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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

As we all know, Pope Francis recently visited Myanmar. During his time there he spoke with a group of bishops, sharing his view of what an ordained Christian is called to accomplish in life. He used three key words: healing, accompaniment and prophecy. He stated that since the Gospel of Christ is one of healing, reconciliation and peace, we must be messengers of that grace. "The preaching of the Gospel must not only be a source of consolation and strength, but also a summons to foster unity, charity and healing...For the unity we share and celebrate is born of diversity. Never forget this—it is born of diversity! It values people's differences as a source of mutual enrichment and growth. It invites people to come together in a culture of encounter and solidarity."

The second point of the Pope's reflection was the word accompaniment. "A good shepherd is constantly present to his flock, guiding them as he walks at their side. As I like to say, the shepherd should bear the smell of the sheep. But also, do not forget, the smell of God! In our time, we are called to be a Church which goes forth to bring the light of Christ to every periphery...to build up the flock in holiness, fidelity and a spirit of service...to imbue the laity with a spirit of true missionary discipleship and seek a wise inculturation of the Gospel message in the daily life and traditions of your local communities."

"My third word is prophecy...Here I think in a special way of the need to protect the environment and to ensure a just use of the nation's rich natural resources for the benefit of future generations. The protection of God's gift of creation cannot be separated from a sound human and social ecology. Indeed, genuine care for our relationship with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice, and keeping faith with others." In his final comments the Pope acclaimed St. Peter who told the leaders of the early church, "We, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and the serving of the word." (Acts 6:1-6)

Our day and its routines need to begin with prayer. They must be nourished as we go through them with an interior spirit of prayer. They need to be brought to completion with a reflective thanksgiving of prayer. In these ways we allow the Spirit of God to inspire, direct and bring to fulfillment the daily tasks and events that we encounter as we make our pilgrimage through this world. Without the assurance of prayer, we falter and can easily fall into sin and discouragement. With prayer we can overcome any obstacle and seek to find the Glory of God among us. May the Lord bless your efforts to accomplish that task each and every day of your life. Peace be with you, Monsignor

Parish Information

	Monday 12/18/2017	Tuesday 12/19/2017	Wednesday 12/20/2017	Thursday 12/21/2017	Friday 12/22/2017	Saturday 12/23/2017
St. Mary	8:00 AM Jack Gossett	NO MASS	NO MASS	8:00 AM Ronald Rhoten	NO MASS	10:30 AM Robert Adams Memorial Mass 2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	8:00 AM Ronald Kempher	8:00 AM Rita Huntzinger	8:00 AM Kathryn Cole	8:00 AM Julia Stratman	8:00 AM Jonathan Norris Sr.	4:00-5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			St. Vincent Hospital 11:30 Sadie & Paul Porcaro		10:30 AM Providence Gerald Fredericks	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Dec. 23rd & 24th	Sat. 4:00 PM St. Mary	Sat. 5:30 PM St. Ambrose	Sun. 7:30 AM St. Mary	Sun. 9:30 AM St. Ambrose	Sun. 11:30 AM St. Mary
Mass Intentions	Patricia Cox	Hilda Buck	George Albert Stoner	Wyatt / Castetter / Lanane Families	Pro Populo
Reader	Mary Rhoten	Mike Scheckelhoff	Maurene Sparks	David Beaver	Rosa Maldonado
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan Sauter Joyce Stoner Joetta Allison Sister Eileen C. Cukrowicz H	Keith Olson H Donna Pine Mark Loose Marvin Coryell Volunteer	Lea Papai Dave Papai Irv Noll Carol Buckner Betty Bush H	Rebecca Degitz H Chris Harrold H Nate Bell Barb Pittsford Gerald Pittsford	Mayra Sierra Yolanda St. Clair D. Valenzuela Francisco Cazares Moises Cazares H
Servers	Katie Greene Michael Smith Kayla Smith	Volunteers	Ella Murphy Carolyn Pitts	Simon Bell Vanessa Harrold	Jonathan Limon Raymundo Cruz-Sanchez Roxana Sierra

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



<u>Stewardship</u>	
St. Ambrose	\$ 5,121
YTD	\$ 443,807
NTD	\$ 650,000
ST. Mary	\$ 8,213
YTD	\$ 509,805
NTD	\$ 900,000
Renovation Fund	\$ 70,087 of 1st \$330,000

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On Line Giving— visit us at the following:

St. Ambrose—<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/272>

St. Mary—<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/13>

Job Opportunity

Anyone interested in a part-time secretarial job at St. Mary Rectory M-F 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, bi-lingual preferred. Please call Harriett Russel at 644-5956 or 644-8467.

Breakfast With Santa Hosted By The Knights Of Columbus

Sunday, December 17th from 9 AM-1:30 PM at the Columbian Hall (1225 Main Street). Adults \$6.00 and Children are \$4.00. The menu includes eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, assorted fruit, milk, coffee, and juice. We will be making reindeer food, coloring and telling Santa your Christmas List. All children will receive a goodie bag! If you have question please call 765-642-7946.

ENL: The English Now and Later Class meets from 9:30-11:30 AM, every Tuesday, in the Holy Cross North school annex. If you have questions, please contact Mary Rhoten @ 765-387-0138.

Institute for Quality Education—Tax Credit

The Institute for Quality Education is a 501(c)3 charity which provides tuition assistance to low-income students. Please pick up an application at either St. Ambrose or St. Mary rectories if you are able to assist with this program. Complete the application for your year end INDIANA TAX CREDIT or go on line to www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors. Please select Holy Cross School—Anderson as the recipient.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary Adoration is on Thursdays from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Santa Maria Adoración es el jueves de 14:00-19:00 PM

Need Prayer Intentions

Parishioners of St. Ambrose and St. Mary will pray for you and your special intentions. Call Betty Worden (642-0824). You do not have to give your name. Call Betty if you can help with the prayer line.

Starting in the New Year, Masses will ONLY BE SCHEDULED on a quarterly basis. We need to provide open dates for unexpected events or deaths to allow everyone the freedom of requesting Masses. So, for example, starting in January requests will only be accepted for Masses from January until March. Those Masses that have already been requested for 2018 will be honored but the new scheduling practice begins January 1, 2018. If you have any questions about this please speak to one of the priests.

Weekly Scriptures:

Sun. Is 61:1-2a, 10-11, Lk 1:46-50, 53-54, 1 Thes 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8, 19-28; **Mon.** Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25; **Tues.** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25; **Wed.** Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38; **Thurs.** Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45; **Fri.** 1 Sm 1:24-28, 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd. Lk 1:46-56; **Sat.** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66

Please Pray For

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or injured, especially the sick and elderly in our parishes.

The Military in the Middle East: Josh Fisher, son of Gary and Kathy; Pfc. Cole Gillespie Army Infantry, son of David & Samantha Gillespie; Pvt. Jalen Lewis US Army, son of Stephanie Akin; Specialist Mark Schulten, Sergeant Joseph Schulten, Matthew Schulten HM3, grandsons of Cathy Thompson; Michael Shane Carter Air Force, grandson of Marllon and Emily Carter; Pvt. Caitlyn Fernandez Duarte, granddaughter of Rhonda Cox. Lance Corporal Brock Acra stationed in Okinawa Japan US Marine Corp, son of Greg and Sonia Acra. Specialist Clayton Keogh, US Army, grandson of Tim and Maryfrances Kincaid. YN3 Tyler Brock, son of Karen (O'Connor) Brock.

If you have a family member who is in the service and called to active duty and would like to add their name to a list for special prayers, please call the rectory and give us this information. Let us pray for **PEACE World Wide**. God Bless us all!

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
because He has anointed me,
Isaiah 61:1*

OUTREACH

From all of us who prepare and serve, stuff the sacks with soup ingredients, deliver the soup to the Christian Center and Alternatives, and collect your generous contributions to this ministry, **Thank you** for your generosity throughout the year and may you all have a very Happy and Faith-filled Christmas and New Year.

Cleaning St. Ambrose Church for the Holidays will be Monday, December 18th after the 8:00 AM Mass. You can bring your rags and buckets to be ready for working as soon as Mass is over. The more the merrier. Thank you for volunteering.

Cleaning St. Mary Church will take place on Sunday afternoon, December 17th, by the parish youth group. Volunteers who wish to help are asked to be in the church around 2:00 PM.

“Cassock Classic” Basketball Game Priests vs. Seminarians

On December 28th at Guerin Catholic High School, doors open at 5:30 PM with tip-off at 6:30 PM. Tickets can be ordered at a later date. Watch for more information in the bulletin, or purchase them at the door. The prices are \$5 per person / \$20 per family.

All proceeds benefit the Frassati Society of Young Adult Catholics.

JUST SO YOU KNOW: At St. Ambrose parking lot there are now three locked security gates. The city of Anderson abandoned two alleyways dating back to the 1960's that should have been ceded to the parish at the time the church was built. In order to provide a safe passageway for the children to go from the school or cafeteria to the playground, the gates were installed. During school hours they will remain locked and on some weekends they will be partially locked until our neighbors realize that the property now belongs to the parish. Thank you for your patient acceptance.

Guerin Catholic High School News

Camp “Purple Winter”

Please visit GuerinCatholic.org for more information about our upcoming Winter Athletic Camps. Online registration is open through Friday, December 22nd.

Girls Soccer Camp For Grades 5-8

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 26 and 27

Grades 5 and 6 -9:30 AM-11:30 AM, Grades 7 and 8 -12 PM - 2 PM, cost is \$25 (includes t-shirt)

Join Guerin Catholic Girls Soccer coach Jonathan McClure and players from the 2017 Class 3A State Tournament team for a two-day skill development camp at Guerin Catholic High School.

Baseball Camp For Grades 1-8 at St. Maria Goretti (17104 Spring Mill Rd. Westfield)

Wednesday and Thursday, December 27th and 28th

Grades 1-4–Noon –1:30 PM, cost is \$50 (includes t-shirt), grades 5-8 - 1:30-3:30 PM, cost is \$60 (includes t-shirt)

Guerin Catholic Baseball and Head Coach Rich Andriole invite boys currently enrolled in grades 1-8 to attend a two-day winter baseball camp. Camp will focus on individual and team skills. Offensive and defensive drills and position breakdown tools.



South Campus
Pre-3 thru Grade 1
2825 Lincoln St.
765-642-8428

North Campus
Grades 2 thru 8
325 E. 11th St.
765-642-1848

Christmas and All Occasion cards are being sold at both campuses. \$2 box or 3 boxes for \$5.

SGO donations are still being accepted. Please visit www.i4qed.org/donate to make a donation.

Christmas Vacation is December 21st, 2017 — January 3rd, 2018

Sunday Religious Education
 Clases de catecismo dominical

SRE is January 7 - 10:35 – 11:25 for Kind – 12 grade children
La Clase de SRE es el domingo, 7 de enero 10:35-11:25 estudiantes

Parent meeting in the cafeteria on January 7th – 10:40 – 11:20
Reunión de padres en la cafetería el 7 de enero – 10:40 – 11:20

Young Church

Youth Group meets on Sunday, January 7th at 6 PM at St Mary, Holy Cross North school annex. Come for a meal, games and surprise **guest speaker** in the annex and school gym.
All high school youth are invited. Our meeting will end at 8:00 PM

High School Retreat Opportunities:

Senior Christian Awaking Retreat – January 12 – 15 high school seniors only

Destination Jesus – February 16 – 18 all high school youth

Contact Janice for registration information at stmarys.minister@catholicweb.com

High School **SERVICE** Opportunities

Help Clean the Church for Christmas: After the 11:30 Mass on Dec 17th.
 Pack pills for Haiti Medical Mission: Dec 17th following the Church cleaning, 3-5 PM
 Help unload product for Community Care Day: Jan 13th, time to be announced
10 service hours required for Confirmation next year! Get an early start now.

DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas Hermanas y Hermanos en el Señor:

Como todos sabemos, el Papa Francisco visitó recientemente Myanmar. Durante su tiempo allí, habló con un grupo de obispos, compartiendo su visión de lo que un cristiano ordenado está llamado a lograr en la vida. Utilizó tres palabras clave: curación, acompañamiento y profecía. Él afirmó que dado que el Evangelio de Cristo es uno de curación, reconciliación y paz, debemos ser mensajeros de esa gracia. "La predicación del Evangelio no solo debe ser una fuente de consuelo y fortaleza, sino también un llamado para fomentar la unidad, la caridad y la curación ... Porque la unidad que compartimos y celebramos nace de la diversidad. ¡Nunca olvide esto, nace de la diversidad! Valora las diferencias de las personas como una fuente de enriquecimiento mutuo y crecimiento. Invita a las personas a unirse en una cultura de encuentro y solidaridad".

El segundo punto de la reflexión del Papa fue la palabra acompañamiento. "Un buen pastor está constantemente presente a su rebaño, guiándolos mientras camina a su lado. Como me gusta decir, el pastor debe llevar el olor de las ovejas. Pero también, no lo olvides, ¡el olor de Dios! En nuestro tiempo, estamos llamados a ser una Iglesia que sale a traer la luz de Cristo a todas las periferias ... para construir el rebaño en santidad, fidelidad y espíritu de servicio ... para imbuir a los laicos con un espíritu de verdadero discipulado misionero y busque una inculturación sabia del mensaje del Evangelio en la vida cotidiana y las tradiciones de sus comunidades locales".

"Mi tercera palabra es profecía ... Estoy pensando de una manera especial sobre la necesidad de proteger el medio ambiente y garantizar un uso justo de los abundantes recursos naturales de la nación en beneficio de las generaciones futuras. La protección del regalo de la creación de Dios no puede separarse de una ecología humana y social sana. De hecho, el cuidado genuino de nuestra relación con la naturaleza es inseparable de la fraternidad, la justicia y la fe en los demás". En sus comentarios finales, el Papa aclamó a San Pedro, quien dijo a los líderes de la iglesia primitiva: "Nosotros, por nuestra parte, dedicarnos a la oración y al servicio de la palabra" (Hechos 6: 1-6)

Nuestro día y sus rutinas deben comenzar con la oración. Deben nutrirse a medida que los atravesamos con un espíritu interior de oración. Deben completarse con una acción de gracias reflexiva de oración. De esta forma, permitimos que el Espíritu de Dios inspire, dirija y lleve a cabo las tareas y eventos diarios que encontramos al hacer nuestra peregrinación por este mundo. Sin la seguridad de la oración, flaqueamos y podemos caer fácilmente en el pecado y el desaliento. Con la oración podemos superar cualquier obstáculo y buscar la Gloria de Dios entre nosotros. Que el Señor bendiga sus esfuerzos para lograr esa tarea todos los días de su vida.

La paz sea contigo, Monseñor

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