



First Sunday of Advent
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

During the Advent Season we are all given the opportunity to examine our lives and decide how we may better them, as well as our very self, in order to more closely follow the Way of the Lord. This Holy Season is not only a time to prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, it is also a time to prepare for a better understanding of how to bring about the Kingdom of God among us. One of the ways in which we can do that is through the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation—i.e., going to Confession.

Our parish Penance Service is scheduled for THIS Wednesday, December 5th. It will be held at two different times: 1 PM for the school children and other adults able to attend; and 6 PM for all parishioners wishing to attend. There will be six or seven priests here to help celebrate the Sacrament, depending on the time of day. The evening celebration will have the most priests available.

The gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to offer our hearts an opportunity to realize where we need to change, what we need to address in order to accomplish that; and how we can best bring about making a difference in our lives. When we have the courage to acknowledge a wrong-doing, we begin to allow the Grace

of Conversion to bring newness of life and love to us all.

Conversion occurs when we do not allow the fear of rejection to undue the hope of reconciliation. Fear destroys love; Hope nourishes it. Instead of building a fortress of arrogant judgement to isolate our hearts from those who have wronged us, or whom we have wronged—the Sacrament calls us to step into the freedom of humbled honesty that says: If I have done wrong, forgive me; if I have failed, help me—let me know the healing balm of Mercy so that the fullness of Loving Kindness may guide me to the Light of Trust and Peace.

It is within the manifest Grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we are given a sure sign of God's love and acceptance. It is this Sacrament that gives us the courage to strive to be renewed in the Spirit of Christ so that we may become a living manifestation of His Presence among us. It is the hope of both Father Shine and me that each of us may decide to come and share this gift with one another. How different our hearts will be after the realization that we are made one in the Spirit of Love and that the birth of Christ is, indeed, the hope that transforms us into Disciples of His Kingdom.

Peace be with you, Monsignor

Parish Information

	Monday 12/3/2018	Tuesday 12/4/2018	Wednesday 12/5/2018	Thursday 12/6/2018	Friday 12/7/2018	Saturday 12/8/2018
St. Mary	NO MASS	8:00 AM Clarence Reynolds	NO MASS	8:10 AM Robert Green	6:00 PM Bi-lingual Clara Robinson	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	8:00 AM Poor Souls	11:00 AM Deceased of the Sorg Family	8:00 AM Eugene Zagorski	8:00 AM Cecilia Delgado	8:10 AM Melvin Lawrence / Stanley Bill 6:00 PM Suzann O'Connor	8:00 AM Pro Populo 4:00 –5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			11:30 AM St. Vincent Hospital Christine Emge Elpers		10:30 AM Crown Pointe Poor Souls	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

December 8th & 9th	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	Ronald Rhoten	Margaret (Peggy) Sell	Beata Kincaid Brovich	Oleksy and St. Clair Families	Pro Populo
Reader	Lawson Hunsicker	Dan Novak	Amy Sczesny	Ron Bollman	Francisco Cazares
Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce Stoner Joan Sauter Joetta Alison C. Cukrowicz Mike Scott H	Marvin Coryell H Janice Martin Cathy Thompson	M. Lambert Lora Mueller M. Kincaid Linda Ratliff Tim Kincaid H	H. Brownell H Greg Kalisz H Barb Pittsford Stephanie Metz Lynn Hensley Nancy Bollman	Maria Arreola Miguel Cazares David Kroll Evelyn Reyes R. Rodriguez H
Servers	Katie Greene Brent Layton Cory Layton	Tony Martin	Irv Noll Carolyn Pitts	Mariela Gonzalez Vincent Ibarra	Y. Mondragon Y. Rodriguez Sandra Velasco

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



<u>Stewardship</u>	
St. Ambrose	\$ 5,890
YTD	\$ 385,723
NTD	\$ 611,000
St. Mary	\$ 11,949
YTD	\$ 457,056
NTD	\$ 846,000
Renovation Fund	\$ 8,602 (\$145,482 of \$330 K)

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

The Parishes Reconciliation Service for Advent will be held on Wednesday, December 5. There will be a 1:00 PM Service at St. Mary church to accommodate the school children, and a 6:00 PM Service at St. Mary for everyone. Hopefully we will have five other priests here to assist you in the celebration of Reconciliation to help prepare for the Christmas Season. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the event you are able to attend.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

December 3rd—10th - Novena 7:00 P.M. St. Mary

December 11th—Rosary and Songs at 11:00 PM. Mañanitas at Midnight St. Mary

December 12th—Mass 6:00 PM St. Mary. Fiesta following Mass at St. Ambrose in the Ambrosian Hall.

Knights of Columbus will be having a Fish fry on December 7th from 5-7:30 PM at the Columbian Hall. On Saturday, December 15th, is Breakfast with Santa from 9-1:30 (the cost for the breakfast is \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids).

Senior Luncheons

The Senior Luncheon has been cancelled for December, due to the Holidays.

Cassock Classic – Priests vs Seminarians is a basketball game were priests from our diocese compete against our seminarians at Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville, on December 27th. Doors open at 5:30 PM and tip off is at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$5 per person and \$20 per family. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Cleaning of St. Ambrose Church - Volunteers are needed for the annual washing of the Church pews and deep cleaning of the Church for Christmas on Monday, December 17th, after the 8:00 AM Mass. All Supplies furnished, just bring a small bucket if you can. We will start about 8:45. If you can spare an hour or two that would make the job go more quickly. Any questions call Marilyn or Dan Sager at 765-642-6368.

Quiet The Worries– If you are recovering from surgery, holding a small pillow close to your chest is peaceful, calming and comforting. It also reduces the discomfort from a seat belt while riding in a car. Please feel free to take one from either parish. These have been made by a very caring person to give to those in need.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Children's Choir for St Mary's 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass Coro de niños para la misa de Nochebuena 4:00 PM de Santa María

Our practices will be on Sundays Dec 9 and 23 from 12:45-1:45 and Sat Dec 22 from 1:30-2:30
Las prácticas serán los domingos 9 y 23 de diciembre de 12: 45-1:45 y sáb 22 de diciembre de 1:30-2:30.

We will practice in the St Mary Church annex. Please contact Janice with any questions. 644-8467
Practicaremos en el anexo de la iglesia de Santa María. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Gaby con cualquier pregunta. 635-6348

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary Adoration is on Thursdays from 2:00 to 7:00 PM.

Santa Maria la Adoración de Santa Maria es los jueves de 2:00 a 7:00 PM.

RCIA—Faith journeys begin at all times of the year. If you have questions about becoming Catholic, this is the place for you! Sessions meet Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 in the school annex at Holy Cross North. You are welcome to learn more in a non-judgmental environment.

That Man Is You (TMIY)

It is a coming together of men 18 and over from both parishes, addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The weekly meetings are held at the Columbian Hall (K of C behind the Toast Restaurant at 1225 Main St.) on Saturday mornings at 6:00 AM with breakfast, followed by a video presentation, and discussion. For more information call Mike Evans at (765)602-0306.

Week 13-Friends of St Joseph

- Speaker: Steve Bollman
- Review 7 Steps of TMIY
- Moving from the Purgative Stage to the Illuminative Stage
- Overcoming Obstacles in the Spiritual Life
- The Journey from Bondage to Spiritual Freedom
- Modeling Your Spiritual Life after St. Joseph
- Amici de Giuseppe

Unhappy in your Marriage? There is hope. The holidays can be stressful for couples who are struggling. Are you feeling helpless, frustrated, angry or betrayed? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vî) is a worldwide program that helps hurting couples rediscover a loving marriage relationship. No matter how bad things may seem, Retrouvaille can help. Indianapolis Retrouvaille begins its next program with a weekend of Feb. 22-24 at St. Joseph's Retreat Center in Tipton. Follow-up post-weekend sessions will take place at Our Lady Of Fatima in Indianapolis. **No one is turned away for lack of funds.** Learn more at www.HelpOurMarriage.com, email RetrouIndy@gmail.com or call 317-489-6811 for confidential information.

Weekly Scriptures:

Sun. Jer 33:14-16, Thes 3:12-4:2, Lk 21:25-28, 34-36; **Mon.** Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11; **Tues.** Is 11:1-10, Lk 10::21-24; **Wed.** Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37; **Thurs.** Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27; **Fri.** Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31; **Sat.** Gn 3:9-15, 20, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38

OUTREACH

Lighthouse Catholic Media books are once again available for \$2 on a table in the back of the Church. Special prices include 3 new books for your Advent reading. Gather some friends and read them together as you prepare for a Blessed Christmas season. CD's are also available.

Los libros de la Editorial Lighthouse Catholic Media en inglés y español están nuevamente disponibles por solo \$ 2.00 en la mesa al fondo de la Iglesia. Los precios especiales incluyen 3 libros nuevos para su lectura en tiempo de Adviento. Reúna a algunos amigos y léalos juntos mientras se prepara para la temporada de Navidad. CD's también estarán disponibles.

St. Vincent de Paul Will be at the Church doors **next** weekend to accept your donations. Please remember those in need as the coldest season approaches.

“We Can Care” - Is a Collaborative Ministry of St. Ambrose and St. Mary Churches in Anderson for St. Vincent de Paul. The boxes will be at the entrances of both Churches to receive your donations. Monetary donations can be placed in the orange boxes.

The Collection on December 8th and 9th will be Tuna/Salmon or jam. Your participation will be greatly appreciated by the hungry families of Madison County.

The **Catholic Community of Anderson Soup Kitchen Ministry** is in need of men and women willing to prepare soup for the Soup Kitchen Ministry. All supplies are furnished. You prepare the soup at home and return the soup to St. Mary's School Annex. For more information call Ron Cole at 779-4302.

Prayers 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.

ENL— English Now and Later classes are on Tuesdays, at 9:30 AM in the school Annex. If you have any questions please contact Mary Rhoten @ 765-617-1791 or 765-387-0138.

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:** Josh Fisher, son of Gary and Kathy; Pvt. Jalen Lewis US Army, son of Stephanie Akin; Special Mark Schulten, Sergeant Joseph Schulten, Matthew Schulten HM3, grandsons of Cathy Thompson; Michael Shane Carter Air Force, grandson of Marllon and Emily Carter; Lance Corporal Brock Acra stationed in Okinawa, Japan US Marine Corp. son of Greg and Sonia Acra. YN3 Tyler Brock, son of Karen (O'Connor) Brock. First Lt. Sean Scally, 82nd Airborne, grandson of Tom Chezem, deployed to United Arab Emirates in December 2018.

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!

**“To You O Lord, I lift my soul.”
(Psalm 25:1)**



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Holy Cross Christmas Program will be on December 13th at 6:00 PM in the gym at the North Campus. All are welcome to attend!

Young Church

High School Youth are invited to gather in the Assembly Hall at St Ambrose on Sunday, December 9th from 2:00-3:30 PM. Looking forward to seeing you there! Bring a friend, all are welcome!

Sunday Religious Education

First Communion Class Sunday Dec. 2nd from 10:35-11:25 @ Holy Cross North annex
 Confirmation Class Sunday Dec. 2nd from 2-3:30 PM in the Assembly Hall at St Ambrose Church
 SRE class on Sunday, Dec. 9 and 16 from 10:35-11:25 @ Holy Cross North

Clases de Catecismo Dominical

Primera Communion clase el 2 de diciembre - 10:35-11:25 @ Holy Cross North
 Clase de Confirmación el 2 de diciembre – 2-3:30 @ St Ambrose Assembly Hall
 Clases de catecismo dominical el 9 y 16 de diciembre – 10:35-11:25 @ Holy Cross North

DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas Hermanas y Hermanos en el Señor:

Durante la temporada de Adviento, todos tenemos la oportunidad de examinar nuestras vidas y decidir cómo podemos mejorarlas, así como a nosotros mismos, para seguir más de cerca el Camino del Señor. Esta temporada santa no es solo un tiempo para preparar nuestros corazones para la celebración de la Natividad del Señor, sino que también es un tiempo para prepararnos para una mejor comprensión de cómo lograr el Reino de Dios entre nosotros. Una de las formas en que podemos hacerlo es a través de la celebración del Sacramento de la Reconciliación, es decir, la confesión.

Nuestro Servicio de Penitencia de la parroquia está programado para ESTE miércoles 5 de diciembre. Se llevará a cabo en dos momentos diferentes: 1 PM para los niños de la escuela y otros adultos que puedan asistir; y 6 PM para todos los feligreses que deseen asistir. Habrá seis o siete sacerdotes aquí para ayudar a celebrar el Sacramento, dependiendo de la hora del día. La celebración de la noche tendrá la mayor cantidad de sacerdotes disponibles.

El don del Sacramento de la Reconciliación es ofrecer a nuestros corazones la oportunidad de darnos cuenta de dónde debemos cambiar, qué debemos abordar para lograr eso; y la mejor manera de lograr una diferencia en nuestras vidas. Cuando tenemos el coraje de reconocer una mala acción, comenzamos a permitir que la Gracia de la Conversión nos traiga una vida nueva y un amor para todos.

La conversión se produce cuando no permitimos que el temor al rechazo anule la esperanza de reconciliación. El miedo destruye el amor; La esperanza lo nutre. En lugar de construir una fortaleza de juicios arrogantes para aislar nuestros corazones de aquellos que nos han hecho mal o a los que hemos hecho mal, el Sacramento nos llama a entrar en la libertad de humildad con honestidad que dice: Si he hecho el mal, perdóneme; si he fallado, ayúdame, hazme saber el bálsamo sanador de la Misericordia para que la plenitud de la Amabilidad del Amor pueda guiarme hacia la Luz de la Confianza y la Paz.

Es dentro de la Gracia manifiesta del Sacramento de la Reconciliación que se nos da una señal segura del amor y la aceptación de Dios. Es este sacramento el que nos da el valor de esforzarnos por renovarnos en el Espíritu de Cristo para que podamos convertirnos en una manifestación viva de su presencia entre nosotros. Tanto el Padre Shine como yo esperamos que cada uno de nosotros decida venir y compartir este regalo con los demás. Cuán diferentes serán nuestros corazones después de darse cuenta de que somos hechos uno en el Espíritu de Amor y que el nacimiento de Cristo es, de hecho, la esperanza que nos transforma en Discípulos de Su Reino.

La paz sea contigo Monseñor

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