

# St. Monica Catholic Church

501 North St.  
Converse, Texas 78109

Lord, you are the vine  
and I remain  
in you

Señor, tu eres la vid  
y yo permanezco  
en ti



**Phone Number:** (210)658-3816

**Website:** [www.saintmonicaconverse.net](http://www.saintmonicaconverse.net)

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**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.



**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 **Natalia Lopez**  
**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:** Tony Canez  
**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  
**David** Sat: 7:15pm  
**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**



**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, Miranda Moncada 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, Corina Silk, Jason Silk, Olga B., Judy Gutierrez Kahn, Alfredo Covarrubias & family, Sergio Martinez Ortiz, Rocio Martinez Ortiz, Derrick Hensley, Edith, Blanca, Margie Moncada, Sean Koonhow, Tom Milton



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 the name in the bulletin. / Por favor hablen a la oficina para agregar nombres al boletín.**

**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 29th**

Mass/ Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Artemio  
 Mass/Misa Fr. Thummas' Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood  
 6:30 p.m. Archbishop Gustavo

**Tuesday/Martes, April 30th**

St. Pius V, Pope / San Pio V, Papa

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

**Wednesday/Miércoles, May 1st**

St. St. Joseph the Worker / San José Obrero

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma  
 Confessions /Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday/Jueves, May 2nd**

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Artemio  
 Holy Hour / Hora Santa 7:00 p.m.

**Friday/Viernes, May 3rd**

SS Phillip & James, Apostles / Santos Felipe Y Santiago, Apostolos  
 Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Artemio

**Saturday/Sábado, May 4th**

Rosary/Rosario 9:00 a.m.  
 Mass/Misa 1st Communion (English) 10:00 a.m.  
 Fr. Thumma & Fr. Artemio  
 Mass/Misa Primera Comunion (Español) 12:30 p.m.  
 Confessions/Confesiones 3:30 p.m.  
 Mass/Misa 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma  
 Mass/Misa 7:15 p.m. Fr. Thumma

**6th Sunday of Easter / 6<sup>o</sup> Domingo de Pascua**

**Sunday/Domingo, May 5th**

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 4/29 8:15 a.m.** (SI) Fr. Thumma  
**6:30 p.m.** (SI) Fr. Thumma's Jubilee

**Tue 4/30 8:15 a.m.** (B) Abril Gutierrez  
 † Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wed 5/1 8:15 a.m.** (SI) Conversion of Sinners  
 † Felipa H. Montoya  
 † Andrea Trevino

**Thurs 5/2 8:15 a.m.** (SI) Children & Families of the Bastrop bus accident

**Fri. 5/3 8:15 a.m.** (B) Adelene Marquart  
 † Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**7:00 p.m.** (SI) St. Monica Parishioners

**Sat. 5/4 10:00 a.m.** (SI) Children receiving 1st Holy Communion  
**12:30 p.m.** (SI) Comulgantes recibiendo la Sagrada Comunion  
**5:30 p.m.** (SI) Grace Miesen  
 (SI) The Veres Family  
 † Melissa Thomas  
 † Ann Mary Cavazos  
 † Bill & Mary Hart  
 † Leissa Sutton  
**7:15 p.m.** (SI) Jaime Perez Nino

**Sun. 5/5 7:30 a.m.** † Virginia & John Bennett  
 † Linda Susan Kneupper  
**9:15 a.m.** (SI) Mary R. Agnew  
 (SI) Ella R. Tillman  
 (SI) Hayward Peacock  
**11:00 a.m.** † Bob Hovis  
 † Irma Kotanan  
 † Reynold & Alicia Gonzalez  
**1:00 p.m.** (SI) Juan Eduardo Ramirez  
 (SI) Camila Villamil  
 (SI) Jaime Perez Miranda  
 (SI) Fatima Perez Miranda  
 † Jaime Perez Nino  
 † Uvaldo Cantu  
 † Carlos DelaGarza  
 † Maria Gonzalez  
 † Telesforo Garcia Reyes  
**5:00 p.m.** (SI) Conversion of Sinners  
 † Andrea Trevino  
**7:00 p.m.** (SI) Ludy Kent

**COLLECTIONS**

**April 21st** \$ 13,204.50  
 Online collection \$ 2,362.00

Collection for Assumption Seminary \$ 2,391.00  
 Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 129.00

**May 5th NO Second Collection**



**Need Baptism 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.*



**¿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.*



The Sanctuary Lamp is for the deceased members of St. Monica's Vincent de Paul Society

This week altar flowers are dedicated to Ozanan Sunday

Donated by: Saint Vincent de Paul Society







# 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.



Jessie Traxler

Summer Fun Coordinator  
jtraxler@saintmonica.net



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

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



**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



**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

### ACTIVITIES:

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

(210)658-6701

515 North St., Converse, TX 78109

**ACADEMY OPENING**

Second Room  
Target Date April 2024

- 2yr old learning program ✓
- State Licensed Child Care Center ✓
- 4-1 Student Teacher Ratio ✓

St Monica Catholic School  
NOW ENROLLING  
PreK-8th grade

Registering Now  
(210)658-6701

515 North Street  
Converse, Texas 78109

Where Gods love is taught  
Practiced, and ever present.





**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 **25<sup>th</sup> 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

**25° 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,*

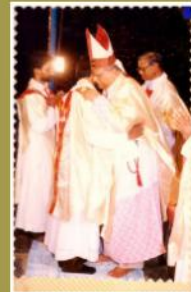
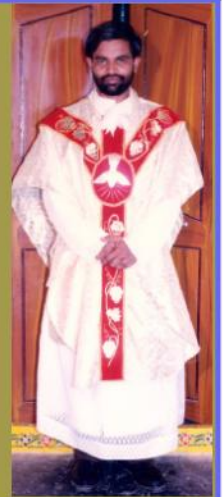
Reconozco el apoyo incansable de mi amada **Sr. Gnana Sundari Thumma,** cuyos 45 años de servicio a cristo han tocado innumerables vidas.

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.



*Blessings Fr. Thumma*  
*On the*  
*25th Anniversary of your Ordination*



*"God will provide!"* Fr. Thumma

**“Pastor’s Voice”****Nurturing Unity in Christ:  
A Reflection for Families and Couples**

In the Gospel of John (15:5), Jesus presents a powerful analogy, saying, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

As families and couples, this imagery of the vine and branches holds significant meaning for our lives and relationships. Just as branches draw their sustenance and life from the vine, so too are we called to remain deeply rooted in Christ. Our connection with Him is the source of our strength, purpose, and fruitfulness.

Jesus emphasizes the vital importance of abiding in Him. It is through this intimate union that we find the nourishment and guidance necessary to bear fruit in our relationships and families. Without this connection to Christ, our efforts are futile, and our endeavors lack meaning and fulfillment.

In the midst of our busy lives and daily responsibilities, it can be easy to lose sight of our need for Christ’s presence and guidance. Yet, Jesus reminds us that apart from Him, we can do nothing. When we prioritize our relationship with Him through prayer, Scripture reading, and participation in the sacraments, we open ourselves to His transformative power.

As families and couples, let us commit ourselves to remaining firmly rooted in Christ. May we cultivate habits of prayer and worship that deepen our connection with Him, allowing His love to flow through us and bear abundant fruit in our relationships. Through our union with Christ, may we experience greater unity, joy, and fulfillment in our families and marriages.

*Let us pray:*

Heavenly Father, help us to remain rooted in Christ as families and couples. Grant us the grace to prioritize our relationship with Him, that we may bear abundant fruit in our lives and relationships. Strengthen our bonds of love and unity, and guide us in walking according to Your will. Amen.

Yours truly,

Fr. Thumma Prathap

Date: April 27th & 28th, 2024

**“Voz del Pastor”****Fomentando la Unidad en Cristo:  
Una Reflexión para Familias y Parejas**

En el Evangelio de Juan (15:5), Jesús presenta una poderosa analogía, diciendo: "Yo soy la vid; ustedes son las ramas. Si permanecen en mí y yo en ustedes, darán mucho fruto; separados de mí, nada pueden hacer."

Como familias y parejas, esta imagen de la vid y las ramas tiene un significado significativo para nuestras vidas y relaciones. Así como las ramas obtienen su sustento y vida de la vid, también estamos llamados a permanecer profundamente arraigados en Cristo. Nuestra conexión con Él es la fuente de nuestra fuerza, propósito y fecundidad.

Jesús enfatiza la vital importancia de permanecer en Él. Es a través de esta unión íntima que encontramos el alimento y la guía necesarios para dar fruto en nuestras relaciones y familias. Sin esta conexión con Cristo, nuestros esfuerzos son inútiles y nuestras actividades carecen de significado y realización.

En medio de nuestras vidas ocupadas y responsabilidades diarias, puede ser fácil perder de vista nuestra necesidad de la presencia y guía de Cristo. Sin embargo, Jesús nos recuerda que aparte de Él, no podemos hacer nada. Cuando priorizamos nuestra relación con Él a través de la oración, la lectura de las Escrituras y la participación en los sacramentos, nos abrimos a su poder transformador.

Como familias y parejas, comprometámonos a permanecer firmemente arraigados en Cristo. Cultivemos hábitos de oración y adoración que profundicen nuestra conexión con Él, permitiendo que su amor fluya a través de nosotros y dé frutos abundantes en nuestras relaciones. A través de nuestra unión con Cristo, que experimentemos una mayor unidad, alegría y realización en nuestras familias y matrimonios.

*Oremos:*

Padre celestial, ayúdanos a permanecer arraigados en Cristo como familias y parejas. Concédenos la gracia de priorizar nuestra relación contigo, para que podamos dar frutos abundantes en nuestras vidas y relaciones. Fortalece nuestros vínculos de amor y unidad, y guíanos en nuestro camino según tu voluntad. Amén.

Atentamente,

Padre Thumma Prathap

Fecha: 27 y 28 de Abril de 2024

**RE: Banns for Ordination  
Dcn. Rafael Lopez-Negróni**

*Deacon Rafael López-Negróni, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, is seeking ordination to the Sacred Order of Presbyter on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Anyone aware of a reason, under Church law, as to why Dcn. Rafael cannot, or should not, be ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyter, is asked to contact the Director of Seminarians/Vocation Director of the Archdiocese of San Antonio at 210734-1676 by May 6, 2024*

**RE: Amonestaciones para la ordenación de  
Diácono Rafael López-Negróni**

*El diácono Rafael López-Negróni, seminarista de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, busca la ordenación a la Sagrada Orden Presbítera el Sábado 18 de Mayo de 2024. Cualquiera que tenga conocimiento de una razón, según la ley de la Iglesia, en cuanto a por qué el Diácono Rafael no puede, o no debe, ser ordenado al Sagrada Orden Presbítera, se le pide que se ponga en contacto con el Director de Seminaristas/Director Vocacional de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio al 210-734-1676 antes del 6 de Mayo de 2024.*



**Blessed Frédéric Ozanam (1813 - 1853)**

Founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Frédéric was a husband and father, professor, and servant of the poor. He founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as a young student with others of the Sorbonne in Paris. Frédéric's writings on social justice anticipated the first social encyclical of our modern times, Rerum Novarum.

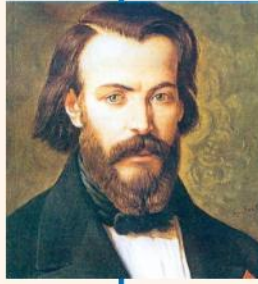
**The Beginnings of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

In the midst of the political, social, religious, and economic turmoil of early 19th century France, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul originated. As a young student at the Sorbonne, Antoine Frédéric Ozanam was appalled by the conditions he saw in Paris. At a student meeting, another student challenged Ozanam and other practicing Catholics, admitting that while the Catholic Church had done much good work in the past, he could not see what good the Church was doing currently.

**At St. Monica's Parish**

Along with Vincentians around the World, the St. Monica SVDP is celebrating Ozanam Sunday to pray for elevation of Blessed Frederic to sainthood and honor his birthday.

SVDP is always looking for others in the parish to help us in our goal to help those I need if you are interested, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office 210-658-3816 or the SVDP office at 210-658-8791.



"I would like to embrace the whole world in a network of charity."

-Blessed Frederic Ozanam



**Beato Frédéric Ozanam (1813 - 1853)**

Fundador de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, Frédéric fue esposo y padre, profesor y servidor de los pobres. Fundó la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl cuando era un joven estudiante con otros de la Sorbona en París. Los escritos de Frédéric sobre la justicia social anticiparon la primera encíclica social de nuestros tiempos modernos, Rerum Novarum.

**Los inicios de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl**

En medio de la agitación política, social, religiosa y económica de la Francia de principios del siglo XIX, se originó la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl. Cuando era un joven estudiante en la Sorbona, Antoine Frédéric Ozanam estaba horrorizado por las condiciones que veía en París. En una reunión de estudiantes, otro estudiante desafió a Ozanam y a otros católicos practicantes, admitiendo que si bien la Iglesia Católica había hecho mucho buen trabajo en el pasado, no podía ver qué bien estaba haciendo la Iglesia actualmente.

**En la Parroquia de Santa Mónica**

Junto con los Vicentinos de todo el mundo, SVDP de Santa Mónica está celebrando el Domingo de Ozanam para orar por la elevación del Beato Frédéric a la santidad y honrar su cumpleaños.

SVDP siempre está buscando a otras personas en la parroquia para que nos ayuden en nuestro objetivo de ayudar a los que tienen necesidad. Si está interesado, deje su nombre y número de teléfono en la oficina parroquial 210-658-3816 o en la oficina de SVDP al 210-658-8791

*Congratulations Fr. Thumma on your Silver Jubilee years of Priesthood*

*May Our Dear Lord Bless you with many more years in guiding your sheep.*

S H T Q V A O Z B N I K G C A  
 A T Z S D H R D O O A N L V L  
 J A N T E D G I H K M E U G K  
 U I T E V I T D N E R E V E R  
 B A N E M A R D O G P V G F S  
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**The Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries**

is an annual campaign supporting more than 30 shared ministries that advance the mission of the Catholic Church in our area. The Archbishop Appeal happens every year because the need remains each year, it's not a one and done. We still need to provide for children in crisis, young mothers who are homeless, and for the Assumption Seminary to ensure we have the deacons and priests we need in order to have Mass. The theme this year is *Walking United in Christ*. Our goal this year is \$57,000. If each family donates just \$60 for the year, we can pass our goal. To break it down that would be \$5 a month, which is about what it costs for cup of coffee from Starbucks. 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](http://archsa.org/archbishops-appeal) 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. La Apelación del Arzobispo ocurre todos los años porque la necesidad permanece cada año, no es una sola vez. Todavía tenemos que proveer para los niños en crisis, las madres jóvenes que no tienen hogar, y ara que el Seminario de la Asunción se asegure de que tengamos los Diáconos y Sacerdotes que necesitamos para tener Misa. El tema de este año es *Caminando Unidos en Cristo*. Nuestra meta este año es de \$57,000. Si cada familia dona solo \$60 por año, podemos pasar nuestra meta. Para desglosarlo, serían \$5 al mes, que es aproximadamente lo que cuesta una taza de café de Starbucks. Por favor, 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](http://archsa.org/archbishops-appeal) para donar hoy! ¿Tiene preguntas? Por favor llame al (210) 734-1910.

**SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES (SCCs)**

So, what exactly is SCC, and how can you join? It's quite simple. SCC is a small group that gathers monthly to discuss faith and strengthen our connection with God. You can start your own group with 6, 10, or more individuals – parishioners, family, or friends. Meetings can take place in someone's home, and you have the option of organizing a potluck or providing a meal. You can even invite our priest to join one of your gatherings.



The heart of SCC lies in sharing and discussing the 1st and 2nd readings, the Psalm, and the Gospel. It's a chance for us to reflect on how the Word of God impacts our lives.

Visit our website: [www.saintmonicaconverse.net/scc](http://www.saintmonicaconverse.net/scc) and complete the online form to express your interest in joining a Small Christian Community. Alternatively, you can reach out to the parish office during business hours at (210) 658-3816 to share your contact information. We are here to assist you in finding a group that suits your schedule and provide resources for your meetings.

If you have already established a group, feel free and encouraged to commence meetings at any time. If your SCC has available space, please email [scc@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:scc@saintmonicaconverse.net) to allow us to assist in placing individuals seeking a group.

**PEQUEÑA COMUNIDAD CRISTIANA (SCCs)**

Entonces, ¿qué es exactamente SCC y cómo puede unirse? Es muy simple. SCC es un grupo pequeño que se reúne mensualmente para discutir la fe y fortalecer nuestra conexión con Dios. Puede iniciar su propio grupo con 6, 10 o más personas: feligreses, familiares o amigos. Las reuniones pueden tener lugar en la casa de alguien y usted tiene la opción de organizar una comida compartida o ofrecer una comida. Incluso pueden invitar a nuestro sacerdote a unirse a una de sus reuniones.

El corazón de SCC radica en compartir y discutir la primera y segunda lecturas, el Salmo y el Evangelio. Es una oportunidad para que reflexionemos sobre cómo la Palabra de Dios impacta nuestras vidas.

Visite nuestro sitio web: [www.saintmonicaconverse.net/scc](http://www.saintmonicaconverse.net/scc) y complete el formulario en línea para expresar su interés en unirse a una Pequeña Comunidad Cristiana. Alternativamente, puede comunicarse con la oficina parroquial durante el horario usual al (210) 658-3816 para compartir su información de contacto.

Estamos aquí para ayudarlo a encontrar un grupo que se adapte a su horario y brindarle recursos para sus reuniones.

Si ya ha establecido un grupo, siéntase libre y alentado a comenzar las reuniones en cualquier momento. Si su SCC tiene espacio disponible, envíe un correo electrónico a [scc@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:scc@saintmonicaconverse.net) para permitirnos ayudarlo a ubicar a las personas que buscan un grupo.

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:

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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.**

**Link for online application:  
QR code for online application**



Nos complace anunciar que el Grupo de Jóvenes de Santa Mónica están planeando asistir a Steubenville Lonestar en 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 más!

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](mailto: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.

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