

# St. Monica Catholic Church

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**Dir. of Religious Ed.** Janice Van Slambrouck, ext. 244  
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**CHOIR:** 9:00 a.m., Bill Staggs, Music Minister, 274-8847. Adult Choir Rehearsal - Thurs. 6:30 p.m.; Children's Choir & Guitar Rehearsal - Tues., 6:30 p.m.; Michelle Hernandez, Music Minister, after 5 p.m. 215-0811. Spanish Choir - Mon. 7:00 p.m. Glissie Esquivel, Director, 251-2902.

**SPANISH PRAYER GROUP:** Fri. 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall. Martin Sanchez, 387-3469.

**ACTS:** Eliza Reyna, 273-8851.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Meets 2nd Tues. 7:30 p.m. Tony Canez, Grand Knight, 857-0789.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Ruben Rosas, President, 818-1230. Meets 2nd Tues. at 12:00 noon.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS:** Meets 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. Sylvia Benavides, 656-2609.

**GUADALUPANOS:** Meets 2nd Mon. 5:30-6:30 p.m. parish hall, Margie Moncada, 661-7381.

**LIFE TEEN** (High School Youth Group): Wed. 6:25-7:35 p.m., parish hall. Timo Zepeda, 410-7647.

**EDGE** (Middle School Youth Group): Meets Wed. 6:15-7:45 p.m. Lyle Pearce, 913-5585.

**YOUNG AT HEART GROUP:** Meets 2nd Thurs., Sally Tokarski at 367-1118.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:** (Spanish) Meets Tues. 7:00 p.m., chapel.

**FAMILY OF THE ROSARY** (bilingual) Meet last Tues. 7:00-9:00 p.m. in church cry room. Carmenza Barrios, 724-8660.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.; 1:00 (Spanish), 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
**Weekdays:** 8:15 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION:** Sat. 4:00 p.m. & Wed. 6:00 p.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Every Fri. after Mass until 7:00 p.m.

**EUCCHARIST FOR SICK & SHUT-INS:** Contact church office.

**BAPTISMS:** 1st Sat. of month at 11:00 a.m. Spanish Baptisms on 2nd Sat. 11:00 a.m.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** 2 year program required; usually received in 2nd grade.

**CONFIRMATION:** Must complete a 2 year program which begins in high school.

**MARRIAGE:** 6 months notice required. Contact parish office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Director, Janice Van Slambrouck, 416-2018. Grades K-5th, Wed. 6:25-7:35 p.m. Office hours - Tue., Wed. and Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**GLOW** (4th-6th grade group) meets Thurs. in hall 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**RCIA:** Adult converts or those needing sacraments are invited. Classes begin in Sept. on Sun. 10:30 a.m., parish hall. Josie Rodriguez 988-3954. Spanish RCIA: Sr. Esperanza Buitron 659-4242 [rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net)

**ST. MONICA SCHOOL:** Early Childhood-8th Grade. Principal, Kristi Geyer, 658-6701. School Annex 659-5939. Inquiries to school office.

**QUINCEANERA:** Must be registered parishioner at least one year; attend Religious Education classes and have priest's permission.

**ALTAR SOCIETY & THRIFT SHOP:** Altar Society meets 1st Tues. 12:00 noon, Sept.-May. Thrift Shop Wed. & Sat. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Edna Diaz, 598-9885.

**REGISTRATION FORMS:** In parish office or next to the bulletin board inside of the church.

*The Mission of St. Monica is to build a welcoming community of faith, making God's love visible through service to others.*

# Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon 7/9 8:15 A.M. † Lesandro Guzman Feliz
- Tues 7/10 8:15 A.M. † Jose Tomas Salazar  
Omar Garnica =SI
- Wed 7/11 8:15 A.M. † Lesandro Guzman Feliz  
Mike Wheeler = SI
- Thurs 7/12 8:15 A.M. † Elvira Espiritu
- Fri 7/13 8:15 A.M. † Lesandro Guzman Feliz
- Sat 7/14 5:30 P.M. † Scott Case  
Raphael Eke = SI
- Sun 7/15 7:30 A.M. † Esther/Bob Patterson  
† Miguel Vela  
Stacy/Jerome Jordan = SI
- 9:00 A.M. † Elvira Espiritu
- 11:00 A.M. Maria Carmen Rendon = B  
Maria Carmen Mendoza = B
- 1:00 P.M. Apolonia Vega/Jose Rosario Nuno  
† Almas de purgatorio  
† Lucia Rojas Ramirez  
† Luis & Richard Flores
- 5:00 P.M. † Marta Mendoza
- 7:00 P.M. Omar Garnica = SI

† = Deceased A = Anniv B = Birthday  
SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased

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Sunday Collection: \$ 12,345.00  
Peter's Pence: \$2,149.00

This Sunday's second collection is for the St. Vincent de Paul



### FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Food Drive to stock St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry. Items needed are: peanut butter, jelly, canned corn, soup, cereal, rice and beans. Please bring your donation to the church foyer and place in the box.



### DATE OF JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>

St. Monica ACTS invites everyone to Theology Game/ Spaghetti Dinner Night, and with a purchase of an Adult ticket, you will have a chance to win a Smart Watch or a Fitbit. **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.** Presale Tickets are \$15 for Adults (\$18 at the door) and \$7 for Children (children's ticket is not eligible for a chance to win door prize). Tickets will be sold in the foyer after all masses on the weekend of June 30/July 1st, and on July 7/8. Each purchased ticket includes our fabulous homemade spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, drink, dessert and playing a variety of Theology Themed Games that are fun for the entire family. This community event will be held in the Parish Hall from 6:30-9pm. For more information, contact Eliza Reyna at 210-273-8851. Proceeds benefit future ACTS retreats. We appreciate your support.

### LA FECHA DEL 14 DE JULIO

ACTS de Sta. Mónica invita a todos a una noche de Juegos Teológicos/Cena de Espagueti, y con la compra de un boleto para adultos, tendrá la oportunidad de ganar un Reloj Smart Watch o un Fitbit. **DEBE ESTAR PRESENTE PARA GANAR.** Los boletos de preventa son de \$15 para adultos (mayores de 18 años) y de \$ 7 para niños (el boleto de niños no es elegible para ganar el premio de la puerta). Los boletos se venderán en el vestíbulo después de todas las misas durante el fin de semana del 20 de junio/1 de julio y del 7 al 8 de julio. Cada boleto comprado incluye nuestro fabuloso espagueti casero, ensalada, pan de ajo, bebidas, postres y una variedad de juegos con tema teológico que son divertidos para toda la familia. Este evento de la comunidad parroquial se llevará a cabo en el salón parroquial de 6:30 a 9 p.m. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Eliza Reyna al 210-273-8851. Los ingresos benefician retiros de ACTS futuros. Agradecemos su apoyo.



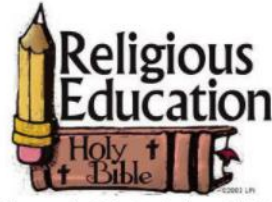
### SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR NEEDY

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a back to school supply drive for Sky Cross the weekends of July 7/8 & July 14/15. Sky Cross will be delivering these supplies to the very poor families living on the Texas-Mexico border.

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE TICKETS!

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for their *barbeque beef brisket* plates the weekend of July 14/15 in the church foyer. Plates will be available for pick up at the school's cafeteria on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you want to purchase tickets prior to this date, call Timo Zepeda at 210-410-7647. Plates are \$9 each and beef brisket comes with Kielbassa sausage, cole slaw, potato salad and beans. All made from scratch by the Knights!



### THIS IS THE NEWS

Registration for Religious Education Classes is now taking place. Forms can be found under the bulletin board in back of church. Classes for Kindergarten through High School (Life Teen) will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:25 thru 7:35 p.m. EDGE for grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> will meet from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. High School's (Life Teen) time to meet has not been confirmed yet. FINAL REGISTRATION is **Monday, August 6, 2018** to begin in fall 2018 thru spring 2019. For more information, call Jan Van Slambrouck, D.R.E. at (210) 416-2018

### NOTICIAS DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Es tiempo de registrarse para las clases de educación religiosa 2018-19. Estas clases son para todos los estudiantes que asisten a la escuela pública en los grados Kindergarten hasta los de la secundaria. Las clases son los miércoles por la noche de 6:25 a 7:35 p.m. y para los grados 7<sup>o</sup> - 8<sup>o</sup>, EDGE, el horario es de 6:15 a 7:45 p.m. El horario de Life Teen para los que están en la secundaria todavía no se ha confirmado. Los formularios de inscripción se pueden obtener en la iglesia debajo del tablón de anuncios, o en la oficina parroquial. Hay una cantidad máxima de estudiantes para cada clase. LA INSCRIPCIÓN FINAL ES EL LUNES, 6 DE AGOSTO DE 2018. Para cualquier pregunta, comuníquese con la oficina de Educación Religiosa al 210-416-2018 o [Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net)



### A PINT OF BLOOD CAN SAVE THREE LIVES.

St. Monica Catholic Church will have a Blood Drive with South Texas Blood & Tissue Center on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish hall (Steubben Hall). If you have questions

about donating, you may call 210-731-5555

### CARE FOR THOSE IN THEIR WISDOM YEARS

McCullough Hall Nursing Center has long served as a Long Term Care Facility for the Sisters of Divine Providence. Opened 46 years ago, the nursing facility has always provided quality care for people in their wisdom years. Now, in addition to the Sisters, MHNC has many lay people as Residents. MHNC is a Skilled Nursing Facility, with 51 beds, that accepts Medicare, Medicaid and private pay Residents. If you are interested in your loved one enjoying life at MHNC, please contact Jessica Stemmerding, Administrator, at [jstemmerding@mchall.org](mailto:jstemmerding@mchall.org) or 210-435-7711 ext. 1164.



### COME ON THE NEXT DALLAS COWBOYS BUS TRIP

The 7th Annual K of C Cowboys Bus Trip will be held on Sep 29-30, 2018. Come watch the Cowboys take on the Lions in Dallas. The cost is \$399, which includes transportation, hotel, and tickets to the game. A limited number of seats are available, so register soon. Visit [kofc-9681.org](http://kofc-9681.org) or contact Ruben Rosas at 210-818-1230 for more information.

### PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Is the Holy Land on your bucket list? Do you feel the call to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, His Apostles, His Mother and His disciples? Celebrate Mass at the site of Jesus' birth and tomb, where He proclaimed the Beatitudes, where He was transfigured before Peter, James and John. Renew your Baptismal vows in the river Jordan. Couples, renew your wedding vows at Cana. See, touch, feel, smell, sense and walk the places you hear proclaimed every Sunday. Join Deacon Sean for an informational presentation at 6:30 P.M. in the Baumann Room on July 10, 2018 and learn about St. Monica Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, March 10-21, 2019. Contact Deacon Sean for more information at (210) 274-7085 or email: [deaconsean@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:deaconsean@saintmonicaconverse.net).

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