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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

It can be important, from time to time, to remind ourselves why Christ took flesh from the Blessed Virgin and became man. We can tend to become numb to the purpose of His being sent by the Father into the world. If we were to look at a photograph of soldiers on Normandy Beach from June, 1944, we would know that those men were there for battle. They were not there to tour the wine country of France nor for vacation. Those men were there to wage a war.

If we were to look at a painting of the Nativity of Our Lord, would we know why such an incredible event happened? Why would the Infinite One allow Himself to be contained and take flesh as a tiny infant in Bethlehem? Archbishop Fulton Sheen was known to say that “every other person who ever came into this world came into it to live. He came into it to die.” Christ came to die, and in so doing, to wage war on the devil and to vanquish the power of sin and death. The incredible news of the Gospel is that He did precisely that! Sometimes we can grow too accustomed to hearing the absolutely life changing news of the Gospel. He came that we “may have life and have it more abundantly” (Jn 10:10) in eternity and beginning even now, for as St. Elizabeth of the Trinity says, time “is eternity begun and still in progress.”

Jesus came to transform our lives, to breathe His joy into the very depths of our being. He also came to free us from sin and death. He has done this by the shedding of His Blood. During Lent, Jesus invites us through His Bride, the Church, to be cleansed by His Precious Blood. It is only by washing in His Precious Blood, that we are made clean (cf. Rev 7:14). How are we washed in the Blood of the spotless Lamb, then? When we go to Confession, we truly go spiritually to the very foot of that blessed Cross that redeemed the world. When the priest raises his anointed hand and says the words of absolution, the Blood and Water that gushes forth from the heart of Jesus washes over our souls and cleanses us (cf. 1 Jn 5:6). If we make a good, honest, and humble confession, all of our sins are wiped away and enter into the forgetfulness of God. In so doing, true and abiding peace is restored to our hearts and our consciences (CCC, 1468).

It brings the merciful Father great joy to embrace a soul in Confession. This Lent, He invites each one of us to experience the tenderness of that merciful embrace. Whether it has been a month, a year, 20 years, or 50 years since your last confession, today hear the voice of our beloved Jesus as He longs to do for you precisely what He came to do, forgive your sins and give you life and life in abundance. “Come, share your Master’s joy” (Mt 25:23).

In Jesus’ Sacred Heart,

Elliot Zak

Parish Information

	Monday 3/25/2019	Tuesday 3/26/2019	Wednesday 3/27/2019	Thursday 3/28/2019	Friday 3/29/2019	Saturday 3/30/2019
St. Mary	NO MASS	8:00 AM Poor Souls	NO MASS	8:00 AM Poor Souls	NO MASS 7:00 PM Bi-lingual Stations/ Communion	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	8:00 AM Poor Souls	8:00 AM Clara Robinson	8:00 AM Poor Souls	8:00 AM Veniero Ippolito	8:00 AM Poor Souls 6:00 PM Stations/ Communion	4:00 –5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			11:30 AM St. Vincent Hospital Clara Robinson		10:30 AM Countryside Poor Souls	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

March 30th & 31st	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	Helen Williamson Arnold	George William Gibson	Nancy Nuce	Sue McCallister	Pro Populo
Reader	Pam Farnen	Janice Martin	Becky Hull	Angie Pitts	Daniel Flores
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanna Greene Joetta Allison Pam Wickens K. Bailey-Evans Mike Scott H	Elliot Zak H Regina Albrecht Nancy Bollman	M. Lambert Joe Lambert C. Cukrowicz Josh Noll Irv Noll	Elliot Zak H Rick Pitts H Chris Harrold Lynn Hensley Mary Lamper Henry Lamper	F. Cazares Moises Cazares Juana SanJaun Mayra Sierra M. Cazares H
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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



<u>Stewardship</u>	
St. Ambrose	\$ 7,032
YTD	\$ 90,317
NTD	\$ 143,000
St. Mary	\$ 6,728
YTD	\$ 102,124
NTD	\$ 198,000
Renovation Fund	\$ 542 (\$161,642 of \$330 K)

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This is a very important message for our parish families. It has come to our attention that there is a scam going on. If you receive a text message from Msgr. asking for you to purchase gift cards at Walmart for Monsignor, do not respond and block the message immediately.

Traditional Latin Masses: The Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation will be on March 25th, at St. Patrick, Kokomo, at 7:15 PM. These Masses will be fully chanted, with Fr. Andrew DeKeyser celebrating and St. Dunstan Schola singing. If you have any question you may call (765) 398-1935.

Scholarship Information: High School Seniors

Diocese of Lafayette Scholarship applications can be found on <https://education.dol-in.org/diocesan-college-scholarships>. These **are due April 18th**.

Herman and Anne Leaf Educational Scholarship—available for first year freshman attending a college or university in Indiana. St. Ambrose and St. Mary Scholarships—Two scholarship awards (one from each Parish) are available for high school graduates attending a college or university. Applications are in the rectories. Both of these scholarship applications **are due April 30th**.

The Little Sisters of the Poor

On Saturday, April 6th and Sunday, April 7th, the Little Sisters of the Poor from St. Augustine's Home in Indianapolis will be at our parish seeking support for their ministry to the elderly poor. Together with a diverse network of collaborators, they offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family, and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to Himself. There will be a second collection, and the sisters will be available with envelopes after Mass if you wish to send in a donation at a later time.

You can read more or make a donation online at <http://www.littlesistersofthepoorindianapolis.org>. Thank you and God Bless you!

Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken up **NEXT WEEKEND**, March 31st. The collection is to help Catholic organizations that assist the poor and needy around the world. Please be as generous as your financial condition allows.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Lenten Schedule

St. Ambrose will have Stations of the Cross and a Communion Service on Friday's at 6:00 PM.
St. Mary will have evening prayer on Friday's at 5:30 PM followed by bi-lingual Stations of the Cross and a Communion Service at 7:00 PM.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE (MARCH 6TH -APRIL 4TH) UPDATE

Since this Spring campaign began back on Ash Wednesday, 100 babies have been spared. Thank you to all who are participating in this campaign.

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.

TMIY-This Man Is You

For more information, call Mike Evans at (765) 602-0306; or, email evansrb@comcast.net or go to TMIY.org. Give God your time to make a better YOU!

March 30 Session 24: Life in the Spirit

- Fr. Dave Pivonka is Back
- A New Creation in Christ
- Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness...
- What are the Works of the Flesh
- The Holy Spirit as a Seal for Marriage Covenant
- The Holy Spirit is Present in Difficult Times
- Giving Witness To Jesus

Weekly Scriptures:

Sun. Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15, 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12, Lk 13:1-9; **Mon.** Is 7:10-14; 8:10, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38; **Tues.** Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35; **Wed.** Dt 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19; **Thurs.** Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23; **Fri.** Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34; **Sat.** Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14

“The Lord is kind and merciful. ”
(Psalm 103:8)

OUTREACH

St. Augustine of Hippo once said: “To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement.”

Prayer—Come join our seminarian Elliot Zak as we seek the face of God and learn some basics about prayer. Part 2 is Monday, March 25th and, Part 3 is Monday, April 1st from 7 PM— 8:15 PM in the Resource room at Holy Cross South.

Special 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. Please call Betty if you can help with the prayer line.

St. Joseph Retreat and Conference Center will be having a “Lenten Day of Reflection” on March 26th. To register, contact Samir Azer at sazer@dol-in.org or call (765)551-9570. For more information, visit www.stjosephretreat.org. All retreats are available for adults age 19 and older.

The “**Poor and Hungry will always be among us.**” The Catholic Community of Anderson Soup Kitchen Ministry **is in need** of men and women willing to prepare soup for the Soup Kitchen Ministry. There are openings at this time. All supplies are furnished. You prepare the soup at home and return the soup to Holy Cross North School Annex. They also are in need of people to serve soup, crackers, fruit, and cheese at Alternatives Shelter for Women and Children and the Christian Center Shelter for Men . Meal time at Alternatives is 11:45 AM-12:30 PM on the second and last Wednesday of each month. Meal time at the Christian Center is 4:15-6:15 PM. Two meals are served at the Christina Center. The first is for the residents. The second is for the men, women and children of the community at large. For more information call Ron Cole at 779-4302.

The Men’s Lenten Breakfast

All men, young and old are invited to attend the Lenten Breakfast Series celebrating Gods Grace through fellowship, music and inspirational Christian speakers. A fee-will offering will be accepted to cover the cost of the meal (and in some cases, the program). Additional offerings left on the table will be used for publicity and program expenses. If you have questions email: hamaki@comcast.net. The breakfast will be hosted at St. Mary Church on Saturday, April 6th at 8:00 AM. Pull out your favorite breakfast recipes as we are asking for your help in feeding over 100 Christian men of our community. Sign up sheets are available at both parishes this weekend and next. For more information about events at other churches, see the flyer on the bulletin board.

How are you doing on your Lenten Resolutions? If you didn’t do it, get back to it!

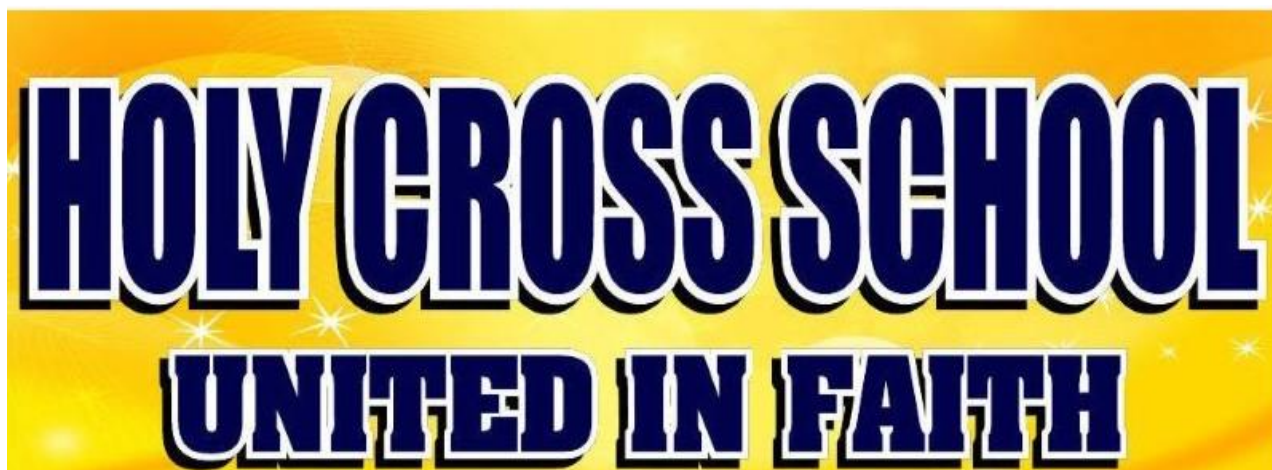


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Please Pray For ...

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; Sgt. Brock Acra stationed in California US Marine Corp. son of Greg and Sonia Acra. First Lt. Sean Scally, 82nd Airborne, grandson of Tom Chezem, United Arab Emirates.

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!



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United in faith and rooted in Catholic identity, Holy Cross School encourages students to achieve their personal best in academics and model Christ in service and faith.

Holy Cross School is on Spring Break. We will be back in session on April 1st.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. Mary with the students from the North campus on the following days:

Friday, April 5th at 2:15 PM
 Wednesday, April 10th at 8:20 AM
 Friday, April 19th at 12:15 PM

All are welcome to attend.

Young Church

High School Youth are invited to gather in the Assembly Hall at St. Ambrose Church on Sunday, March 31st from 2-3:30 PM. Looking forward to seeing you there! Bring a friend, all are welcome! Test your drone flying skills!

Sunday Religious Education

SRE class on Sunday, March 24 from 10:35—11:25 @ Holy Cross North
 First Communion Class Sunday April 7 from 10:35—11:25 @ Holy Cross North annex
 Confirmation Retreat April 6-7 at Holy Cross School North

Clases de Catecismo Dominical

Clases de catecismo el 24 de marzo 10:35—11:25 @ Holy Cross North
 Primera Communion clase el 7 de abril - 10:35—11:25 @ Holy Cross North
 Retiro de Confirmación el 6-7 abril @ Holy Cross North

DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridos Hermanas y Hermanos en el Señor:

A veces, es importante recordarnos porque Cristo se hizo carne de la Virgen María. Es fácil olvidarnos de la razón de que el Padre mandó el Hijo al mundo. Si miramos a una foto de los novios durante su boda, sabemos casi sin pensar que ellos están en la Iglesia prometiendo delante de Dios y toda la gente sus vidas, el uno a la otra.

Ahora, si miramos a una pintura de la Natividad del Señor, ¿sabríamos de la razón por este gran evento? ¿Para que el Infinito le permitiría a sí Mismo a ser contenido y tomar carne como un pequeño infante en Belén? El arzobispo Fulton Sheen decía, “Cada otra persona quien vino a este mundo, vino para vivir. Él vino al mundo para morir.” Cristo vino para morir. En su muerte, se hizo la guerra contra el Diablo y totalmente venció sobre el poder del pecado y de la muerte. La cosa increíble del Evangelio es que ¡Él lo hizo esto precisamente! Venció en una manera total al poder del pecado y de la muerte. A veces, nos podemos acostumbrar a oír la Buena Nueva. Pero, la Buena Nueva ha cambiado nuestras vidas en una manera absoluta. Jesús vino “para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia” en la eternidad y empezando incluso ahora, porque, como dice San Isabel de la Trinidad, el tiempo “es eternidad ya empezado y todavía en progreso.”

Jesús vino a transformar nuestras vidas, a inspirarnos y llenarnos hasta lo profundo de nuestros seres con su profundo gozo. También vino a liberarnos del pecado y de la muerte. Lo ha hecho por el derramamiento de su Sangre. Durante la Cuaresma, Jesús nos invita por medio de su Esposa que es la Iglesia, a ser purificados por su Preciosísima Sangre. La única manera de ser purificado es lavarnos en su Preciosísima Sangre (cf. Apocalipsis 7:14). Entonces, ¿cómo podemos lavarnos en la Sangre del Cordero sin mancha? Cuando nos confesamos, vamos verdaderamente en una manera espiritual al pie de aquella Cruz santa que redimió al mundo. Cuando el sacerdote levanta su mano consagrada y dice aquellas bellas palabras de la absolución, la Sangre y Agua que brotó del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús está derramado sobre nuestras almas y nos purifica (cf. 1 Juan 5:6). Si hacemos una buena, honesta, y humilde confesión, todos nuestros pecados (sin ninguna excepción) están eliminados y entran en el gran olvido de Dios. Por medio de la Confesión, está restaurado en nuestros corazones y conciencias una paz verdadera y perdurable (CCC, 1468).

Le traemos al Padre misericordioso un gozo muy grande cuando aceptamos su abrazo de ternura en la Confesión. Esta Cuaresma, el Padre nos invita a cada uno de nosotros a esa experiencia de Su ternura, amor, e infinita misericordia. Da igual si ha sido un mes, un año, 20 años, o 50 años desde nuestra última confesión. Hoy, ¡escucha la voz de nuestro amado Jesús! Tiene tanta anhelo de hacer por ti lo que vino a hacer: ¡perdonarte de tus pecados y darte vida y vida en abundancia! “Entra a participar del gozo de tu Señor” (Mateo 25:23).

En el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús,
Elliot Zak

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