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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. 10:00 a.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

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 7/23 8:15 A.M. † Marcella/Raul Trevino
Tues 7/24 8:15 A.M. † Edward Matthews
Wed 7/25 8:15 A.M. Omar Garnica = B
Thurs 7/26 8:15 A.M. † Eddie Kneupper
Fri 7/27 8:15 A.M. Omar Garnica = B
† Rosalino Villafior
Sat 7/28 5:30 P.M. † Albert Martinez
Sun 7/29 7:30 A.M. † Carmen Rosas
† Flora Palanca
9:00 A.M. † Adam Baros
11:00 A.M. † Virginia Serrano
1:00 P.M. † Ubaldo Cantu
† Joaquin Mondragon
† Sergio Delgado
Omar Garnica = B
5:00 P.M. † Martin/Elvira Samaniego
7:00 P.M. † Francisco y Cecilia Macedo

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

Sunday Collections
July 8th: \$10,079.00
July 15th: \$9,551.00



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.

COMIDA DE ALIMENTOS

Los Caballeros de Colón están patrocinando una Campaña de Alimentos para almacenar el dispensario de alimentos de San Vicente de Paúl. Los artículos que se necesitan son: mantequilla de maní, jalea, maíz enlatado, sopa, cereal, arroz y frijoles. Por favor, traiga su donación al vestíbulo de la iglesia y coloque en la caja provista.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT ☺
Fr. Thumma is available for appointments in the office during the week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except for Thursdays. Please call the office and speak to Mary Kirby or Sofia Flores to schedule.

PICK UP YOUR BBQ PLATE

This Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. you can pick up your BBQ plate from the school's cafeteria. Our sincere gratitude to the Knights of Columbus Council 9681!

TRAINING FOR LAY MINISTERS

Are you feeling the call to serve? St. Monica will be providing training (in English) for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word (Lectors) on August 1, 2018 beginning at 6:30 P.M. Every Mass is in need of these very important ministries. You must have the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and, if married, you must be married in the Catholic Church.

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. Contact Deacon Sean for more information at (210) 274-7085 or email: deaconsean@saintmonicaconverse.net. The dates of Pilgrimage to the Holy Land are March 10-21, 2019.

PEREGRINACIÓN A LA TIERRA SANTA

¿Está la Tierra Santa en su lista de deseos? ¿Siente el llamado a seguir los pasos de Jesús, Sus Apóstoles, Su Madre y Sus discípulos? Celebre la Misa en el lugar del nacimiento y la tumba de Jesús, donde proclamó las Bienaventuranzas, donde se transfiguró ante Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Renueve sus votos bautismales en el río Jordán. Parejas, renueven sus votos matrimoniales en Caná. Vea, toque, palpe, huela, sienta y recorra los lugares que escucha proclamados cada domingo. Comuníquese con el Diácono Sean para obtener más información al (210) 274-7085 o al correo electrónico: deaconsean@saintmonicaconverse.net. La peregrinación a la Tierra Santa, del 10 al 21 de marzo de 2019.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



A.C.T.S.

FOOD FOR YOUR SOUL!

There will be an ACTS Retreat for women on August 16 – 19, 2018. The place will be St. Anthony's Convent, 100 Peter Baque Rd. in San Antonio; 78209. The cost is \$180. You may pick up a registration form by the bulletin board in church. A \$90 deposit is due at the time the registration form is turned into office.

Hurry, as space is limited. Call Nancy Zepeda, Director, at 210-410-7648 or Delia Finch, Co-Director, 210-573-6664 or Joan Petru, Co-Director, 210-643-1048 with any questions. So, leave your worries and obligations behind for this weekend and enjoy meeting new friends and getting pampered!

¡ESCUCHEN DAMAS, ESTO ES PARA SU ALMA!

Habr  un retiro de ACTS para mujeres del 16 al 19 de agosto de 2018. El lugar ser  el convento de San Antonio de Padua, 100 Peter Baque Rd. en San Antonio; 78209. El costo es \$180. Usted puede recoger un formulario de inscripci n cerca del tabl n de anuncios de la iglesia. Un dep sito de \$90 se debe pagar al entregar el formulario de registro en oficina. Dese prisa, ya que el espacio es limitado. Llame a Nancy Zepeda, Directora, al 210-410-7648, a Delia Finch, Codirectora, 210-573-6664 o a Joan Petru, Codirectora, 210-643-1048 si tiene alguna pregunta.  As  que deje sus preocupaciones y obligaciones detr s ese fin de semana y disfrute conociendo nuevas amigas y siendo mimada!

FREE SHOE PROGRAM

Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP) is conducting a Back-to-School Shoe Program to help provide shoes for children in our community who would not otherwise have a new pair of shoes to start for the school year. Through an arrangement with the corporate offices of Payless Shoe Stores, RACAP will provide a one-time use gift card for each child in grades K-12, whose family qualifies for the program. The program will run from July 9 through August 31, 2018. Anyone interested in applying for assistance or helping RACAP in providing assistance may contact RACAP at (210) 658-1613 or visit our website www.racap.org. Documents needed: photo ID for yourself, Social Security cards for everyone in the household, proof of residence within our service area (lease or utility bill) and proof of income and benefits for everyone in the household (award letters for food stamps, unemployment, disability, housing assistance, social security, child support records, pay statements of anyone working or has worked recently).

PROGRAMA DE ZAPATOS GRATIS

El Programa de Asistencia Cristiana del  rea de Randolph (RACAP) est  llevando a cabo un Programa de Zapatos de Regreso a la Escuela para ayudar a proporcionar zapatos para los ni os de nuestra comunidad que de otra manera no tendr an un nuevo par de zapatos para comenzar el a o escolar. A trav s de un acuerdo con las oficinas corporativas de Payless Shoe Stores, RACAP proporcionar  una tarjeta de regalo de uso  nico para cada ni o en los grados K-12, cuya familia cualifica para el programa. El programa se llevar  a cabo del 9 de julio al 31 de agosto de 2018. Cualquiera persona interesada en solicitar asistencia o ayudar a RACAP a proporcionar asistencia puede comunicarse con RACAP al (210) 658-1613 o visitar nuestro sitio web www.racap.org. Documentos necesarios: identificaci n con foto, tarjetas de seguro social para todos en el hogar, comprobante de residencia dentro de nuestra  rea de servicio (factura arriendo o de servicios p blicos) y comprobante de ingresos y beneficios para todos los miembros del hogar (cartas de cupones de alimentos, desempleo, incapacidad, asistencia de vivienda, seguro social, registros de manutenci n de ni os, declaraciones de pago de cualquier persona que trabaje o haya trabajado recientemente).



BAKE SALE

This Sunday, Familia del Rosario, will be selling their baked goods after Mass.

POSTRES PARA UNA CAUSA

Pase por el vest bulo de la iglesia despu s de la misa este fin de semana y escoja su postre favorito en la venta de pasteles patrocinada por La Familia del Rosario.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Are you are a baptized, practicing Catholic, 18 years of age or over, have received 1st Eucharist, and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation Dec. 1st? If so, please contact Josie Rodriguez as soon as possible at rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net, (210) 988-3954, or (719) 660-2169. Classes will begin Oct. 7th at 3:00pm in the Baumann Room. Please bring a copy of your baptismal certificate, have a Confirmed Catholic sponsor chosen and please begin to think about a Saints name.



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