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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

Towards the end of last month Pope Francis approved the Beatification of Bernard Francis Casey from Detroit, Michigan. He was born in Oak Grove, Wisconsin on 25 November 1875 and took the name "Solanus" when he entered the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin because of his devotion to Saint Francis Solanus (a Spanish missionary of the 17th century who ministered in South America to the poor). He is the first United States religious member of that Order to be beatified.

Cardinal Angelo Amato, SDB, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, stated at the Mass of Beatification that Fr. Solanus "always kept the door open for the poor, the sick, the emarginated and the homeless...he was said to have had the 'healing touch' and people would line up for blocks to see him." Fr. Solanus opened a Soup Kitchen during the Great Depression. The Cardinal related how once, when Fr. Solanus was working at the kitchen, they ran out of food. Father prayed the "Our Father" and very shortly afterwards a baker showed up at the door with baskets of bread and a truck-load of God's

gifts. The priest is reported to have simply said to those around him, "See, God provides. No one will suffer want if we put our trust in Divine Providence."

In reflecting upon the actions of his life, Cardinal Amato said that Father Solanus taught others that "Faith, Hope and Charity are the seal of the Trinity in our souls." At the Mass of Beatification there were seven persons present who attribute miraculous healings to the intercession of Fr. Solanus. The priest often exhorted others "to thank the Lord before making every request; this, in order to commit Him all the more to answering it." For that reason Fr. Solanus was noted for praying "Deo Gratias (thanks be to God)" constantly throughout his life. By imitating his devotion to God's loving kindness and by our own constant prayer of gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon us we can surely follow the example of our newest "blessed" and seek to know God's gifts in our life. May the Lord bless you in your effort to do just that. Peace be with you, Monsignor

Parish Information

	Monday 12/11/2017	Tuesday 12/12/2017	Wednesday 12/13/2017	Thursday 12/14/2017	Friday 12/15/2017	Saturday 12/16/2017
St. Mary	8:00 AM Donald Sokol	6:00 PM Poor Souls Our Lady Of Guadalupe	NO MASS	8:10 AM Intentions of Betty Brownfield	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	8:00 AM Henry "Hank" Thering	8:00 AM Winfred & Jack Wyatt	8:00 AM Paul "Norm" Learned	8:00 AM Michael & John Silvey	8:10 AM Harold E. Joy	4:00-5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			St. Vincent Hospital 11:30 Rita Ambrose		10:30 AM Bethany Pointe Poor Souls	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Dec. 16th & 17th	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	Poor Souls	Pro Populo	Maria Garcia	Catherine Gibson	Mary Ann Nivens
Reader	Mary Rhoten	Ron Bollman	Maurene Sparks	Dan Novak	Rosa Maldonado
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan Sauter Joyce Stoner Joetta Allison Sister Eileen C. Cukrowicz H	Marvin Coryell H Marian Dykes Janice Martin Tony Martin Renae Scheckelhoff	Lea Papai Dave Papai Irv Noll Carol Buckner Betty Bush H	Mary Lamper H Henry Lamper H Stephanie Metz Barb Pittsford Gerald Pittsford Mary Lavelle	Mayra Sierra Yolanda St. Clair D. Valenzuela Francisco Cazares Moises Cazares H
Servers	Jacob Allison Audrey Shepler Zachary Shepler	Volunteers	Jordan Boys Ella Murphy	Mariela Gonzalez Karina Gonzalez	Daniela Flores Jose Ibarra Mya Ibarra

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



<u>Stewardship</u>	
St. Ambrose	\$ 18,278
YTD	\$ 438,686
NTD	\$ 637,000
ST. Mary	\$ 12,321
YTD	\$ 501,591
NTD	\$ 882,000
Renovation Fund	\$ 68,337 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>

Dates To Remember

December 17th and 18th—Cleaning of churches (check page 4 for details)

Senior Luncheon

All seniors (age 50 and older) are invited to a luncheon on **December 15th, at 11:30 AM** in the Holy Cross North school annex. Entree will be meatloaf. Please plan on attending and maybe bring a friend with a dish to share. You will be entertained by the St. Mary choir.

Server Training

St. Ambrose will be having a server's training on December 16th. Anyone in 3rd grade and older (even adults) who want to serve need to be in the Church at 10:00 AM.

Job Opportunity

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

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.

Weekly Scriptures:

Sun. Is 40:1-5, 9-11, Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8; **Mon.** Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26; **Tues.** Zec 2:14-17, Lk 1:26-38; **Wed.** Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28-30, Mt 25:1-13; **Thurs.** Is 41:13-20, Mt 11:11-15, Lk 14:25-33; **Fri.** Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19; **Sat.** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Hospice Volunteers: Helping People Live

Care Hospice Services is in need of caring, compassionate people who are interested in volunteering their time and talents. Whether it's providing companionship to a person in the final months and weeks of life, offering support to family members and caregivers, or possibly helping with projects in the office, volunteers are essential to our hospice program. Volunteers are the HEART of Hospice. By being a hospice volunteer, you can gain great personal satisfaction from knowing that you have made an impact in another person's life. All volunteers receive training to ensure they feel comfortable with their tasks. If you have an interest or would like more information about volunteering with Care Hospice Services please contact Francis at 317-214-9459 or by email to fmcgrath.care@gmail.com.

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!

LORD, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation
-Psalm 85:9-10

OUTREACH

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY ON THE WEEKEND OF December 16/17.

Soup Kitchen Menu: *“For I was Hungry and you gave me Food.” (Mt 25:35)* The Catholic Community of Anderson is **encouraged to bring any of the following food items** to church and place them in the baskets at the doors during the weekend Masses on **December 16/17:** 15 oz. or 28.5 can of diced potatoes, diced tomatoes, or Chili Hot Beans; box of spaghetti, pkg. of American cheese; box of saltine crackers; 28 oz. or gallon size can of fruit.

“The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty.”- Pope Frances

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.

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.



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

The *Polar Express* will be shown in the North Campus Gym on Friday, December 15th at 7:00 PM. Please wear your pajamas and join us for a free movie, selfie picture station, and special gift. Bring Money for concessions (popcorn, candy, soda).

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

Christmas Vacation is December 21st-January 3rd.

Sunday Religious Education
 Clases de catecismo dominical

SRE is December 10 and 17 - 10:35 – 11:25 for Kind – 12 grade children
La Clase de SRE es el domingo, 10 y 17 de diciembre 10:35-11:25 estudiantes

Young Church

Youth Group Meeting on Sunday, Dec 10th beginning in the Church at 6PM at St Mary. We will begin in prayer with the Advent Light Service, share a meal, games and conversation in the cafeteria. **All high school youth are invited.** We will plan service and future meetings so please come to help in planning. Our meeting will end at 8:30PM

Upcoming high school retreat opportunities:

Senior Christian Awakening 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

Upcoming 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, 3-5PM

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:

Hacia fines del mes pasado, el Papa Francisco aprobó la Beatificación de Bernard Francis Casey de Detroit, Michigan. Nació en Oak Grove, Wisconsin el 25 de noviembre de 1875 y tomó el nombre de "Solanus" cuando ingresó en la Orden de los Frailes Menores Capuchinos por su devoción a San Francisco Solano (un misionero español del siglo XVII que ministraba en América del Sur a los pobres). Él es el primer miembro religioso de Estados Unidos de esa Orden en ser beatificado.

El Cardenal Angelo Amato, SDB, Prefecto de la Congregación para las Causas de los Santos, declaró en la Misa de Beatificación que el Padre. Solanus "siempre mantuvo la puerta abierta para los pobres, los enfermos, los marginales y los vagabundos ... se decía que había tenido el 'toque sanador' y la gente se alineaba en bloques para verlo". Solanus abrió una cocina de sopa durante la Gran Depresión. El Cardenal relató cómo una vez, cuando el Padre. Solanus estaba trabajando en la cocina, se quedaron sin comida. El padre oró al "Padre Nuestro" y muy poco después apareció un panadero en la puerta con cestas de pan y una camioneta con los regalos de Dios. Según los informes, el sacerdote simplemente dijo a los que lo rodeaban: "Mira, Dios provee". Nadie sufrirá falta si ponemos nuestra confianza en la Divina Providencia".

Al reflexionar sobre las acciones de su vida, el cardenal Amato dijo que el padre Solanus enseñó a otros que "la fe, la esperanza y la caridad son el sello de la Trinidad en nuestras almas". En la misa de beatificación había siete personas presentes que atribuían sanidades milagrosas a la intercesión del P. Solanus. El sacerdote a menudo exhortaba a otros a "agradecer al Señor antes de hacer cada pedido; esto, para comprometerlo más a responderlo". Por esa razón, el p. Solanus se destacó por rezar "Deo Gratias (gracias a Dios)" constantemente a lo largo de su vida.

Al imitar su devoción por la bondad amorosa de Dios y por nuestra constante oración de gratitud por las bendiciones que se nos han otorgado, podemos seguir el ejemplo de nuestro más nuevo "bienaventurado" y tratar de conocer los dones de Dios en nuestra vida. Que el Señor te bendiga en tu esfuerzo por hacer justamente eso.

La paz sea contigo, Monseñor

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