

20TH

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Bread of
Life Discourse

20^º

DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

El Pan de Vida:
Creer en el Hijo de Dios

*"I am the living bread
that came down from heaven."*

John 6:51

*"Yo soy el pan vivo que
ha bajado del cielo."*

Juan 6, 51



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AUGUST 18, 2024

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OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD...

Next Saturday, Nathan and Cindy Trueblood and their daughters, Mia and Nora, will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the 4:30 Mass at St. Mary, Alexandria. Congratulations in advance to Nathan, Cindy, Mia, and Nora!

The Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist, are also known as the Easter Sacraments. They are usually celebrated at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night, but due to special circumstances, the Truebloods will celebrate these sacraments at a parish Mass. Those who don't normally attend the Easter Vigil will have a great opportunity to witness these sacraments at the 4:30 Mass.

Mia and Nora are nine and seven years old, respectively, and people sometimes ask why children of certain ages receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when they are baptized, instead of waiting until an older age as is customary in most parishes. It's a great question!

I will try to make sense of this question, and will need two weeks to do so. (Even so, I will be guilty of severe oversimplification!)

First, let's look at history: For about 1900 years, these three sacraments were almost always celebrated in this order: First, Baptism. Second, Confirmation. Third, First Communion.

They were celebrated all together at one Mass, usually the Easter Vigil, as they are today. Even later, when the three sacraments began to be celebrated separately, they were still celebrated in that order: Baptism, then Confirmation, then First Communion.

Originally, Confirmation was like a "hinge sacrament," between Baptism and First Eucharist. Confirmation sealed the sacrament of Baptism, and set the newly baptized apart to receive the Holy Eucharist. Confirmation completed Baptism and led to the Eucharist.

For centuries, even infants who were baptized were then confirmed and received First Communion (usually under the form of a few drops of the Precious Blood.)

Over the years, for various reasons, infant Baptism became the norm, but Confirmation and First Communion were deferred until a later age, sometimes as late as 14 years. But in 1910, St. Pope Pius X mandated that the age of First Communion should be lowered to age seven.

But Pius X did not mandate the lowering of the age of Confirmation! From the research I've done, he did not forbid lowering the age of Confirmation, but did not mandate it.

Next week: What happened in the 1980's and why we have two different "normal" Confirmation ages. Stay tuned!

Fr. Tom Metzger
August 18, 2024

PENSAMIENTOS DEL PADRE TOM..

El próximo sábado, Nathan y Cindy Trueblood y sus hijas, Mia y Nora, recibirán los Sacramentos de Iniciación en la misa de las 4:30 en St. Mary Alexandria. ¡Felicidades anticipadas a Nathan, Cindy, Mia y Nora!

Los Sacramentos de Iniciación, Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Eucaristía, también son conocidos como los Sacramentos de Pascua. Por lo general, se celebran en la misa de la Vigilia Pascual en la noche del Sábado Santo, pero debido a circunstancias especiales, los Trueblood celebrarán estos sacramentos en una misa parroquial. Aquellos que normalmente no asisten a la Vigilia Pascual tendrán una gran oportunidad de presenciar estos sacramentos en la misa de las 4:30.

Mia y Nora tienen nueve y siete años, respectivamente, y la gente a veces pregunta por qué los niños de ciertas edades reciben el Sacramento de la Confirmación cuando son bautizados, en lugar de esperar hasta una edad mayor como es costumbre en la mayoría de las parroquias. ¡Es una gran pregunta!

Intentaré darle sentido a esta pregunta, y necesitaré dos semanas para hacerlo. (¡Aun así, caeré en la simplificación excesiva!)

Primero, veamos la historia: durante unos 1900 años, estos tres sacramentos casi siempre se celebraban en este orden: primero, el Bautismo; segundo, la Confirmación; tercero, la Primera Eucaristía.

Se celebraban todos juntos en una sola Misa, generalmente la Vigilia Pascual, igual a como se hace hoy. Incluso más tarde, cuando los tres sacramentos comenzaron a celebrarse por separado, todavía se celebraban en ese orden: el Bautismo, luego la Confirmación y luego la Primera Comunión.

Originalmente, la Confirmación era como un "sacramento bisagra", entre el Bautismo y la Primera Eucaristía. La Confirmación sellaba el sacramento del Bautismo y separaba al recién bautizado para recibir la Sagrada Eucaristía. La Confirmación completaba el Bautismo y conducía a la Eucaristía.

Durante siglos, incluso los niños que eran bautizados eran confirmados y recibían la Primera Comunión (generalmente bajo la forma de unas gotas de la Preciosa Sangre).

Con el paso de los años, por diversas razones, el bautismo infantil se convirtió en la norma, pero la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión se pospusieron hasta una edad más avanzada, a veces hasta los 14 años. Pero en 1910, el Papa Pío X ordenó que la edad de la Primera Comunión se redujera a los siete años.

¡Pero Pío X no ordenó que se redujera la edad de la Confirmación! Según la investigación que he realizado, no prohibió reducir la edad de la Confirmación, pero no lo ordenó.

La próxima semana: Qué sucedió en la década de 1980 y por qué tenemos dos edades "normales" diferentes para la Confirmación. ¡Estén atentos!

Padre Tom Metzger
18 de agosto de 2024

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 19 / LUNES, 19 DE AGOSTO

Saint John Eudes, Priest

Ezekiel/Ezequiel 24:15-23 | Matthew/Mateo 19:16-22

8:00 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Dick & +Patty Konopa

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 / MARTES, 20 DE AGOSTO

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ezekiel/Ezequiel 28:1-10 | Matthew/Mateo 19:23-30

8:00 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Raymond Novak

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 / MIÉRCOLES, 21 DE AGOSTO

Saint Pius X, Pope

Ezekiel/Ezequiel 34:1-11 | Matthew/Mateo 20:1-16

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria +John Dockrey

11:30 AM St. Vincent Hospital, Anderson +All Souls' Day Intentions

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 / JUEVES, 22 DE AGOSTO

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ezekiel/Ezequiel 36:23-28 | Matthew/Mateo 22:1-14

8:15 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Jerry Gorman

7:00 PM St. Mary, Anderson +Pablo Cano Saucedo

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 / VIERNES, 23 DE AGOSTO

Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

Ezekiel/Ezequiel 37:1-14 | Matthew/Mateo 22:34-40

8:00 AM St. Mary, Alexandria +Jean Ann Flecker

8:10 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +John Thomas

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 / SÁBADO, 24 DE AGOSTO

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Revelation 21:9b-14 | John/Juan 1:45-51

4:00 PM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Kathleen Degitz

4:30 PM St. Mary, Alexandria +Betty Duffy

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 / DOMINGO, 25 DE AGOSTO

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / VIGÉSIMO PRIMERO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Joshua/Josué 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b | Ephesians/Efesios 5:21-32 |

John/Juan 6:60-69

7:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Jerry Gorman

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

9:30 AM St. Ambrose, Anderson +Paul Porcaro

11:30 AM St. Mary, Anderson +Erik Carrillo

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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

✠ Thursdays/Jueves 6:00-6:45 PM —
St. Mary, Anderson

✠ Saturdays/Sábados 2:30-3:30 PM —
St. Ambrose, Anderson

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

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

Encuentra las lecturas diarias y
dominicales en Español en [https://
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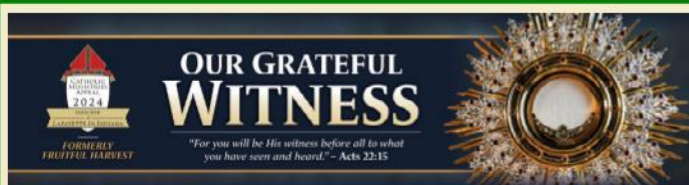
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PASTORATE NEWS / NOTICIAS DEL PASTORADO

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(Fiscal Year July 1 – June 30)

		AUGUST 11, 2024	YEAR END/ FIN DEL AÑO
St. Mary, Alexandria	<i>BUDGETED / PRESUPUESTADO</i>	\$4,808	\$28,848
	<i>RECEIVED / RECIBIDO</i>	\$3,709	\$29,808
	<i>OVER/(SHORT) SOBRE / (CORTO)</i>	(\$1,099)	\$960
St. Mary, Anderson	<i>BUDGETED / PRESUPUESTADO</i>	\$11,110	\$66,660
	<i>RECEIVED / RECIBIDO</i>	\$7,773	\$49,200
	<i>OVER/(SHORT) SOBRE / (CORTO)</i>	(\$3,337)	(\$17,460)
St. Ambrose	<i>BUDGETED / PRESUPUESTADO</i>	\$8,805	\$52,830
	<i>RECEIVED / RECIBIDO</i>	\$9,094	\$52,136
	<i>OVER/(SHORT) SOBRE / (CORTO)</i>	(\$1,432)	(\$694)



St. Mary, Alexandria

Pledged/Prometida = \$36,457 (101% of Goal)
Received/Recibido = \$23,726
Balance = \$12,731



St. Ambrose

2024 Parish Goal/Meta = \$72,000
Pledged/Prometida = \$60,946 (85% of Goal)
of Pledges/# de Prometidos = 113



St. Mary, Anderson

2024 Parish Goal/Meta = \$82,000
Pledged/Prometida = \$76,877 (94% of Goal)
of Pledges/# de Prometidos = 103

Make your pledge today by returning your pledge card or make your pledge online at:

<https://storybook.link/2024AnnualAppeal/>

Si aún no ha hecho una promesa, considere en oración hacerlo lo antes posible. ¡Oremos por el éxito de la Campaña y gracias por su generosidad y apoyo!

PRAYER FOR THE ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA PASTORATE

Almighty and all-loving God,
hear our prayers for our Anderson-Alexandria
Catholic Pastorate.

As we address our challenges, strengthen our faith
and give us courage, perseverance, and vision.

Help us to overcome our financial challenges
so that we may fully support the mission of our
parishes and our schools.

Bring us wise and loving leaders as we seek to hire
a Director of Operations and a Director of
Evangelization.

Most of all, Lord, let our eyes be fixed not
on the challenges but on you.

Keep us attentive to your calling to us
as a community of communities of faith,
and instill in us the desire not to survive, but to thrive.

Your Son Jesus withstood the testing in the desert
and emerged strengthened and ready for his ministry.
We ask you to give us what we need to move forward
in faith,
and we pray in the strength of the Holy Spirit and in
his name,
for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

ORACIÓN POR EL PASTORADO ANDERSON-ALEXANDRIA

Dios todopoderoso y amoroso,
escucha nuestras oraciones por nuestro Pastorado
católico de Anderson-Alexandria.

A medida que afrontemos nuestros desafíos,
fortalece nuestra fe

y danos valor, perseverancia y visión.

Ayúdanos a superar nuestros desafíos financieros
para que podamos apoyar plenamente la misión de
nuestras parroquias y escuelas.

Traenos líderes sabios y amorosos mientras
busquemos contratar

un Director de operaciones y un Director de
evangelización.

Sobre todo, Señor, que nuestros ojos no estén fijos en
los desafíos, sino en ti. Mantennos atentos a tu llamado
hacia nosotros como comunidad de comunidades de
fe, e inculca en nosotros el deseo no sólo de sobrevivir,
sino de prosperar.

Tu Hijo Jesús resistió la prueba en el desierto
y salió fortalecido y listo para su ministerio.

Te pedimos que nos des lo que necesitamos
para avanzar en la fe, y oremos en la fuerza del

Espíritu Santo y en su nombre,
porque él es el Señor por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

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REGISTRATION MEETINGS FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION—TEENS

Students (grades 8-12) wishing to register for Confirmation preparation, must attend one of the following meetings with their parents:

In Alexandria—

- Saturday, August 24 after the 4:30pm Mass in Zimmer Hall at St. Mary, Alexandria
- Sunday, August 25 after the 8:30am Mass in Zimmer Hall at St. Mary, Alexandria

In Anderson—

- Monday, August 19 at 7:00pm in the School Annex at St. Mary, Anderson
- Thursday, August 22 at 6:00pm in the School Annex at St. Mary, Anderson
- Sunday, August 25 at 12:45pm in the School Annex at St. Mary, Anderson

Again, this is for ALL students (grades 8-12) from St. Mary, Alexandria, St. Ambrose and St. Mary, Anderson. You must attend one of the meetings to sign up for Confirmation preparation. If you have questions, please call your parish office.

INSCRIPCIÓN PARA PREPARACIÓN DE CONFIRMACIÓN—ADOLESCENTES

Los estudiantes (grados 8 a 12) que deseen inscribirse para la preparación para la Confirmación deben asistir a una de las siguientes reuniones con sus padres:

En Anderson—

- Lunes, 19 de agosto a las 7:00pm en el anexo escolar en St. Mary, Anderson
- Jueves 22 de agosto a las 6:00pm en el anexo escolar en St. Mary, Anderson
- Domingo, 25 de agosto a las 12:45pm en el anexo escolar en St. Mary, Anderson

En Alejandría—

- Sábado 24 de agosto después de la misa de las 4:30pm en Zimmer Hall en St. Mary, Alexandria
- Domingo, 25 de agosto después de la misa de las 8:30am en Zimmer Hall en St. Mary, Alexandria

Nuevamente, esto es para todos los estudiantes (en grados 8 a 12) de St. Mary, Alexandria, St. Ambrose y St. Mary, Anderson. Debes asistir a una de las reuniones para inscribirte en la preparación para la Confirmación. Si tiene preguntas, llame a la oficina de su parroquia.



IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Are you considering becoming a Catholic? Do you have questions about how a person would join the Catholic Church? Is your child 7 yrs. old or older and needs to be baptized? If yes, please contact your parish office or join us:

St. Ambrose & St. Mary Parishes, Anderson:

- Tuesday evenings at 7pm at St. Mary, Anderson beginning in August

St. Mary Parish, Alexandria:

- Thursday evenings at 7pm at St. Mary, Alexandria beginning in August



Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos

¿DIOS TE LLAMA?

¿Está considerando convertirse en católico? ¿Tiene preguntas sobre cómo una persona se uniría a la Iglesia Católica? En caso afirmativo, llame la oficina de Santa Maria 765-644-8467 para obtener más información o únete a nosotros:

- Domingos a las 10 en la mañana en la iglesia Santa Maria en Anderson empezando en agosto



Join us in celebrating the wonderful fruits and blessings of our fellow diocesan pastorates as they implement their Pastorate Vision Plans (PVP). Find more fruits and blessings for all Pastorates on the Diocesan website: <https://dol-in.org/uih-pvp>.

Pastorate Vision Plan
Anniversary Update: Year 1
Pastorate Name: St. Elizabeth Seton
PVP Publication Date: 6/12/2022
Review Date: 11/13/2023

Fruits & Blessings to be shared with the Diocese

Intercessory Prayer

- How Can I Pray For You? Campaign with a focus on training to be able to pray with and for people in the moment.
- They wear shirts "How can I pray for you?" and wear them around the parish and in the community.
- The focus on intercessory prayer has had a profound impact on the community, increased their focus on one another's needs, and creating a spiritually connected parish even more significantly than before.

Impactful Liturgies

- Hiring of a full time music director and organist, increased interest in lay volunteers becoming liturgical ministers, and a liturgy committee that includes worship environment representation have strengthened our weekend Mass

experience.

- Adoration hours have expanded over the past year from 15 hours a week to 65. Parishioners touched by the message of the National Eucharistic Revival and spiritual efforts of the parish continue to expand these hours by committing to being adorers.
- Founder's Day for their Patroness – Mother Seton. Large scale Mass with clergy from the past and tenured parishioners included. Dessert reception followed.

Silver Linings

- A ministry for those who are 55 and older – engaging in a whole variety of topics and ways.
- Some events: game day, pilgrimage, SoulCore, Euchre, Funeral Planning Sessions, Power of Prayer.
- A seminar/sessions to help people learn how to take their stories (especially faith) down on paper so they aren't lost.



BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

-REV 21:5

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Únase a nosotros para celebrar los maravillosos frutos y bendiciones de nuestros pastores diocesanos mientras implementan sus Planes de Visión Pastoral (PVP)". Encuentre más frutos y bendiciones para todos los pastorados en el sitio web diocesano: <https://dol-in.org/uih-pvp>.

Plan de Visión Pastoral
Actualización del aniversario: Año 1
Nombre del Pastorado: St. Elizabeth Seton
Fecha de publicación del PVP: 12/06/2022
Fecha de revisión: 13/11/2023

Frutos y Bendiciones para compartir con la Diócesis

Oración de Intercesión

- ¿Cómo puedo rezar por ti? Campaña con enfoque en la capacitación de la oración para poder rezar por y con las personas en el momento.
- Los participantes llevan camisetas de "¿Cómo puedo orar por ti?" y las usan en la parroquia y en su comunidad.
- El enfoque en la oración intercesora ha tenido un profundo impacto en la comunidad. Ha aumentado la mirada en las necesidades de los demás y ha creado una parroquia conectada espiritualmente de manera aún más significativa que antes.

Liturgias Impactantes

- La contratación de un organista y director musical de tiempo completo, un mayor interés en voluntarios laicos que se conviertan en ministros litúrgicos y un comité de liturgia que incluye representación del entorno de adoración, han fortalecido nuestra experiencia de misa los fines de semana.
- Las horas de adoración se ampliaron

durante el año pasado de 15 a 65 por semana. Los feligreses viendo el esfuerzo realizado por la parroquia y también motivados por el Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional y los esfuerzos espirituales realizados por la parroquia continúan ampliando estas horas al comprometerse a ser adoradores.

- Día del Fundador para su Patrona: Madre Seton. Misa a gran escala con clérigos del pasado y feligreses titulares incluidos. Siguió la recepción de postres.

Revestimientos de plata

- Un ministerio para personas mayores de 55 años, que aborda una gran variedad de temas y formas.
- Algunos eventos: día de juego, peregrinación, SoulCore, Euchre, sesiones de planificación de funerales, poder de la oración.
- Un seminario/sesiones para ayudar a las personas a aprender cómo plasmar sus historias (especialmente la fe) en un papel para que no se pierdan.



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CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

AUGUST 24, 2024

St. Vincent de Paul is serving a delicious Chicken Dinner prepared by the Knights of Columbus at 1225 Main Street, Anderson, IN. Serving is 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Cost is \$13 for adults & \$7 for children. Dinner includes 4 pieces of chicken (white or dark), baked potato or fries, salad, garlic toast, tea/or lemonade & dessert! St. Vincent de Paul needs your help in assisting those who are in need. Bring your family and friends and just maybe make new friends!



CENA DE POLLO PARA RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS

24 DE AGOSTO DE 2024

St. Vincent de Paul estará sirviendo una deliciosa cena de pollo preparada por los Caballeros de Colón en 1225 Main Street, Anderson, IN. El servicio será de 5:00 pm a 7:30 pm. El costo es de \$13 para adultos y \$7 para niños. ¡La cena incluye 4 piezas de pollo (blanco o oscuro), papa al horno o papas fritas, ensalada, pan de ajo, té o limonada y postre! St. Vincent de Paul necesita tu ayuda para asistir a aquellos que están en necesidad. ¡Trae a tu familia y amigos y tal vez hagas nuevos amigos!



DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION:

The Anderson/Alexandria Pastorate (the parishes of St. Mary, Anderson, St. Ambrose, Anderson, and St. Mary, Alexandria) is seeking a dynamic individual to serve as Director of Evangelization (DOE), directing all formation and evangelization opportunities within the pastorate. In alignment with our Pastorate Vision Plan, the DOE will organize missionary discipleship formation opportunities for children, youth, and adults within the pastorate for both our English and Spanish speaking communities. Additionally, the DOE will coordinate all evangelization efforts that provide an opportunity for all to have a real encounter with Jesus Christ and develop a personal relationship. For a full job description please visit: <https://stambrosestmary.org/employment-opportunities-1>. Submit resume and cover letter to Katie Herzing: kherzing@dol-in.org.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:

The Anderson/Alexandria Pastorate (the parishes of St. Mary, Anderson, St. Ambrose, Anderson, and St. Mary, Alexandria) is seeking a full time Director of Operations. The Director of Operations (DOO) will oversee the administration of strategic planning, human resources, finances, facilities, and communication across the parishes. Bachelor's degree in business, accounting, finance or related area, or equivalent experience is required. Proficiency with computers, especially Microsoft Office programs, is required, and experience with accounting software and social media is preferred. For a full job description please visit: <https://stambrosestmary.org/employment-opportunities-1>. Submit resume and cover letter to Katie Herzing: kherzing@dol-in.org.

CALLED & GIFTED

*How can I discover God's plan for my life?
What are my unique God-given gifts?*

You are invited to begin discerning your spiritual gifts by attending a 5-week series of Called & Gifted workshop sessions.

Two locations are available in Fall 2024:

Hamilton County

St. Maria Goretti Parish - Westfield
Tuesdays (starting Sept. 3) at 7:00-8:30 PM ET

Tippecanoe County

Church of the Blessed Sacrament - West Lafayette
Thursdays (starting Sept. 5) at 7:00-8:30 PM ET



Please register by Monday, August 26:
www.dol-in.org/spiritual-gifts

Cost: \$70 (includes print & online materials, plus follow-up opportunities)



This program is partially funded by a generous gift from Lilly Endowment Inc. under the Phase III National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders.



Carmel Third Option

Building strong, healthy marriages

**The next 14 week session begins on August 22.
Sessions are held at Guerin Catholic on Thursdays at 7pm**

Expectations - Listening - Communication - Forgiveness

Come as a couple, come by yourself, everyone is invited!

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Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, *Surviving Divorce* features experts Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D., Fr. Donald Calloway, M.I.C., Fr. Steve Porter, S.T.L., Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Christopher West. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. As they witness to their pain and the healing power of Christ in their lives, participants will laugh, cry, and identify with their journeys from heartache to healing.

For Men
and Women
Seeking
Healing from
Divorce

Surviving Divorce will help you:

- Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce.
- Find personal healing and hope.
- Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences.
- Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.



Date/Time/Location

THURSDAYS

SEPTEMBER 5 - NOVEMBER 21

6:30 - 8:30 PM

WEITZEL HALL - ROOM E

Cost/Registration

\$20

Scan the QR code or go to

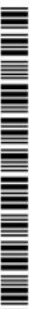
ZionsvilleCatholic.com/Surviving-Divorce

More Information

FACILITATORS: Jeff Franciskovich & Maria Ceresoli (parishioners who have experienced divorce and healing)

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Did you attend the National Eucharistic Congress in July either in person or virtually? Would you be willing to share your reflections on your experience?

Please email your reflection to cvincent-rodas@parish.dol-in.org

REFLECTIONS FROM THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

By Patty Brooks, St. Mary, Alexandria

Humbled, strengthened, hopeful, awe-struck, and grateful are just a few words that come to mind when trying to summarize my experiences at the National Eucharistic Congress (NEC).

- Humbled and strengthened to see up to 60,000 Catholics from around the world gathered in faith.
- Hopeful since all ages were present, including MANY religious sisters, brothers, deacons, seminarians, priests, bishops, and cardinals.
- Awestruck to hear so many joined in song, prayer, praise, and thanksgiving in Lucas Oil Stadium.
- Grateful that pilgrims walked across the country and the streets of Indianapolis with the Eucharistic Christ.

A Lutheran friend here in Alexandria asked what the NEC was all about. How do you condense this hopeful and joyous experience to a non-Catholic? I tried to summarize and explain how we Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. That the Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our faith. In Indy and across the country, pilgrims of all ages were celebrating and sharing this belief with everyone.

She nodded her head and shared what impressed her the most --- that everyone was out on the streets and publicly sharing this message. She laughed and said that she just might convert! (I need to follow up with her.)

I was also asked by a non-Christian friend what this "conference" was about. She shared that she grew up unchurched (as she put it). She didn't even know about the Bible. My approach with her was very different from my Lutheran friend. Again, how do you begin to share (in our short time together) our Catholic beliefs and explain the Mass and Eucharist and the Bible? The Holy Spirit gave the words when she opened this door seeking to understand. More conversations will follow.

During the NEC, the gift of the sacrament of Reconciliation was available at many times and in various locations. The Sacrifice of the Mass is so much richer after receiving the graces of forgiveness and healing. My time in Eucharistic Adoration was in a church filled with Eucharistic adorers.

As a Eucharistic Minister in our pastorate, Christ allows me to share the Body and Blood of Christ with others. When distributing the Body of Christ, I attempt to pray to be like our Blessed Mother as she might gently place the infant Jesus in your hands or His crucified Body. When distributing His Blood, His suffering and sacrifice places me at the foot of the Cross.

However, I have a long way to go. My mind still wanders, but the Holy Spirit patiently guides me back.

Now, when receiving the Eucharist, I strive to reflect upon which gifts Christ needs to share. Will Christ be my consoler, friend, healer, teacher, or counselor? He knows our hearts and needs for the day and week. Tears now more readily flow. I reflect on how He is in me and all of us after receiving the Eucharist during Communion. How can we then be the hands and heart of Christ as we leave the church?

St. Theresa of Calcutta is just one of many saints who quoted the importance of the Eucharist. "Jesus has made himself the Bread of Life to give us life. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist. Come back to Adoration."

The journey has and will continue...



¿Asististe al Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en julio, ya sea en persona o virtualmente? ¿Estarías dispuesto a compartir tus reflexiones sobre tu experiencia?

Por favor, envía tu reflexión por correo electrónico a

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REFLEXIONES DEL CONGRESO EUCHARÍSTICO NACIONAL

By Patty Brooks, St. Mary, Alexandria

Humillado, fortalecido, esperanzado, asombrado y agradecido son solo algunas palabras que me vienen a la mente al intentar resumir mis experiencias en el Congreso Eucarístico Nacional (NEC).

- Humillado y fortalecido al ver hasta 60,000 católicos de todo el mundo reunidos en la fe.
- Esperanzado al ver que estaban presentes personas de todas las edades, incluidas MUCHAS religiosas, hermanos, diáconos, seminaristas, sacerdotes, obispos y cardenales.
- Asombrado de escuchar a tantas personas unidas en canto, oración, alabanza y acción de gracias en el Lucas Oil Stadium.
- Agradecido porque los peregrinos caminaron por todo el país y por las calles de Indianápolis con el Cristo Eucarístico.

Una amiga luterana aquí en Alexandria me preguntó de qué se trataba el NEC. ¿Cómo se puede resumir esta experiencia llena de esperanza y alegría a una persona no católica? Intenté resumir y explicar cómo nosotros, los católicos, creemos en la Presencia Real de Cristo en la Eucaristía. Que la Eucaristía es la Fuente y la Cumbre de nuestra fe. En Indianápolis y en todo el país, los peregrinos de todas las edades estaban celebrando y compartiendo esta creencia con todos.

Ella asintió con la cabeza y compartió lo que más la impresionó: que todos estaban en las calles compartiendo públicamente este mensaje. Se rió y dijo que tal vez se convertiría. (Debo hacer un seguimiento con ella).

Otra amiga, que no es cristiana, también me preguntó sobre este "congreso". Compartió que creció sin religión (como ella lo expresó). Ni siquiera conocía la Biblia. Mi enfoque con ella fue muy diferente al que tuve con mi amiga luterana. De nuevo, ¿cómo empezar a compartir (en nuestro breve tiempo juntas) nuestras creencias católicas y explicar la Misa, la Eucaristía y la Biblia? El Espíritu Santo me dio las palabras cuando ella abrió esta puerta buscando entender. Habrá más conversaciones.

Durante el NEC, el sacramento de la Reconciliación estuvo disponible en muchos momentos y en varios lugares. El Sacrificio de la Misa es mucho más rico después de recibir las gracias del perdón y la sanación. Mi tiempo en la Adoración Eucarística fue en una iglesia llena de adoradores eucarísticos.

Como Ministro Eucarístico en nuestra parroquia, Cristo me permite compartir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo con otros. Al distribuir el Cuerpo de Cristo, intento orar para ser como nuestra Santísima Madre, quien podría colocar suavemente al niño Jesús en tus manos o Su Cuerpo crucificado. Al distribuir Su Sangre, Su sufrimiento y sacrificio me colocan al pie de la Cruz.

Sin embargo, me queda un largo camino por recorrer. Mi mente todavía divaga, pero el Espíritu Santo me guía pacientemente de regreso.

Ahora, al recibir la Eucaristía, me esfuerzo por reflexionar sobre qué dones necesita compartir Cristo. ¿Será Cristo mi consolador, amigo, sanador, maestro o consejero? Él conoce nuestros corazones y necesidades para el día y la semana. Las lágrimas ahora fluyen con más facilidad. Reflexiono sobre cómo Él está en mí y en todos nosotros después de recibir la Eucaristía durante la Comunión. ¿Cómo podemos entonces ser las manos y el corazón de Cristo cuando salimos de la iglesia?

Santa Teresa de Calcuta es solo una de muchos santos que citó la importancia de la Eucaristía. "Jesús se ha hecho el Pan de Vida para darnos vida. Si realmente quieres crecer en el amor, vuelve a la Eucaristía. Vuelve a la Adoración."

El viaje ha comenzado y continuará...



PARISH NEWS / NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES—ST. MARY, ALEXANDRIA

COFFEE AND DONUTS—NEXT SUNDAY!

St. Joseph's Helpers invites all parish members and visitors for coffee and doughnuts **next Sunday, August 25 after the 8:30am Mass** in Zimmer Hall.



DAUGHTERS OF MARY—AUGUST MEETING

The Daughters of Mary are meeting next **Tuesday, August 27 at 6pm in Zimmer Hall at St. Mary (Alexandria)**. All women aged 18 years or older are welcome to join us at this monthly meeting. Light refreshments will be served. Not yet a member, but want to learn more? Contact Becky Matchett or call the parish office. You can also find our flyers in the Narthex information racks. Looking forward to seeing you!



ST. JOSEPH'S HELPERS

The St. Joseph's Helpers invites all men 18 and over to join them **Thursday, August 29 at 6pm** in Zimmer Hall.

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

SOUP KITCHEN MENU

For I was hungry and you gave me food

~Matthew 25:35

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 24/25, 2024**

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 28, 2024

- * 14.5 oz cans of diced tomatoes
- * 15.5 or 30.5 oz cans of Chili Hot Beans
- * 3 oz cans of Chili powder
- * 8 oz box of spaghetti;
- * 1 lb packages of frozen ground beef;
- * Packages of American cheese
- * Onions
- * Boxes of Saltine crackers
- * Quart or gallon size cans of fruit

Thank you for your generosity!



MENÚ DE COCINA DE SOPA

Porque tuve hambre y me disteis de comer.

~ Mateo 25:35

La Comunidad Católica de Anderson anima a todos a traer cualquiera de los siguientes alimentos a la iglesia y colocarlos en las canastas durante las Misas del fin de semana del **24/25 de agosto de 2024**.

Durante el mes de agosto, estaremos preparando 20 galones de chili para las mujeres y niños en Alternatives, y para los hombres del Christian Center, además de aquellos de la comunidad que cenarán por separado en el Centro. Eso equivale a aproximadamente 300 tazones de chili. Se agradecerá mucho su generosidad. Las comidas se servirán el 28 de agosto de 2024.

- * Botes de 14.5 oz de tomates cortados en cubitos
- * Botes de 15.5 o 30.5 oz de frijoles picantes para chili
- * Botes de 3 oz de polvo para chili
- * Cajas de 8 oz de espaguetis
- * Paquetes de 1 lb de carne molida congelada
- * Paquetes de queso americano
- * Cebollas
- * Cajas de galletas Saline
- * Botes de fruta de tamaño de un cuarto o un galón

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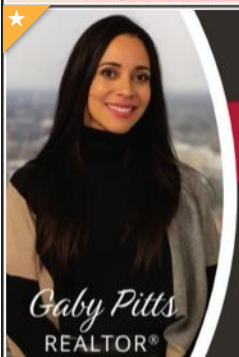
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