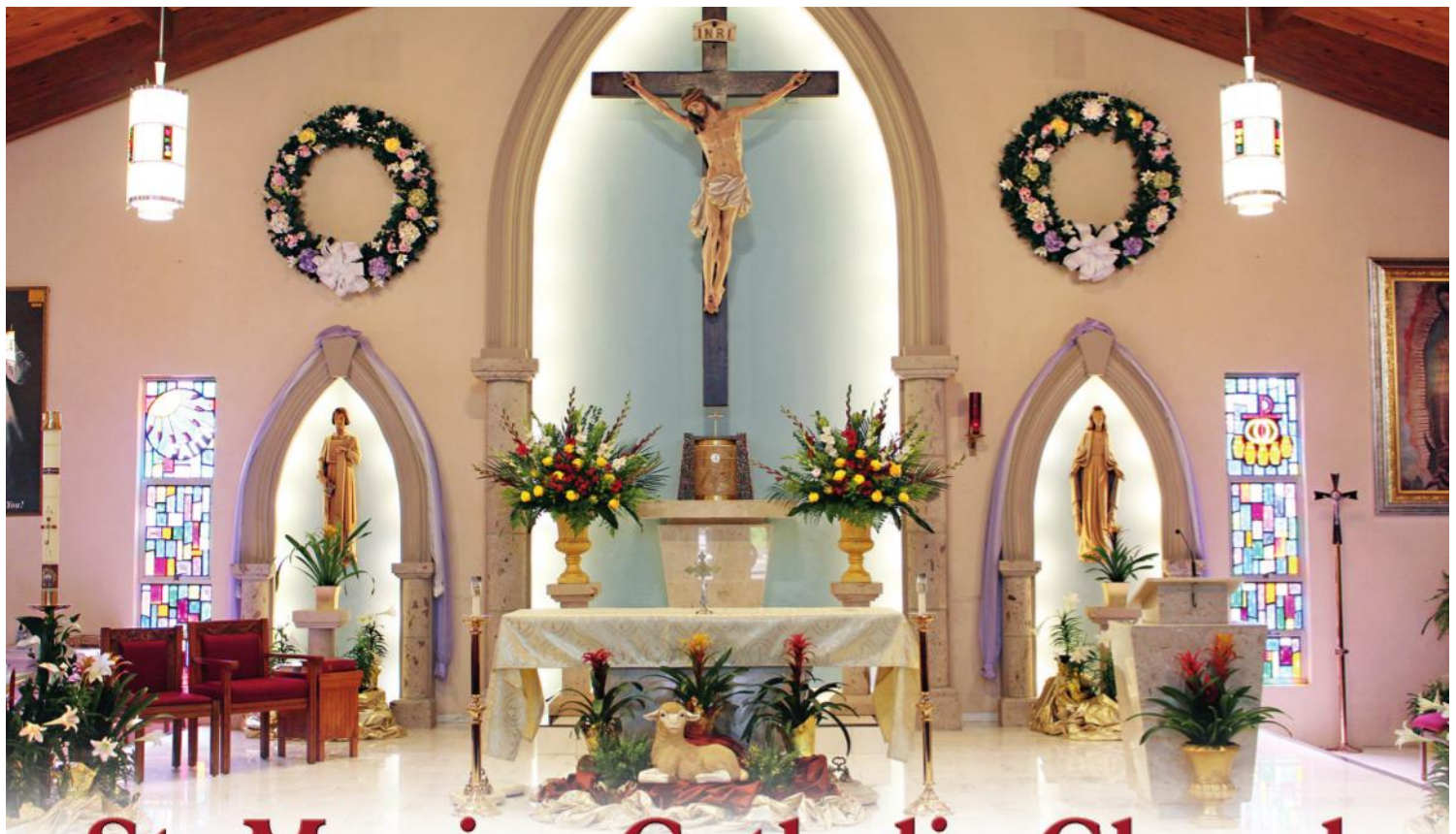




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MASS SCHEDULE

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. Annette Winfield, 210-885-0861

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, Ms. Abby Salazar, 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 the church.

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.

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 8/20 8:15 A.M. ☩ Souls in purgatory
Tues 8/21 8:15 A.M. ☩ Carmen Rosas
William/Susan Day = SI
Wed 8/22 8:15 A.M. Cancer patients = SI
Thurs 8/23 8:15 A.M. Children w/disabilities = SI
Fri 8/24 8:15 A.M. Faustino/Elvira Gomez= 60A
Sat 8/25 5:30 P.M. ☩ Onufry Cielencki
Sun 8/26 7:30 A.M. Michael Joseph Rosario = SI
9:00 A.M. ☩ Ester Pineda
11:00 A.M. ☩ Margaret Salisbury
Beth Hovis = SI
1:00 P.M. Josue/Adriana Pacheco = A
☩ Joaquin Mondragon
Divine Jesus = SI
5:00 P.M. St. Monica Parishioners = SI
7:00 P.M. Teachers = SI

☩ = Deceased A = Anniv B = Birthday

SI = Special Intention

L & D = Living and Deceased



Sunday Collections:

August 6th = \$ 12,150.50

August 12th = \$ 10,191.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 8,774.77

BAPTISM CLASS DAY HAS CHANGED

Beginning in September, we will offer a Baptism Class the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This class is for parents and godparents. Class is valid for 3 years. The date of class in September is September 15th. Classes will be in parish hall. Classes are held in English.



THIS BREAKFAST IS WORTH THE MONEY!

The Knights of Columbus will begin to offer their Pancake Breakfast the second Sunday of the month beginning September 8th

in the parish hall. The cost is **only \$4.50 or \$2.50 for the kids**, and includes coffee, juice, and fruit cocktail. It is served from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. only.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, August 25th, we are celebrating the 55th Anniversary of our church by honoring our patron saint, St. Monica. This is the schedule of the celebration:

5:00 p.m. Rosary

5:30 p.m. Mass

6:45 p.m. Reception in the parish hall. There will be appetizers, drinks and music provided. Please join your parish family at this joyous event!

First day of Religious Education Classes (1st thru 8th grade) is **Wednesday, September 19** at 6:25 p.m. **Life Teen** is Sunday, **September 9** at 3 to 4:30 p.m. then Mass at 5 p.m.

TEEN CONFIRMATION PREPARATION NEWS:

Are you in High School and ready to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation? Come join us for a meeting that will explain the requirements for the preparation of this sacrament. Parents are encouraged to join. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall, Sunday, September 9 at 2 p.m. After the meeting, High School Teens can continue the fun at the Life Teen Kick-off! The fun begins at 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION

Next Thursday, August 23 7 p.m. Please come meditate, pray and praise Our Lord and Savior with your parish community.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Enrollment is going on now for classes. Are you an adult (18+ yrs) who would like to join the Catholic Church then RCIA might be for you?

RCIA is for:

- Unbaptized adults seeking to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (*Holy Communion*).
- Baptized adults from another Christian tradition (Baptists, Evangelical, Methodist etc.) who wish to become members of the Catholic Church.
- Adults baptized in the Catholic Church as infants and who now wish to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Please call Josie Rodriguez at (210) 988-3954 or email her at rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net please leave your name, phone number and email address. **Classes** will begin **Sept. 9th**, 2018 at 10:00am in the Baumann Room

RICA EN ESPANOL

Si te falta recibir el bautismo, la confirmacion o la primera comunión, tienes mas de 18 años y deseas prepararte en Espanol, llena la ficha de inscripción, comunicate con la hermana Esperanza Buitron, 210-659-4242, y ven a preparte. Iniciamos el 9 de Septiembre después de misa de 1 p.m. (de 2:15 p.m. a 4:15 p.m.) en el salón parroquial atrás del templo. INCRIPCIONES a partir de hoy. Se cierran el 9 de Septiembre. Toma LA FICHA DE INSCIPCION de la mesita que esta a la izquierda al entrar al templo o pidela en la oficina de la parroquia. Entregala a la Hna. Esperanza o en la oficina.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Doing service work puts the needs of others ahead of your own, which benefits the people you're helping as well as yourself. Donating your time to a special cause quickly enhances your sense of well-being, especially if you're drawing on your unique talents or skills. Why not show off those special skills in the Religious Education program! Anyone interested in helping this wonderful group, please attend the In-Service meeting on Wednesday, August 29th at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. Any questions, contact Janice Van Slambrouck at 210-416-2018 or Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net

VOLUNTARIOS NECESITADOS

Es fácil caer en el hábito de dar nuestras bendiciones por hecho, por lo que es importante el dar un paso atrás de vez en cuando y evaluar cuán profundamente estamos conectados. Para ayudar a lograr esto, se recomienda incorporar algún tipo de trabajo de servicio en su rutina semanal o mensual. ¡Por qué no ser voluntario en el Programa de Educación Religiosa! ¡Todo lo que se necesita es paciencia, dedicación y el deseo de compartir la palabra de Dios con los niños! Nuestras clases se llevan a cabo los miércoles por la noche y siempre hay oportunidad de ayudar durante la semana. Si le interesa unirse a este maravilloso grupo, puede asistir a la junta que tenemos la fecha de 29 de agosto a las 6:30 p.m. en el salón parroquial o póngase en contacto con Janice Van Slambrouck 210-416-2018 o Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net

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.



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