

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)

Saturday: 9 am Holy Rosary
Mass at 9:30 am (Bilingual/bilingüe)

HOLY HOUR: Thursday 7 pm

1st FRIDAY MASS: 8:15 am English
7:00 pm Spanish

PERPETUAL ADORATION

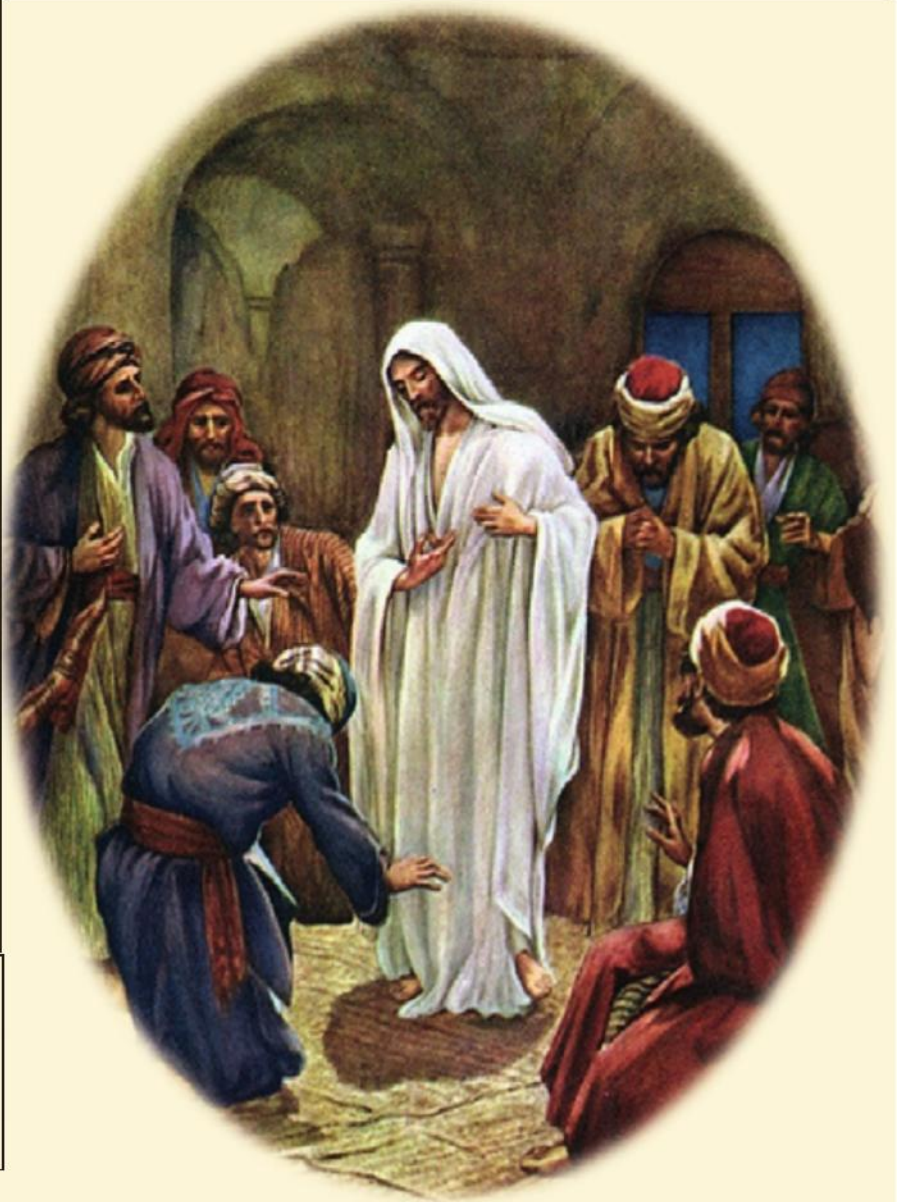
In the Chapel Hours for adoration:

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- Romo

Email: fr.ortiz1958@saintmonicaconverse.net

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

HOMEBOUND: 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. 5:30p.m.& Sat. 3:30 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

EDGE: JD Flores & Karina Gonzales



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

*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, Eduardo 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, Francis, Michael & MaryLou Thompson, Maria Luisa Nieto, Carolyn Silk, Justin Silk, Olga B., Judy Gutierrez Kahn, Alfredo Covarrubias & family, Sergio Martinez Ortiz, Rocio Martinez Ortiz, Derrick Hensley, Edith, Blanca, Margie Moncada, Sean Koonhow,



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.



**REQUEST
A
MASS
INTENTION**

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.

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, April 15th

Mass/ Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Artemio

Tuesday/Martes, April 16th

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Wednesday/Miércoles, April 17th

Mass/Misa (English) 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Confessions /Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves, April 18th

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Holy Hour / Hora Santa 7:00 p.m. Fr. Artemio

Friday/Viernes, April 19th

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Artemio

Saturday/Sábado, April 20th

Rosary/Rosario 9:00 a.m.

Mass/Misa (Bilingual) 9:30 a.m. Fr. Artemio

Confessions/Confesiones 3:30 p.m.

Mass/Misa 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Mass/Misa 7:15 p.m. Fr. Thumma

**4th Sunday of Easter
4^o Domingo de Pascua**

Sunday/Domingo, April 21st

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

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	4/15	8:15 a.m.	(SI) Lupita Ruiz † Belen De Leon
Tue	4/16	8:15 a.m.	(B) Fr. Dennis Aréchiga (B) Marie Margaret Pierre Louis Bastien (SI) Juan Antonio & Felipa Montoya † Roberto Sanchez † Andrea Trevino † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	4/17	8:15 a.m.	(SI) Conversion of Sinners † Adelina Villasana
Thurs	4/18	8:15 a.m.	† St. Monica Parishioners
Fri	4/19	8:15 p.m.	(SI) Debbie Gutierrez † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	4/20	9:30 a.m.	† Saul Guevara Luna
		5:30 p.m.	(A) Tom & Carol Milton † Scott Case † Deceased members of Hammersley Family
		7:15 p.m.	† Familia Nino Mejia
Sun.	4/21	7:30 a.m.	(SI) Tanya Payton & Family † Quint Payton † Raquel Montes
		9:15 a.m.	(B) Carolyn Silk (SI) Mary R. Agnew (SI) Familia Cortez Antillon † Daniel Serna Jr. † Ruth Monter † Andrew Monter
		11:00 a.m.	† Irma Kotanan † Armando Gallardo † Peter Gallardo
		1:00 p.m.	(B) John Gutierrez † Daniel Kenneth Hernandez † Maria Ramos y Familia † Alicia Triana
		5:00 p.m.	(SI) Conversion of Sinners † Angie Hernández † Andrea Trevino
		7:00 p.m.	† Michelle Oscina González † Elsa Castañeda Regañón

COLLECTIONS**April 7th**

\$ 15,879.00



Weekly Offering

Online collection \$ 3,914.00

Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society \$ 3,753.71

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 195.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 384.00

April 21st Second Collection*Assumption Seminary*

We appreciate your faithfulness in tithing during these difficult times.

Apreciamos sus ofertas semanales en estos momentos difíciles

Need Baptismal Preparation Class?

Parents & Godparents must attend a baptism preparation class in order to baptize a child. English class will be held the first Saturday of the month and Spanish class on the second Saturday of the month.

Please call the office to sign up.



On behalf of Fr. Thumma and Fr. Artemio, we would like to thank all those who purchased an Easter Lily to help beautify the Lord's Altar for Easter. Remember that they are perennial plants, so you can plant them in your yard and they will come back up every year for you to enjoy their beauty. If you purchased a lily you may pick it up Tuesday, April 16th and no later than Friday, April 19th. Thank you for your generosity.

De parte de Padre Thumma y Padre Artemio, nos gustaría agradecer a todos los que compraron un lirio de Pascua para ayudar a embellecer el Altar del Señor para la Pascua. Recuerde que son plantas perennes, por lo que puede plantarlas en su jardín y volverán a brotar cada año para que disfrute de su belleza. Si compró un lirio, puede recogerlo el Martes, 16 de Abril y a más tardar el Viernes, 19 de Abril.

**¿Necesita la clase de preparación bautismal?**

Padres y padrinos deben asistir a una clase de preparación para el bautizo de su niño. La clase de inglés se llevará a cabo el primer sábado del mes y la clase de español el segundo sábado del mes.

Por favor llame a la oficina para inscribirse.



St. Monica Catholic School

Dragon Tales



Registration now open for the
2024/2025 School Year

For more information call 210-658-6701
A faith filled education is a wonderful gift
to give your child a gift that no one can
ever take it away from them.

Ya está abierta la inscripción para el
Año 2024/2025

Para mas información llame al
210-658-6701

Una educación llena de fe es un regalo
maravilloso para darle a su hijo un regalo
que nadie podrá quitarle.



2024-2025 School Year

St. Monica Catholic School

TUITION AND FEES FOR PK-8TH

Registration Fee

Returning Students \$350 per Student (Registration Fee is Non-Refundable)	New Students \$500 per Student
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10 Month		11 Month	
1 Child	\$595.00	1 Child	\$540.91
2 Children	\$1,130.50	2 Children	\$1,027.73
3 Children	\$1,666.00	3 Children	\$1,514.55

10% sibling discount reflected in rates above

2024-2025 ANNUAL TUITION \$5,950



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
— ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO —

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
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SESSION 1
**JUNE 03-
JULY 02**

SESSION 2
**JULY 08-
AUG 02**

**ST. MONICA
SUMMER
FUN** PRE-K 3 TO 8TH
GRADE
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

FEES AND INFO:

- Registration Fee \$60 per child
- \$650 per Session per child
- 2 Sessions: June and July
- Hours: 7AM-5:30PM
- Open to the Public

ACTIVITES:

- Swimming
- Field Trips
- Cheer Lessons
- Fine Arts
- and More!

Jessie Traxler



Summer Fun Coordinator
jtraxler@saintmonica.net



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“Pastor’s Voice”

“ The Call to Witness: Witnesses of Repentance and Forgiveness in our families”

Dearest St. Monica Family,

In the Gospel of Luke (24:46-48), we are reminded of the profound mission entrusted to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. He foretells his own suffering and resurrection, emphasizing the fulfillment of Scripture and the promise of salvation. Jesus declares that repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, starting from Jerusalem.

As families and couples, we are called to be witnesses of these transformative truths in our everyday lives. Just as the disciples were commissioned to spread the message of repentance and forgiveness, so too are we called to share the love and mercy of Christ within our families and communities.

In the intimate bonds of family life, we have the opportunity to embody the message of repentance and forgiveness. By cultivating a spirit of humility and reconciliation, we create spaces where forgiveness can flourish and healing can occur. Through acts of kindness, understanding, and forgiveness, we bear witness to the transformative power of Christ's love in our midst.

Let us remember that our homes are not only places of love and joy but also sanctuaries of grace and mercy. As we journey through the Easter season, may we embrace our role as witnesses of Christ's saving grace, spreading the message of repentance and forgiveness to all whom we encounter.

May God bless our families and couples with the strength and courage to be faithful witnesses of his love and mercy. May God bless you all and God bless America.

Yours Truly,

Fr. Thumma Prathap

Date: April 13th & 14th, 2024

“Voz del Pastor”

“El Llamado a Dar Testimonio: Testigos del Arrepentimiento y el Perdón en nuestras familias”

Queridísima familia de Santa Mónica,

En el Evangelio de Lucas (24:46-48), se nos recuerda la profunda misión confiada a nosotros por nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Él predice su propio sufrimiento y resurrección, enfatizando el cumplimiento de las Escrituras y la promesa de salvación. Jesús declara que se predicará el arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados en su nombre a todas las naciones, comenzando desde Jerusalén.

Como familias y parejas, estamos llamados a ser testigos de estas verdades transformadoras en nuestra vida cotidiana. Así como los discípulos fueron comisionados para difundir el mensaje de arrepentimiento y perdón, también nosotros estamos llamados a compartir el amor y la misericordia de Cristo dentro de nuestras familias y comunidades.

En los lazos íntimos de la vida familiar, tenemos la oportunidad de encarnar el mensaje de arrepentimiento y perdón. Cultivando un espíritu de humildad y reconciliación, creamos espacios donde el perdón puede florecer y la curación puede ocurrir. A través de actos de amabilidad, comprensión y perdón, somos testigos del poder transformador del amor de Cristo en medio de nosotros.

Recordemos que nuestros hogares no son solo lugares de amor y alegría, sino también santuarios de gracia y misericordia. Mientras viajamos a través de la temporada de Pascua, que abracemos nuestro papel como testigos de la gracia salvadora de Cristo, difundiendo el mensaje de arrepentimiento y perdón a todos aquellos con quienes nos encontramos.

Que Dios bendiga a nuestras familias y parejas con la fuerza y el coraje para ser fieles testigos de su amor y misericordia. Que Dios los bendiga a todos y bendiga a América.

Atentamente,

Padre Thumma Prathap

Fecha: 13 y 14 de Abril de 2024

Invitation to Rectory Blessing

You are cordially invited to
The Celebration of the New Rectory Blessing
of St. Monica Parish

Date: April 29th Time: 6:00 PM

Blessing by: Archbishop Gustavo Garcia Siller, M. Sp. S.,
Archbishop of San Antonio

Location: Legion Drive, Converse

Mass: at 6.30pm

Dinner: Parish Hall at 7.45 PM

We are delighted to welcome all
St. Monica parishioners and St. Monica School
community to this joyous occasion as we bless our new
rectory and come together as a community.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Warm regards,

The Pastoral & Finance Councils, Building Board, the
Deacons and the Staff, Fr. Artemio Ortiz Romo &
Fr. Thumma Prathap



Invitación a la Bendición de la Rectoría

Esta cordialmente invitado a La Celebración de la Bendi-
ción de la Nueva Rectoría de la Parroquia de Santa Mónica.

Fecha: 29 de Abril **Hora:** 6:00 PM

Bendición por: Arzobispo Gustavo García Siller, M.Sp. S.,
Arzobispo de San Antonio

Lugar: Legion Drive, Converse

Misa: a las 6:30pm

Cena: Salón Parroquial a las 7.45 PM

Estamos encantados de dar la
bienvenida a todos los feligreses de
Santa Mónica y a la comunidad escolar de Santa Mónica
a esta alegre ocasión mientras bendecimos nuestra nueva
rectoría y nos unimos como comunidad.

¡Esperamos celebrarlo con usted!

Un cordial saludo,

Los Consejos Pastoral y de Finanzas, la Junta de
Construcción, los Diáconos y el personal, Padre Artemio
Ortiz Romo y Padre Thumma Prathap

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

And join us for music, food and fun for the entire family during our 8th annual parish festival on Sunday, April 21st, 2024 10am—6pm. Please also consider participating in any of the following specific ways:

- **Become a Sponsor:** make a monetary gift, as an individual or as a business, to cover the costs of the tent, the band, the DJ, the permits, and anything we need to prepare for the event. Your support will be acknowledged during the festival, and we will be glad to display a sign announcing your business. For information call Bertha Castellanos (210) 862-5549 or Ludy Kent (210)862-4547.
- **Become a Vendor:** For \$30 you can rent a 12' x 12' space to sell almost any type of merchandise, except food. Registration forms and more details are available online at: <https://saintmonicaconverse.net/st-monica-festival-vendor-registration>. Contact Maria Garcia (210)264-4040 or Nancy Zepeda (210) 410-7648 for questions.
- **Donate to the Silent Auction:** We are accepting new and gently used items like artwork, jewelry, collectibles, sports memorabilia, gift cards, bottles of wine, or any other items that can be auctioned alone or bundled with others.

Drop off days and times:

Every Wednesday night,

April 3rd thru April 17th, at the parish office 5 pm - 7 pm;

Before and after the weekend Masses of April 13 & 14, in the church foyer

On Saturday April 13th, 10am—2pm : parish office

Please email events@saintmonicaconverse.net for any other questions. All proceeds benefit the future parking lot in the back field next the Stations of the Cross. We look forward to celebrating together as a faith community!



Featuring ...
New Purpose
PERFORMING AT 10:45 AM

ANOTE EN SUS CALENDARIOS!!

Y acompáñenos por música, comida y diversión para toda la familia durante nuestro 8º festival anual de la parroquia el Domingo 21 de Abril, 2024 de 10am-6pm. Por favor considere en participar en cualquiera de las maneras siguientes:

- **Sea un Patrocinador:** haciendo un regalo monetario, como individuo o como un negocio, para ayudar a cubrir el costo de la carpa, la banda, el DJ, los permisos y todo lo que se necesita para preparar este evento. Su apoyo será reconocido durante el festival, y con gusto pondremos un cartelón anunciando su negocio. Para información llame a Bertha Castellanos (210)862-5549 o a Ludy Kent (210)862-4547.
- **Sea un vendedor:** Por \$30 puede rentar un espacio de 12x12 para vender casi cualquier tipo de mercancía, con la excepción de comida. Formas para registrarse y más detalles están disponibles en línea en: <https://saintmonicaconverse.net/st-monica-festival-vendor-registration>. Puede contactar a María García (210) 264-4040 o Nancy Zepeda (210) 410-7648 con cualquier pregunta.
- **Done a la Subasta Silenciosa:** estamos aceptando artículos nuevos y usados en buen estado, como piezas de arte, joyería, artículos de colección, de deportes, tarjetas de regalo, botellas de vino, o cualquier otro artículo que pueda ser subastado solo o junto con otros.

Días y horario para dejar estos artículos:

Cada Miércoles por la noche, 3 de Abril hasta 17 de Abril, en la oficina de la parroquia de 5-7 pm;

Antes y después de las Misas los fines de semana Abril 13 y 14, en el vestíbulo de la iglesia;

*El Sábado 13 de Abril, 10 am—2pm
En la oficina parroquial*

Por favor mande un correo a events@saintmonicaconverse.net con cualquier pregunta. Todas las ganancias de el festival beneficiarán a nuestra parroquia y nuestra escuela. Esperamos verlos ahí, para celebrar juntos como una comunidad de fe!!



Cactus Country
Performing at
12- 2 pm

*Come and join in all fun and fellowship!
Ven y únete a toda la diversión y el compañerismo.*



"Illuminate Your Home with the Light of Christ: Free Raffle for Pascual Candles!"

St. Monica's is thrilled to offer a unique opportunity to bring the light of Christ into your home! We are raffling off **3 used beautiful Paschal candles**, each a cherished part of our Easter Vigil Mass, Easter season celebrations, and past baptisms.



These candles symbolize the light of Christ's resurrection, and now you have the chance to win one and continue its legacy of faith within your family.

Join the Raffle for free on Sunday, April 21st at our Parish Festival!

Here are the details:

- Free to enter!
- Multiple entries are welcome, but only one win per family.
- Winners are announced at the Festival! You need not be present to win the raffle at the festival.

Don't miss this opportunity to bring a cherished symbol of Christ's enduring light and a piece of St. Monica's history into your home. We look forward to seeing you at the festival!

Enter to Win:

- Place your entries in the designated box located in the foyer.
- Alternatively, drop them off at the church office maximum by April 20th, 2024, before 2:00 pm.

"Ilumine Su Hogar con la Luz de Cristo: Rifa Gratis para Velas Pascuales!"

Santa Mónica se complace en ofrecer una oportunidad de llevar la luz de Cristo a su hogar! Vamos a rifar 3 preciosas velas pascales usadas; cada una de ellas, una parte apreciada de nuestra Misa de la Vigilia Pascual, las celebraciones de la temporada de Pascua y los bautismos anteriores.

Estas velas simbolizan la luz de la resurrección de Cristo y ahora tiene la oportunidad de ganarse una y continuar su legado de fe dentro de tu familia.

Únase al sorteo gratis el Domingo, 21 de Abril en nuestro Festival Parroquial!

Aquí están los detalles:

- Boleto de rifa son gratis!
- Varias entradas son bienvenidas, pero solo un ganador por familia.
- Los ganadores se anunciarán en el Festival! No es necesario estar presente para ganar la rifa en el festival.

No se pierda esta oportunidad de llevar a su hogar un preciado símbolo de la luz perdurable de Cristo y un pedazo de la historia de Santa Mónica. ¡Esperamos verlos a todos en el festival!

Participe para Ganar:

- Coloque sus entradas en la caja designada que se encuentra en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia.
- Alternativamente, déjelos en la oficina de la Iglesia, los mas tardar, el 20 de Abril, 2024 antes de las 2pm.



Enter to Win

One of the three Pascual Candle

Name: _____
 Phone # _____
 Email _____

Do NOT need to be present to win



Participe para Ganar

Uno de tres Velas Pascuales

Nombre: _____
 Teléfono # _____
 Correo Electrónico: _____

NO es necesario estar presente para ganar

We are excited to announce that St. Monica's Youth Group plan to attend Steubenville Lonestar in Irving, TX (DFW) the weekend of June 21-23, 2024! Life Teen, in collaboration with Franciscan University of Steubenville, puts on these wonderful conferences each year around the country for over 50,000 teens with dynamic speakers, small groups, times of praise and worship, reconciliation, adoration, and so much more!



The Cost is \$500 per person. This includes conference registration, meals, hotel, and transportation. Limited scholarships are available by completing an application to be submitted no later than May 1st. Please email:

re@saintmonicaconverse.net for more information.

All high school students are invited to attend, incoming freshman through just graduated seniors, as well as parent chaperones with proper credentials.

The deadline to register is May 10, 2024.

Please join us for an Informational Meeting on Monday, April 15 at 6:30pm in room 101 in the Mollicone Building.

Nos complace anunciar que el Grupo de Jóvenes de Santa Mónica están planeando asistir a Steubenville Lonestar in Irving, TX (DFW) el fin de semana del 21 al 23 de Junio de 2024! "Life Teen", en colaboración con la Universidad Franciscana de Steubenville, organiza estas maravillosas conferencias cada año en todo el país para mas de 50,000 adolescentes con oradores dinámicos, grupos pequeños, momentos de alabanza y adoración, reconciliación, y mucho mas!

El costo es \$500 por persona. Esto incluye inscripción a la conferencia, comidas, hotel y transporte. Hay becas limitadas disponibles completando una solicitud que se enviara a mas tardar el 1o de Mayo. Favor de mandar un correo electrónico a:

re@saintmonicaconverse.net para mas información.

Todos los estudiantes de secundaria están invitados a asistir, desde los estudiantes entrantes del primer año hasta los recién graduados del ultimo año, así como los padres acompañantes con credenciales adecuadas.

La fecha límite para registrarse es el 10 de Mayo de 2024.

Acompáñenos para una reunión informativa el Lunes, 15 de Abril a las 6:30pm en salón 101 del edificio Mollicone.



Invitation

"What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me! I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord." Psalm 116:12-13

Dear
With a heartfelt gratitude to God Almighty for His countless blessings and the unwavering guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I am delighted to invite you to celebrate the 25th anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood.

Please join me in the solemn Eucharistic Celebration in the presence of His Grace Most Reverend **Gustavo Garcia Siller, M.Sp.S.,** Archbishop of San Antonio, on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Location: St. Monica Catholic Church; 501 North Street; Converse, Texas - 78109
Reception: Parish Hall

Your presence on this momentous occasion would be a cherished gift, adding joy and significance to this milestone.

With cordial appreciation,
Yours Truly

Fr. Thumma Prathap



With deepest gratitude, I acknowledge the untiring support of my beloved Sr. Gnana Sundari Thumma, whose 45 years of service to Christ have touched countless lives.

With Sincere Gratitude to: Archbishop Gustavo Garcia Siller, M. Sp. S., Bishop Gali Bali, Bishop Ch. Bhagyaiah, Bishop Mike Boulette, Bishop Gary Janak, Rev. Eric Ritter, Rev. Martin Leopold, Rev. Jeff Pehl, OLPH (Selma), Our Lady of Grace, St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles & St. Monica Parishioners, Parents, Family, Friends and to all who have enriched my ministry and supported me in bringing faith and hope to others.



Invitación

“¿Qué devolveré al Señor por toda su dádiva para mí? Alzaré la copa de la salvación e invocaré el nombre del Señor”. Salmo 116:12-13

Queridos feligreses de Santa Mónica:
Con una sincera gratitud a Dios Todopoderoso por sus innumerables bendiciones y la guía inquebrantable de la Santísima Virgen María, me complace invitarlos a celebrar el

25º Aniversario de mi Ordenación Sacerdotal.

Únanse a mí en la solemne Celebración Eucarística en presencia de Su Gracia el Reverendo **Gustavo García Siller, M.Sp.S.,** Arzobispo de San Antonio, el Lunes 29 de Abril de 2024 a las 6:30pm en la Iglesia Católica de Santa Mónica; 501 North St., Converse, TX 78109

Recepción en el Salón Parroquial.

Su presencia en esta ocasión trascendental sería un regalo preciado, añadiendo alegría y significado a este hito. Con cordial aprecio,

Atentamente suyo,
Padre Thumma Prathap

Con la mas profunda gratitud,

Reconozco el apoyo incansable de mi amada **Sr. Gnana Sundari Thumma**, cuyos 45 años de servicio a cristo han tocado innumerables vidas.

Con sincera gratitud al:

Arzobispo Gustavo Garcia Siller, M.Sp.S., Obispo Gali Bali, Obispo Ch. Bhagyaiah, Obispo Mike Boulette, Obispo Gary Janak, Rev. Eric Ritter, Rev. Martin Leopold, Rev. Jeff Pehl, OLPH (Selma), Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Gracia, Iglesia de San Pedro, Iglesia del Príncipe de los Apóstoles y nuestros Feligreses de Santa Mónica, Padres, Familiares, Amistades y a todos que han enriquecido mi ministerio y me han apoyado para llevar fe y esperanza a los demás.





Deadline to Register is Saturday, April 20, 2024



Ultimo día para registrarse es el Sábado, 20 de Abril, 2024

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. 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: holycloud.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. 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: holycloud.com/rid652211 para mas información Tiene preguntas? 346-538-5655 Lunes-Viernes

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World Day of Prayer For Vocations

shall be observed on

Sunday April 21, 2024.

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to: "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, Diaconate, Religious Life, Societies of Apostolic life or Secular institutes.



Dia Mundial de Oraciones por las Vocaciones

se celebrara el

Domingo 21 de Abril, 2024

El propósito de este día es cumplir públicamente la instrucción del Señor a: "Rogad al Señor de la cosecha para enviar obreros a su mies". (Mt 9:38; LK 10:2). Por favor, oren para que los hombres y mujeres jóvenes escuchen y respondan generosamente a la llamada del Señor al Sacerdocio, al Diaconado, a la Vida Religiosa, a las Sociedades de vida Apostólica o a los institutos Seculares.

Community Clean Up is on Saturday, April 20th 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



Limpieza de la Comunidad es el Sábado, 20 de Abril 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

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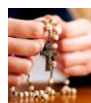
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