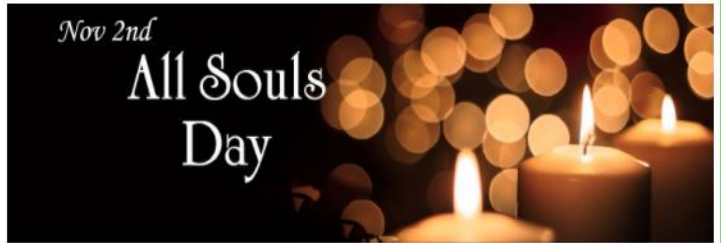
La Commemoración de **Todos Los Fieles Difuntos**

**Misa a las 7 pm en St. Mary,
Anderson seguida de una
recepción sencilla en el gimnasio.**

PASTORATE NEWS / NOTICIAS DEL PASTORADO

ALL SOULS DAY MASS CHOIR

For the pastorate-wide All Souls Day Mass, you are invited to be part of the pastorate choir—a combined choir made up of members from all three parishes in our pastorate. If you are interested in singing in the pastorate choir, please attend the rehearsal on Sunday, October 29 at 10am in the St. Mary, Anderson church annex. We will also practice one hour before the 7:00pm Mass on November 2.



CORO DE MISA DEL DÍA DE LOS DIFUNTOS

Para la Misa del Día de los Difuntos en todo el pastorado, está invitado a ser parte del coro del pastorado, un coro combinado compuesto por miembros de las tres parroquias de nuestro pastorado. Si está interesado en cantar en el coro del pastorado, asista al ensayo el domingo 29 de octubre a las 10am. en el anexo de la iglesia St. Mary, Anderson. También practicaremos una hora antes de la Misa de las 7:00 pm el 2 de noviembre.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNERS

Saturday, Oct.14th the Knights of Columbus will be having our monthly Chicken fry at the Columbian Hall (1225 Main St, Anderson), from 5-7:30pm. The cost is \$13 for adults and \$7 for kids.



CENAS DE CABALLEROS DE COLON

Sábado 14 de Octubre, los Caballeros de Colón tendremos nuestro pollo frito mensual en el Columbian Hall (1225 Main St, Anderson) de 5pm a 7:30p m. El costo es de \$13 para adultos y \$7 para niños.

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Explore the abundant life that Christ wants to offer you in this conference on mercy, healing, and the heart of the Gospel.

**Saturday
November 4, 2023**

9:30am - 4:00pm ET

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Central Catholic
Jr.-Sr. High School

Ages 18+
Open to all adults
Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

Keynote Speakers



Fr. Roch Mary Greiner, CFR
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal



Deacon Keith Strohm
Archdiocese of Chicago

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PASTORATE NEWS / NOTICIAS DEL PASTORADO

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF THE ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA PASTORATE,

As we begin a new fiscal year, we want to share with you our financial results from the 2022-2023 fiscal year and present a budget for 2023-2024 that will help us to not only survive, but to thrive.

Each week, we will present the results on a parish-by-parish basis and then the results of each school - Holy Cross and St. Mary's. **This week, we present the financial results for St. Mary Church Anderson.**

2022-2023 Annual Financial Report		St. Mary Church - Anderson	
		Fiscal Year	
		2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Budget
OPERATING REVENUE			
Sunday Collections		\$400,859	\$460,000 ¹
Online Giving		117,485	118,000
Special Donations		757,000	10,000
Grants		-	-
Miscellaneous		87,055	100,000
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		\$1,362,399	\$688,000
OPERATING EXPENSE			
Payroll and Benefits		\$197,747	\$203,000 ²
Health Insurance		41,051	47,000 ³
Property Insurance		15,824	17,000 ⁴
Facilities/Utilities		104,729	109,000 ⁵
Parish Supplies & Miscellaneous		83,436	86,000 ⁶
School Subsidy		232,551	226,000 ⁷
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE		\$675,337	\$688,000
OVERALL NET RESULT		\$687,062	\$-
Explanatory Notes:			
1 Sunday Collection Budget increase of 15%		5 Facilities/Utilities increasing by 4%	
2 Payroll increase of 2.5%		6 Parish Supplies increasing by 3%	
3 Health Insurance increasing by 14%		7 School Subsidy reduced by 3%	
4 Property Insurance increasing by 4%			

To the Parishioners of St. Mary Church Anderson,

Above please find the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year financial results for St. Mary Church Anderson along with our budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Aside from the footnotes above, we wanted to elaborate a bit further on the financial results, as they are somewhat misleading.

Although, the OVERALL NET RESULT for 2022-2023 is plus \$687,062, were it not for the generous donation the parish received from the Kettron estate, the net result would have been **(\$69,938)**, which would have required the parish to dip into their savings account to make up the shortfall.

Each week, we have been reporting on the level of giving and have set a weekly collection goal of \$11,110. This equates to \$577,720 annually however last year, we received \$518,344 or \$59,376 short of our goal. As we continue to grow as a parish, we need to ensure we meet our collection goal on a weekly and annual basis if we hope to thrive and increase our outreach.

As you look at our budget for 2023-2034, you will see that we anticipate costs to increase, as no doubt you have experienced as well on your home front. We budgeted for a reduced school subsidy, in part due to the increase in voucher reimbursement per student and in part due to our intent to reduce expenses, where we can, in the coming year.

In His Service,
Buddy LeRose

FUNDRAISING APPEAL FOR ST. MARY, ALEXANDRIA PROJECTS

St. Mary's Parish in Alexandria is in need of repairs and upgrades to the parish campus that have been deferred because of a lack of funds and the impacts of the COVID pandemic. These four projects are the most urgent:

- *Four air conditioning units for the church and Zimmer Hall.*
- *A new rectory roof.*
- *Removal and exclusion of the seasonal bat colony in our building.*
- *Parking lot repair and paving.*

We also need to address some badly needed updates in Zimmer Hall, rebuild two retaining walls, relocate the school's I.T. lab, and renovate a rectory restroom.

The estimated total cost of all these projects is \$335,000. To address this financial need, we are initiating a fundraising campaign named, "Our Parish. Our Home. Our Mission."

At the parish Masses on the first two weekends in October, Fr. Tom will be sharing more information and asking for your commitment. You will also be receiving an informational packet in the mail. You can also find more information at our website: stambroestmary.org/smx-pulpit-appeal

Please pray for the success of "Our Parish. Our Home. Our Mission."



ROSARY BEFORE SUNDAY MASSES

To commemorate October as the Month of the Rosary, the Daughters of Mary will lead a rosary before each Sunday morning Mass at St. Mary Alexandria. The rosary will begin at 8:00 a.m. starting. All are invited to join us in these special prayers that reflect Christ's life. Rosary pamphlets will be available at the entrances of the church.



RESPECT FOR LIFE BABY SHOWER **(ST. MARY, ALEXANDRIA)**

Each October, the Daughters of Mary sponsor a Respect for Life "baby shower" to collect much-needed baby items for charity. This year, Daughters of Mary will share your donations to First Choice for Women and St. Elizabeth Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services. Some St. Mary parishioners were adopted as infants from St. Elizabeth Coleman's or know someone who adopted a child with their help.



Check out the display in the Narthex for a list of some requested items, but all donations are appreciated. For more information about materials needs, check out their websites at [St. Elizabeth Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services](http://St.ElizabethColemanPregnancyandAdoptionServices) and [First Choice for Women \(Anderson & Muncie\)](http://FirstChoiceforWomen(Anderson&Muncie)). Monetary donations to each organization is also greatly appreciated!

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VIRTUES IN PRACTICE

Holy Cross School would like to recognize these **Virtues in Practice** recipients from September. These students modeled the Virtue of Hope (trusting in God's loving plan):

Giselle Jaramillo, Kindergarten, nominated by Mrs. Fricke:

"Gigi showed the virtue of hope during a difficult moment in her day. She was missing her family and was feeling hopeless at the time. I asked her if she wanted to hold Jesus and she said yes. After a short time holding Jesus, she felt much better and had hope that she would see her family after school. She was joyful and enjoyed the rest of the day learning and playing at school"

Nayeli Cruz Bautista, Grade 5, nominated by Mrs. Plocinski:

"Nayeli does a beautiful job showing the virtue of Hope. Almost every night she asks to bring her school Bible home so that she can read parts of it with her mother. There is no better way than reading the Bible and filling our soul with Hope of one day seeing our Lord in Heaven"

Yajaira Bautista, Grade 6, nominated by Mrs. Reed:

"I presented a Google Slides about Hope and what it means to the sixth graders. They were asked to write an email explaining what hope means to them or how they've used hope in their lives. Yajaira stated that she shows hope by seeing the good and the best in everyone, even when they don't show it. I thought that was important. Even when someone doesn't show they are good, Yajaira strives to see it"

In October, our school will focus on the Virtue of Studiousness (seeking knowledge to grow closer to Truth).

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