St. Monica Catholic Church
501 North St.
Converse, Texas 78109

Phone Number: (210)658-3816
Website: www.saintmonicaconverse.net
Email: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net
Working Hours: Mon., Tue., Thur., & Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm & Wed. 9 am—7pm
Sat. 10am—2pm & Sun 10am—3pm
For an emergency: Call the office and follow the instructions.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm (English)
7:15 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 7:30 & 9:15, 11 am
& 5 pm (English)
1:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Weekdays: 8:15 a.m. (Mon-Fri)
Bilingual Mass During Lent
Beginning Thursday Feb. 15th
6:30 p.m. (Mon-Fri.) (Bilingual/*bilingüe*)
Saturday: 9 am Holy Rosary
Mass at 9:30 am (Bilingual/*bilingüe*)
HOLY HOUR: Thursday 7 pm
1st FRIDAY MASS:
8:15 am English & 7 pm Spanish
PERPETUAL ADORATION
In the Chapel Hours for adoration:
Sunday at 8 pm to Saturday at 5:15pm
Chapel is open 7am to 7pm if coming after 7pm,
Please come by the office to get your entry code.
CONFESSIONS:
WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM
& SATURDAY 3:30 PM

Pastor: Fr. Thumma Prathap
Email: pastor@saintmonicaconverse.net
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Artemio Ortiz
Email: fr.ortiz1958@saintmonicaconverse.net

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white....Mark 9:2-3

Jesús tomó aparte a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan, subió con ellos a un monte alto y se transfiguró en su presencia. Sus vestiduras se pusieron esplendorosamente blancas ....Marco 9:2-3

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Principal, Mrs. Karmen Chavez
Early Childhood-8th Grade
210-658-6701 **E-mail: office@saintmonica.net**
Registration now open for the 2023/2024 School Year
Ya está abierta la inscripción para el Año 2023/2024

MINISTRIES

ACTS: **Giselle Zamago**

ALTAR SOCIETY: THRIFT STORE: Open Wednesdays & Saturdays from 9 a.m. till Noon

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Dcn. Sean Dooley

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: Meet 3rd Sat. of the month 9a.m. NO MEETINGS June or July. Contact: **Janet Swanson**

ART & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY: **Alma Castillo**

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (Spanish) Meet Tues. 6 - 7:30pm & Wed. 9 to 11am in the Parish Hall contact **Lupita Ruiz**

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (English) Meet every 2nd & 4th Sat. at 10am & the following Mon. at 6pm contact **Christine Warren**

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER, LECTOR, USHER OR ALTAR SERVER: Contact **Anita Moreno** to join any of these ministries.

FAMILY OF THE ROSARY **Graciela Morgan**

GUADALUPANAS: Meets 2nd Mon. 10:00 a.m. parish hall, **Joe Luera**

HEALING HEART: Elsa Lopez

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: **Bernardo Castellano & Lyle Pearce** Beginning Wednesday October 4th at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall

HOMEBOUD: Barbara Ward

WELCOME MINISTRY: **Eliza Reyna**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meets 2nd Tues.at 7:00 p.m. **Steve Steele,** Grand Knight

LOVESTRONG: Tony & Isabel Canez

SPANISH BIBLE STUDY: Meet every Monday 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall: **Omar Garnica**

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: Meet every Fri. 7:00 p.m. at parish hall: **Rafael & Betzy Torres**

POWER POINT MINISTRY: Claudio Corrales & Gabby Olivares

VOCATIONS: Elvia Armenta

Contact the parish office for more information on any of the above ministries.

COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council President: Timo Zepeda
Finance Council President: Sandra Lyssy
Building Board President: Tony Canez

CHOIR DIRECTORS

Music Coordinator: Jorge Castellanos

Gil Lugo, Sat.; 5:30pm & Sun; 7:30am
Bill Staggs, 9:15 a.m.,
Michelle Hernandez, 11 a.m..,
Jorge Castellanos, Spanish 1p.m.
Lilli Soto, 5 pm. or **Bill Staggs** 5 pm
Ernesto Diaz, 7pm Sunday or **Lupita Gonzalez** 7pm Sunday

To join the choir, call the director of the Mass you attend.

SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING OF SICK: Contact the church office to setup an appointment with a priest.

INFANT BAPTISMS: 3rd Saturday of the month in English & 4th Saturday of the month in Spanish. Please contact the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE & QUINCEANERA: At least 6 months notice is required. Contact **Deacon David** at the parish office.

RCIA: Adult converts or those needing sacraments are invited. Please contact **Timo Zepeda** for more information.

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

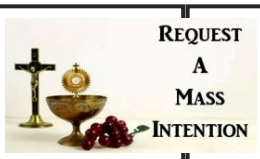
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: To include preparation for **First Communion and Confirmation** Grades K– High School.
Email: RE@saintmonicaconverse.net 210-658-3816

We are here to Pray for you
Estamos aquí para orar por ti

In our prayers let us ask the Lord for health for our sisters and brothers who are ill:
En nuestras oraciones pidamos al Señor por la salud para nuestras hermanas y nuestros hermanos enfermos:

Glyssie Esquivel, Reynaldo Vela, Angel Cantu, Linda Duncan, Maria J., Arthur Thomas, Lisa Lee, Luis M Vega, Barbara Cantley, Suzie Littrell, Helen Arispe, Alena Quintero, Irma Mendez, Nildia Johnston, Lucy Barajas, Tim Knotts, Lisa Lee, Douglas, Bob Andrews, Tyler Acosta, Jo-Ann Case, Diane Thatcher, Joanne & Sebastian, Brenda, Jennifer Sanchez, Jose Martinez, John Cortez, Andrew, Velma Duran, Manuel M., Jan Beland, Dolores Vaquera & family, Sara Chase, Navarro, Kenia Aguilar, Ruddy Ballesteros DeLeon, Debbie Garcia, Armando Aguero, Preston Trinkle, Nicanora Rodriguez, Paul D., Angel Cantu, Barbara Garza, Evan Pesek, Laura Cynthia Peters, Bill Eastman, Catarina Garza, Felix Davila, Ernesto Sosa, Connie Martinez, Robert, Adam Thomas, Melissa, Michael Burgos, Ruben Pacheco, Rose, Christine, Pawlick family, Rhonda Hogan, Barbara Rials, Trini & Jackie Cantú, Jason Silk, Emilio Fernandez, Tony Rippy, Edwardo Guevara, Adalene, Martha Gonzalez, Janet Hillson, Pablo Martinez, Lucy Zamora, Ariel & Clara Casiano, Donny Krueger, Donelia Jimenez, Jeannie & Paul, Maria Ramos, Will Clouse, Roland Guerra, Ignacio Urabazo, Mary Kirby, Becky Cortez, Manuel M., Julio R., Carolyn Silk, Justin Silk, Olga B., Judy Gutierrez Kahn, Laura Caraballos

Having a Mass said for a specific prayer intention is a wonderful way to glorify God. You may request a Mass to be said for a living or deceased person, or for a particular intention. Mass intentions provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of anniversaries and birthdays, and additional prayers for a deceased loved one. A donation of $10 is requested.



Ofrecer una Misa para una intención específica de oración es una manera maravillosa de glorificar a Dios. Usted puede solicitar una misa para una persona viva o fallecida, o para una intención particular. Las intenciones de Misa brindan oportunidades para el recuerdo en oración de aniversarios y cumpleaños, y oraciones adicionales por un ser querido fallecido. Se solicita una donación de $10 cuando se pide una intención.

Please call the office to add a name in the bulletin. / Por favor hablen a la oficina para agregar nombres al boletin.

MASS SCHEDULE:
The 9:15 a.m. & 1 p.m. Sunday Masses & Mon-Sat daily Masses are live-streamed on Facebook.
HORARIO DE MISA: Las misas de 9:15 a.m. y 1 p.m. el domingo son transmitido en vivo en Facebook.

THE PRIEST SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
EL HORARIO SACERDOTE SUJETO A CAMBIO

Monday/Lunes, February 26th
Mass/ Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Artemio
Mass/Misa (Bilingual/bilingüe) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Artemio

Tuesday/Martes, February 27th
St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
San Gregorio de Narek, Abad y Doctor de la Iglesia
Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Mass/Misa (Bilingual/bilingüe) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Wednesday/Miércoles, February 28th
Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Artemio
Mass/Misa (Bilingual/bilingüe) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma
Confessions / Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Thurs./Jueves, February 29th
Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Mass/Misa (Bilingual/bilingüe) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Artemio
Holy Hour / Hora Santa 7:00 p.m.

Friday/Viernes, March 1st
Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.
Mass/Misa (Bilingual/bilingüe) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Artemio

Saturday/,Sábado, March 2nd
Rosary/Rosario 9:00 a.m.
Mass/Misa (Bilingual) 9:30 a.m. Fr. Artemio
Confessions/Confesiones 4:00 p.m.
Mass/Misa 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma
Mass/Misa 7:15 p.m. Fr. Thumma

3rd Sunday of Lent
3⁰ Domingo de Cuaresma

Sunday/Domingo, March 3rd
Masses in a.m. 7:30 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Misas de la mañana 9:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
11:00 a.m. Fr. Artemio
Masses in p.m. 1 p.m. (Español) Fr. Artemio
Misas de la tarde 5 p.m. (English) Fr. Artemio
7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Artemio

It's coming
St. Monica Festival
Mark your Calendars & don't be left out of the fun and fellowship.
Sunday April 21, 2024

Ya viene el
Festival de Santa Mónica
Marque sus calendarios y no se quede fuera de la diversión y compañerismo.
Domingo 21 de Abril, 2024

Mass Intentions for the week

Mon 2/26 8:15 a.m. (B) Judith Guadalupe Lopez
† Robert Quintanilla
6:30 p.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners

Tue 2/27 8:15 a.m. (B) Paula Anderson
(A) George & Dorothy San Agustin
† Celia Rangel
† Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:30 p.m. (SI) Fr. Artemio

Wed 2/28 8:15 a.m. (B) Camilia Guadalupe Torres
(SI) Conversion of Sinners
(SI)Conversion of Gilberto Otero
† Alan Pague
6:30 p.m. (SI) Deacon Rafael & family

Thurs 2/29 8:15 a.m. (SI)Conversion of Gilberto Otero
† Holy Souls in Purgatory
† Teresa Martin Lang
6:30 p.m. (SI) David M. Espinoza

Fri. 3/1 8:15 a.m. (SI)Conversion of Gilberto Otero
6:30 p.m. (B) Tonya Rose
† Ryan Dazzi

Sat. 3/2 9:30 a.m. (SI) Safety of the Children
(SI) Mary Kirby
5:30 p.m. † Leissa Sutton
† Ryan Dazzi
7:15 p.m. (SI) For Abused Children

Sun. 3/3 7:30 a.m. † Carmen Besa
† Lina Susan Kneupper
9:15 a.m. (SI) Christian, Alejandro, Liliana & Alysandra Garcia
11:00 a.m. (SI) Christian, Alejandro, Liliana & Alysandra Garcia
† Reynold & Alicia Gonzalez
† Irma Kotanan
1:00 p.m. (B) Julian Camps
(B) Mario Montoya
† Elia Lara
5:00 p.m. † Ryan Dazzi
7:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion de la Familia Aguilera Ibanez
† Michelle Osina-Gonzalez

COLLECTIONS

Weekly Offering

February 14th	$ 6,264.95
February 18th	$ 14,273.00
Online collection	$ 1,861.00

Collection for Catholic Missions among Black & Native Americans $ 1,0025.00
Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul $ 374.00
Online Collection for St. Monica School $ 115.00

March 3rd Second Collection
St. Vincent de Paul

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

St. Monica Catholic School
Dragon Tales

2024-2025 School Year

St. Monica Catholic School

TUITION AND FEES FOR PK-8TH

Registration Fee

Returning Students	New Students
$350 per Student	$500 per Student

(Registration Fee is Non-Refundable)

10 Month	
1 Child	$595.00
2 Children	$1,130.50
3 Children	$1,666.00

11 Month	
1 Child	$540.91
2 Children	$1,027.73
3 Children	$1,514.55

10% sibling discount reflected in rates above

2024-2025 ANNUAL TUITION $5,950

Before School Care Included

After School:
$250/Mo 1st Child
$200/Mo 2nd Child

Drop-in Rate $15/Hr

AIAL Sports Participation Fee (5th-8th Grade)
$100/first sport
$50/each additional

Graduation Fee (8th)
$175

Catholic Life Raffle Tickets
Family must sell $160
100% of proceeds benefit the school

Instrument Rental Fee
$100/year

5% Military Discount

Tuition Assistance Kinder- 8th
WWW.hopeforthefuture.org

Academy for Children (2-3yrs)

Frogstreet Curriculum
Four Core Collaborative Curriculum

(210)658-6701

515 North Street
Converse Tx 78109

"Pastor's Voice"
"The Wilderness Experience"

Dear St. Monica Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we enter the solemn season of Lent, I am compelled to reflect on the profound significance of the Wilderness Experience, drawing inspiration from the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness and how it relates to our individual spiritual journeys.

In the Gospels, we read about Jesus' retreat into the wilderness, where He faced temptations, embraced spiritual discipline, and relied wholeheartedly on God. This period of solitude and testing served as a crucial chapter in His earthly ministry, exemplifying the challenges and triumphs that often characterize our own paths toward spiritual growth.

Like Jesus, we too encounter wilderness experiences in our lives—times of trial, temptation, and solitude. It is within these desolate landscapes that our faith is refined, our spiritual discipline is tested, and our reliance on God is deepened. The 40 days of Lent mirror this wilderness journey, providing us with an intentional period for self-reflection, repentance, and drawing closer to our Creator.

Temptations, as experienced by Jesus, are inherent to the human condition. In our wilderness moments, we confront the allure of worldly desires, the temptation to stray from our spiritual path, and the challenges that test our commitment to God's will. Yet, just as Jesus overcame these temptations through unwavering faith, prayer, and reliance on the Word of God, so too can we navigate our own wilderness by anchoring ourselves in spiritual discipline and divine guidance.

Lent invites us to embrace spiritual practices—fasting, prayer, and almsgiving—not as mere rituals but as pathways to strengthen our connection with God. Through disciplined devotion, we cultivate a profound reliance on God's grace to guide us through the challenges and temptations that may arise during our wilderness experiences.

As we embark on this Lenten journey, let us consciously enter our own metaphorical wilderness, recognizing it as a transformative period where our faith is tested, our discipline is honed, and our reliance on God is fortified. May we draw inspiration from Jesus' triumphant example and emerge from this season spiritually rejuvenated, with a deeper understanding of our faith and a strengthened connection to our loving Creator.

May God's abundant grace accompany you throughout this sacred season of Lent. God Bless America.

Yours Truly,

Fr. Thumma Prathap

Date: February 24th & 25th, 2024

"Voz del Pastor'
"La Experiencia en el Desierto"

Querida Familia de Santa Mónica,

Gracia y paz a ustedes en el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Al entrar en la solemne temporada de Cuaresma, me siento compelido a reflexionar sobre el profundo significado de la Experiencia en el Desierto, inspirándome en los 40 días que Jesús pasó en el desierto y cómo se relaciona con nuestros caminos espirituales individuales.

En los Evangelios, leemos sobre la retirada de Jesús al desierto, donde enfrentó tentaciones, abrazó la disciplina espiritual y confió completamente en Dios. Este período de soledad y prueba sirvió como un capítulo crucial en su ministerio terrenal, ejemplificando los desafíos y triunfos que a menudo caracterizan nuestros propios caminos hacia el crecimiento espiritual.

Al igual que Jesús, nosotros también encontramos experiencias en el desierto en nuestras vidas, momentos de prueba, tentación y soledad. Es dentro de estos paisajes desolados que nuestra fe se afina, nuestra disciplina espiritual se pone a prueba y nuestra confianza en Dios se profundiza. Los 40 días de Cuaresma reflejan este viaje por el desierto, brindándonos un período intencional para la autorreflexión, el arrepentimiento y acercarnos a nuestro Creador.

Las tentaciones, como las experimentadas por Jesús, son inherentes a la condición humana. En nuestros momentos de desierto, enfrentamos la atracción de los deseos mundanos, la tentación de alejarnos de nuestro camino espiritual y los desafíos que ponen a prueba nuestra dedicación a la voluntad de Dios. Sin embargo, al igual que Jesús superó estas tentaciones mediante una fe inquebrantable, la oración y la confianza en la Palabra de Dios, nosotros también podemos navegar por nuestro propio desierto anclándonos en la disciplina espiritual y la guía divina.

La Cuaresma nos invita a abrazar prácticas espirituales: el ayuno, la oración y la limosna, no como simples rituales, sino como caminos para fortalecer nuestra conexión con Dios. A través de la devoción disciplinada, cultivamos una profunda confianza en la gracia de Dios para guiarnos a través de los desafíos y tentaciones que puedan surgir durante nuestras experiencias en el desierto.

Al embarcarnos en este viaje cuaresmal, permitámonos conscientemente entrar en nuestro propio desierto metafórico, reconociéndolo como un período transformador donde nuestra fe se pone a prueba, nuestra disciplina se afina y nuestra confianza en Dios se fortalece. Que podamos inspirarnos en el ejemplo triunfante de Jesús y salir de esta temporada espiritualmente rejuvenecidos, con una comprensión más profunda de nuestra fe y una conexión fortalecida con nuestro amoroso Creador.

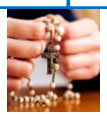
Que la gracia abundante de Dios los acompañe durante toda esta sagrada temporada de Cuaresma.

En Cristo,

Padre Thumma Prathap

Fecha: 24 y 25 de febrero de 2024

St. Monica, pray for us.



Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.

Join Us
July 8 to 17,
2024

¡Acompáñenos!
8-17 Julio del
2024

Lisbon / Santarem / Fatima / Santiago de Compostela / San Sebastian de Garabandal / Burgos / Lourdes / Paris

Join Fr. Thumma & Deacon David on a 10 day Marian Shrine Pilgrimage. In July from the 8th to the 17th We will visit Lisbon, Santarem/Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, San Sebastian de Garabandal, Burgos/ Lourdes & Paris. A $200 discount is being offered if paid in full before the 20th of this month. Flyers are located in the back of the church and in the office.

Fee Includes: Round Trip airfare, First-class hotels, Breakfast, lunch & dinner, Sightseeing / admissions fees, per itinerary, Transfers, per itinerary, Professional tour guide

Fee Excludes: Gratuities (tips), Travel insurance (optional but recommended), Passport, travel visa, border crossing fees, if any, Personal items (phone calls, room service, etc.)

Visit: holytravel.com/rid652211 for more details.
Have question? 346-538-5655 Mon.-Fri.
9am-5pm CST
Feel free to call the office for more information.

Únase a Padre Thumma y Diácono David en una peregrinación de 10 días al Santuario Mariano en Julio, del 8 al 17. Visitaremos Lisboa, Santarem/Fátima, Santiago de Compostela, San Sebastián de Garabandal, Burgos/Lourdes y París. Se ofrece un descuento de $200 si se paga en su totalidad antes del 20 de este mes. Los volantes se encuentran en la parte trasera de la iglesia y en la oficina.

Costo Incluye: Pasaje aéreo completo, Hoteles de primera clase, desayuno, almuerzo y cena, Tarifas de entrada, según itinerario, traslados, según itinerario, Guía turístico profesional

Tarifas Excluidas: Propinas, Seguro de viaje (opcional pero recomendado), Costo de pasaporte, visa o cruces fronterizos, si lo hubiese, Artículos personales (llamados telefónicas, servicio a la habitación, etc.)

Visite: holytravel.com/rid652211 para mas información
Tiene preguntas? 346-538-5655
Lunes-Viernes 9am-5pm CST
No dude en llamar a la oficina para obtener más información.

Easter Lily Order Form

Purchase an Easter Lily to be placed on the altar in honor of a loved one.

Your Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Please write ***ONE (1) name per line*** *for each lily purchase.* **Lilies are $12**

Purchased in Honor/Memory of: _____

Purchased in Honor/Memory of: _____

Purchased in Honor/Memory of: _____

Total of Lilies Purchased_____ x $ 12 = Total $ _____

Deadline to order Sunday March 17th, 2024

Make check out to St Monica Catholic Church

Return this form either to the office or place in envelope in the collection basket.

"Jesus said: I am the Way; I am Truth and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him." - John 14:6-7

Our Teen ACTS 2024 Retreat

When: March 14-17
Who can attend: All High Schoolers
Where: Cordi Marian Retreat Center
Theme: "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts" Jeremiah 31:33
It will be a fun activity-filled three day retreat where you can grow in your faith and have a better relationship with God!
The cost is $200, however, financial assistance is available.
How do I get more information:
Application is now out and online!!
For more details, contact
Lyle Pearce at 210-913-5585 or
Bernardo Castellano at 210-454-5927
Link for online application:
https://shorturl.at/dlES6 QR code for online application

2024 Retiro de Nuestro Ministerio ACTS para Adolescentes

Cuando: 14-17 de Marzo
Quien puede asistir: Todo estudiante de Secundaria
Lugar: Cordi Marian Centro de Retiro
Tema: "Pondré me ley dentro de ellos y la escribiré en sus corazones" Jeremías 31:33
Sera un retiro de tres días lleno de actividades divertidas donde podrán crecer en su fe y tener una mejor relación con Dios!
El Costo es de $200, sin embargo, hay asistencia financiera disponible. Como puedo obtener mas información:
Aplicación ya esta disponible y en línea!! Para mas detalles, contactar a Lyle Pearce al 210-913-5585 o
Bernardo Castellano al 210-454-5927
Enlace para aplicación en línea:
https://shorturl.at/dlES6 código QR de aplicación en línea

The Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries

is an annual campaign that supports more than 30 shared ministries that advance the mission of the Catholic Church in our area. Please consider a donation so that Walking United in Christ, we can consistently care for those who rely upon the Archdiocese and our programs for life and faith sustaining support. Please visit archsa.org/archbishops-appeal to give today! Have questions? Please call (210) 734-1910.

La Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios

es una campaña anual que apoya a más de 30 ministerios compartidos que promueven la misión de la Iglesia Católica en nuestra área. Considere realizar un donativo, de manera que Caminando Unidos en Cristo, podamos cuidar constantemente de aquellos que dependen de la Arquidiócesis y de nuestros programas para sustentar la vida y la fe. ¡Visite archsa.org/archbishops-appeal para donar hoy! ¿Tiene preguntas? Por favor llame al (210) 734-1910.

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On the Road to Easter

Easter
Faith
Good Friday
Journey
Lent
Maundy Thursday
Palm Sunday
Prayer
Reflection
Repentance
Resurrection
Sacrifice
Seder

The first ***Community Clean Up*** is on ***Saturday, March 9th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m***. (unless in the containers fill up sooner) in the parking lot of St Monica on the school side.

You must be a resident of the incorporated city limits of Converse to participate in the event. How can you tell if you are resident of incorporated Converse? That's easy... all residents of incorporated Converse pays the City of Converse for garbage services. So, if you receive a trash/garbage bill from the City of Converse then you can participate in the event. You will need to bring you current garbage/bill (not CPS bill) and a government issued ID with the address matching the Converse garbage bill to be able to drop off your junk.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Furniture, Mattresses, Washers/ Dryers, Sinks/Toilets, Refrigerators (No CFCs), Water Heaters (Drained), BBQ Grills (No Fuel Tanks), Carpeting cut into four foot (4') bundles.

PROHIBITED ITEMS: Items generated by a contractor of business, Batteries & Electronics, Concrete, Brick, Asphalt and Roofing Material, Construction debris, Gasoline, oil & filters, Paint or stain products, Tires and vehicle parts, Appliances containing Freon

La primera ***Limpieza de la Comunidad*** es el ***Sábado, 9 de Marzo de 8am a 11am***. (a menos que en los contenedores se llenen antes) en el estacionamiento de Santa Mónica, al lado de la escuela. Debe ser residente de los limites de la ciudad incorporada de Converse para participar en el evento. Como puede saber si es residente de Converse incorporado? Es fácil...todos los residentes de Converse incorporada pagan a la ciudad de Converse por los servicios de basura. Por lo tanto, si recibe una factura de basura de la ciudad de Converse, puede participar en el evento. Debe traer su factura de basura/factura actual (no la factura de CPS) y una identificación emitida por el gobierno con la dirección que coincida con la factura de basura de Converse para poder dejar su basura.

OBJETOS ACEPTABLES: Muebles, colchones, lavadoras, secadoras, fregaderos/inodoros, refrigeradores (no CFCs) calentones de agua (con el agua drenada), asadores (no tanques de gas), alfombras cortadas en pedazos de 4 pies

OBJETOS PROHIBIDOS: Artículos generados por un contratista de negocio, Baterías, Electrónicos, Concreto, Ladrillos, Asfalto, Material para techos, Escombros de construcción, Gasolina, Aceite y Filtros, Productos para Pintar y Teñir, Llantas y Partes de Carros, y Aparatos que contienen freón.

Next weekend March 2nd & 3rd St. Monica's Guadalupanas will be having a bake sale. Your support to this ministry is appreciated. Not only do they host the torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe and have a nice Mass on December 12th with a dinner afterwards; This ministry hosts receptions for families who have their loved ones funerals here at St. Monica. God Bless you all.

El próximo fin de semana, 2 y 3 de Marzo, Guadalupanas de Santa Mónica, tendrán una venta de pasteles. Su apoyo al ministerio es muy agradecido. No solo reciben la antorcha de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y tienen una agradable Misa el 12 de Diciembre con una cena después; Este ministerio organiza recepciones para las familias que tienen funerales de sus seres queridos aquí en Santa Mónica. Dios los bendiga a todos.

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Liturgical Ministries

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday.
It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. Make this a Lenten season meaningful and grow closer to Our Dear Lord. Set aside 10 minutes a day in silent prayer or meditation. Go out of your way to be kind to someone else every day. Pray for people you find it hard to like or get along with. Volunteer at St. Monica: it's your time to be an active participant of the Mass. The Holy Spirit has nudged you a time or two, now is the time to get involved and serve in the Mass. Come learn and grow. Get your questions answered and train with us:

All the trainings are at 7:15 pm

Wednesday	2/21	Lectors in English
Tuesday	2/27	Altar Servers
Wednesday	3/6	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in English
Wednesday	3/13	Usher Training

La Cuaresma es una temporada de 40 días de oración, ayuna y limosna que comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza y termina al atardecer del Jueves Santo. Es un período de preparación para celebrar la Resurrección del Señor en la Pascua. Haga que esta sea una temporada de Cuaresma significativa y acérquese más a Nuestro Amado Señor. Reserve 10 minutos al día para orar en silencio o meditar. Haga el esfuerzo por ser amable con otra persona todos los días. Ore por las personas que le resultan difíciles de querer o con las que se siente bien. Sea voluntario en Santa Mónica: es su momento de ser un participante activo de la Misa. El Espíritu Santo le ha dado un empujoncito una o dos veces. Ahora es la hora de involucrarse y servir en la Misa. Venga, aprenda y crezca. Obtenga respuestas a sus preguntas y entrene con nosotros.

Todos los entrenamientos son a las 7:15 pm

Martes	2/27	Monaguillos
Miércoles	2/28	Lectores en Español
Miércoles	3/12	Ministros Extraordinarios de la Santa Comunión en Español

Let the Knights do the cooking for you every Friday during Lent! Join them in the school cafeteria for a fabulous fish plate. Dine in or Take Out Dinner is ***served from 5 to 8pm.*** Dine in or take out. ***$12 per plate includes 2 filets, fries, hush puppies, slaw, corn and green beans, $6 for kids fish sandwich and fries. Both include a drink, tea or water.***

And don't forget about all the delicious desserts by the Catholic Daughters! Americas !

Proceeds go to varies endeavors in the church. Thank you in advance for your support.

Deje que los Caballeros cocinen por usted todos los Viernes durante la Cuaresma. A partir del 16 de Febrero, venga a la cafetería de la escuela para disfrutar de un fabuloso plato de pescado. La cena en la cafetería o para llevar se ***sirve de 5 a 8pm. $12 por plato incluye 2 filetes, papas fritas, cachorros, ensalada de repollo, maíz y judías verdes. $6 para niños incluye un sándwich de pescado y papas fritas.Los dos incluye una bebida, te o agua.*** Y no se olvide de todos los deliciosos postres de las Hijas Católicas de la Américas. Las ganancias se destinan a varios esfuerzos en la iglesia. Gracias de antemano por su apoyo.

Food Drive

Feb. 14th through March 31,2024

The Saint Monica Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Food Drive Starting Ash Wednesday February 14th until Good Friday. Bring your non-perishable food items and deposit in the bins in the Foyer during lent. Please consider participating in the ***"40 Cans for Lent"*** program as part of your Lenten journey.

Your donations of canned and dried food items will go to help the needy in our community.

Most Requested Food Items: Canned Fruit, Canned Corn & Green Beans, Canned Soup & Broth, Peanut Butter, Grape or Strawberry Jelly, Canned Stew & Beans, Pasta & Canned Sauces, Pancake Mixes, Syrup, Cereal, Bags of Rice, Tuna, Instant Potatoes

All donations will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry at St. Monica Church!

Colecta de Alimentos

14 de Febrero al 31 de Marzo 2024

Los Caballeros de Colon de Santa Mónica están patrocinando una colecta de alimentos a partir del Miércoles de Ceniza, 14 de Febrero, hasta el Viernes Santo. Traiga sus alimentos no perecederos y depositelos en los contenedores que se encuentran en el vestíbulo de la iglesia durante la Cuaresma. Por favor considere participar en el programa ***"40 Latas para la Cuaresma"*** como parte de su camino Cuaresmal. Sus donaciones de alimentos enlatados y secos se destinaran a ayudar a los necesitados de nuestra comunidad.

Alimentos mas Solicitados: Fruta enlatada, Maíz y Judías Verdes enlatados, Sopa y Caldo enlatado, Mantequilla de Maní, Jalea de Uva y Fresa, Guiso y Frijoles enlatados, Pastas y Salsas enlatadas, Mezclas para Panqueques, Almíbar o Miel, Cereales, Bolsas de Arroz, Atún y Papas Instantáneas.

Todas las donaciones se destinaran a la despensa de alimentos de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul en nuestra Iglesia de Santa Mónica.

The ***Synod of Synodality*** continues and now we are invited to participate in its INTERIM STAGE **Saturday, March 2, 2024**

El ***Sínodo de la Sinodalidad*** continúa y ahora estamos invitados a participar en su ETAPA INTERMEDIA **Sábado, 2 de Marzo de 2024**

At the Banquet Hall of Holy Trinity Catholic Church 20523 Huebner Road, San Antonio, TX 78258

ENGLISH 9:00AM TO 11:30AM ESPAÑOL 1:00PM TO 3:30PM

We will discuss two questions:

1. Since the beginning of the synodal process, what positive or negative experiences have transpired for my parish [or myself] from embracing a synodal spirit of proceeding [one that is more consultative and open at time of making decisions or implementing changes]? *Desde el comienzo del proceso sinodal, ¿qué experiencias positivas o negativas he visto en mi parroquia [o en mi propia vida] en respuesta a asumir un modo de proceder en espíritu sinodal [uno que se distingue por ser más consultivo y abierto a la hora de tomar decisiones o implementar cambios]?*
2. What is missing in the Church to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to exemplify a community of love and mercy walking in Unity with everybody? *¿Qué le falta a la Iglesia aún para responder al llamado de proclamar el Evangelio y para ser modelo de una comunidad de amor y misericordia caminando en unidad con todos?*

The second request I am kindly asking of you is related to table facilitation / note taking. If you would be willing to facilitate the discussion, please let me know. I will really, really appreciate your help. In the past, this has served as a testament of your commitment to becoming a synodal Church. For those of you that are bilingual, consider going the extra mile and assist us to facilitate these two moments. We will serve participants in English from 9:00am to 11:30am and in Spanish from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. We will provide lunch to those who serve both sessions. Let me know at your earliest convenience.

La segunda petición que le hago amablemente está relacionada con la facilitación de la mesa y la toma de notas. Si está dispuesto a facilitar la discusión, por favor hágamelo saber. Apreciaré mucho, mucho su ayuda. En el pasado, esto ha servido como testimonio de su compromiso de convertirse en una Iglesia sinodal. Para aquellos de ustedes que son bilingües, consideren hacer un esfuerzo adicional y ayudarnos a facilitar estos dos momentos. Atenderemos a los participantes en inglés de 9:00 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. y en español de 1pm a 3:30pm. Proporcionaremos almuerzo a quienes sirvan ambas sesiones. Hágamelo saber lo antes posible.

Please know we are NOT limiting the participation of people of God to just two per parish. Feel free to promote widely as soon as possible. For convenience, we created below QR codes for accessing the online RSVP quickly.

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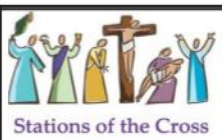

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Easter Triduum March 28-31, 2024

Holy Thursday March 27, 2024
7:00 pm Bilingual Mass The Lord's Supper

Good Friday March 28, 2024
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross — English
3:00 pm Lord's Passion Service— English

4:30 pm Live Stations of the Cross — Spanish
Weather permitting at the back field
7:00 pm Lord's Passion Service— Spanish

Easter Vigil Saturday March 30, 2024
8 pm Bilingual Mass

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024
Sunrise Mass 6:30 am
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9:15 am English Mass
11:00 am English Mass
1:00 pm Spanish Mass
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