

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

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 **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.

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, Corina Silk, Jason Silk, Olga B., Judy Gutierrez Kahn, Alfredo Covarrubias & family, Sergio Martinez Ortiz, Rocio Martinez Ortiz, Derrick Hensley, Edith, Blanca, Juan Esquivel, Rocio Martinez, Hector Balderas



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:*



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.

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

"Pastor's Voice"
Mother's Day: Celebration of Love

On this special occasion of Mother's Day, let us take a moment to reflect on the invaluable role that mothers play in our families and in our lives. As the saying goes, "God cannot be everywhere, so, God created the mother." Indeed, mothers are divine gifts bestowed upon us, embodying love, sacrifice, and nurturing care in ways that are truly unparalleled.

A mother's love knows no bounds. From the moment of conception, a mother selflessly devotes herself to the well-being of her child, nurturing them with boundless affection and unwavering devotion. Through sleepless nights, tender embraces, and countless acts of kindness, mothers shape the very foundation of our lives, instilling in us values of compassion, resilience, and strength.

As the poet aptly stated, "A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take." Indeed, the role of a mother is irreplaceable. She is a source of comfort in times of distress, a beacon of hope in moments of despair, and a pillar of strength in times of adversity. Her love is a guiding light that illuminates our path and sustains us through life's journey.

Yet, it is important to recognize that the significance of mothers extends far beyond just one day of celebration. Mothers should be respected, honored, and cherished each and every day of the year. Their tireless efforts, unconditional love, and selfless sacrifices deserve our utmost appreciation and gratitude at all times.

To all the mothers out there, I extend my heartfelt wishes for a Happy Mother's Day. May God bless you abundantly with good health in mind and body. Thank you for all your sacrifices, for the countless ways you enrich our lives, and for the immeasurable love you shower upon us each day. May you be blessed always, and may God bless America.

Let us take this opportunity to express our love and appreciation for our mothers, not just today, but every day, recognizing the profound impact they have on our lives and the world around us.

"Happy Mother's Day"

Yours Truly,

Fr. Thumma Prathap

May 11th & 12th, 2024



"La Voz del Pastor"
Día de la Madre: Celebración del Amor

En esta ocasión especial del Día de la Madre, tomémonos un momento para reflexionar sobre el invaluable papel que las madres desempeñan en nuestras familias y en nuestras vidas. Como dice el refrán, "Dios no puede estar en todas partes, así que, Dios creó a la madre." De hecho, las madres son regalos divinos otorgados a nosotros, encarnando el amor, el sacrificio y el cuidado amoroso de una manera verdaderamente incomparable.

El amor de una madre no conoce límites. Desde el momento de la concepción, una madre se dedica desinteresadamente al bienestar de su hijo, nutriéndolo con un afecto ilimitado y una devoción inquebrantable. A través de noches sin dormir, abrazos tiernos y innumerables actos de bondad, las madres dan forma a los cimientos mismos de nuestras vidas, inculcándonos valores de compasión, resiliencia y fuerza.

Como dijo acertadamente el poeta, "Una madre es aquella que puede ocupar el lugar de todos los demás pero cuyo lugar nadie más puede ocupar." De hecho, el papel de una madre es insustituible. Ella es una fuente de consuelo en tiempos de angustia, un faro de esperanza en momentos de desesperación y un pilar de fuerza en tiempos de adversidad. Su amor es una luz guía que ilumina nuestro camino y nos sostiene a lo largo del viaje de la vida.

Sin embargo, es importante reconocer que la importancia de las madres se extiende mucho más allá de solo un día de celebración. Las madres deben ser respetadas, honradas y apreciadas cada día del año. Sus esfuerzos incansables, su amor incondicional y sus sacrificios desinteresados merecen nuestro más sincero reconocimiento y gratitud en todo momento.

A todas las madres que están ahí fuera, les envío mis más sinceros deseos de un Feliz Día de la Madre. Que Dios las bendiga abundantemente con buena salud en mente y cuerpo. Gracias por todos sus sacrificios, por las innumerables maneras en que enriquecen nuestras vidas y por el amor inmensurable que nos brindan cada día. Que siempre sean bendecidas, y que Dios bendiga a Estados Unidos.

Aprovechemos esta oportunidad para expresar nuestro amor y aprecio por nuestras madres, no solo hoy, sino todos los días, reconociendo el profundo impacto que tienen en nuestras vidas y en el mundo que nos rodea.

"Feliz Día de la Madre"

Yours Truly,

Fr. Thumma Prathap

May 11th & 12th, 2024



Come out for a **FUN filled day**
 with your family on
May 25, from 10-3,
 for the next
 Saint Monica Market Day!



Venga a pasar un **DÍA LLENO DE DIVERSION** con su familia el **25 de Mayo,** de **10am a 3pm,** para el siguiente ¡Día de mercado de Santa Mónica!

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, May 13th

Our Lady of Fatima / Virgen María de Fátima

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

Tuesday/Martes, May 14th

St. Matthias, Apostle / San Matías, Apóstol

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, May 15th

St. Isidore / San Isidro Labrador

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

Confessions / Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves, May 16th

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

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

Friday/Viernes, May 17th

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

Saturday/Sábado, May 18th

St. John I, Pope & Martyr / San Juan I, Papa y Mártir

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

**Pentecost Sunday
Domingo de Pentecostés**

Sunday/Domingo, May 19th

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. Rafael Antonio

Misas de la tarde 5 p.m. (English) Fr. Artemio

7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Artemio

Edward (Ed) Armenta

It is with deep sorrow to inform you that Edward (Ed) Armenta was called to his heavenly home on Monday April 29th with his loving family by his side.



A visitation for will be held on Friday May 17, 2024 at 10am

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

Rosary: Friday May 17, 2024 at 10:30 am

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Mass: Friday May 17, 2024 at 11:30 am

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Internment: Friday May 17, 2023 at 1:15pm

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209

*Our deepest heartfelt condolences to the family.
May he rest in peace.*



Mon	5/13	8:15 a.m. (B) Oliver & Genevive Hovis † Camille Pitacco
Tue	5/14	8:15 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	5/15	8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners (SI) Lupita Ruiz † Marcos Sanchez † Mildred Myles † Hubert Phillips
Thurs	5/16	8:15 a.m. (SI) Lupita Ruiz
Fri	5/17	8:15 p.m. † Camille Pitacco † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	5/18	9:30 a.m. (B) Elviria Espiritu 5:30 p.m. † Leissa Sutton † Aileen Barahona 7:15 p.m. (A)Manuel Carranza y Dolores Cortez (SI) David Rodriguez & Family † Jesus Cortez y Antonio Garcia
Sun.	5/19	7:30 a.m. (SI) Preston Trinkle (SI) Timo & Nancy Zepeda † Rafael & Maria Zuluaga 9:15 a.m. † Richard Hite Jr. 11:00 a.m. (SI) Fr. Thumma Prathap (SI) Oscar & Frances Guerrero † Jose Pepe Gutierrez † Irma Kotanan 1:00 p.m. (SI) Bernardo Castellanos (SI) Movimiento Familiar CC (SI) Rafael & Betzy Torres (SI) Omar & Karla Garnica † Francisco Javier Lopez-Smits † Rafael Antonio Negroni † Antonia Bartolomei-Echevarria † Jorge Rodriguez-Aviles † Rafaela Nazario † Jose Rafael Lopez-Alvarez † Mildred Negroni † Alfaro Holquin 5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners 7:00 p.m. (SI) Lupita Gonzalez

COLLECTIONS

May 5th	\$ 14,539.00
Online collection	\$ 3,746.00
First Communion collection	\$ 1,317.00
Online Collection for St. Monica School	\$ 175.00
Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 334.00



May 19th NO Second Collection



*St. Monica, pray for us.
Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.*



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 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

ACTIVITES:

- 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

Where Gods love is taught
Practiced, and ever present.

Registering Now
(210)658-6701

515 North Street
Converse, Texas 78109

**Mass & Ordination to the Priesthood
Rafael Antonio Lopez-Negróni**

Saturday May 18, 2024 @ 10am
St. Mark's Catholic Church
Mass of Thanksgiving (Spanish)
presiding

"Father" Rafael Antonio Lopez-Negróni

Sunday May 19, 2024

at 1pm Spanish Mass
St. Monica Catholic Church
Reception follow Mass in the Parish Hall

Celebrating English Masses

Sunday, May 26th

7:30, 9:15 & 11

A gathering after the 11am will be held in the Parish Hall

Feel free to come out and get a blessing from
"Father" Rafael and give him your well wishes.



**Misa y Ordenacion al Sacerdocio
Rafael Antonio Lopez-Negróni**

Sábado 18 de Mayo del 2024 @ 10am
Iglesia Católica de San Marcos
Misa de Acción de Gracia (Español)
preside

"Padre" Rafael Antonio Lopez-Negróni

Domingo, 19 de Mayo del 2024

a la 1pm Misa en Español
Iglesia de Santa Mónica
Recepción después de la Misa en el
Salón Parroquial

Celebrando Misas en Ingles

Domingo, 26 de Mayo

7:30, 9:15 & 11

Habrà una reunión después de la misa de 11am en el
salón parroquial. Siéntase bienvenido a asistir y recibir una
bendición de "Padre" Rafael y darle sus buenos deseos.

With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God
and Our Lady of Guadalupe,

The Archdiocese of San Antonio

Joyfully announces and invites you to attend
the Ordination of

Rafael Becerra Gonzalez

Rafael Antonio Lopez- Negróni

Man Nguyen

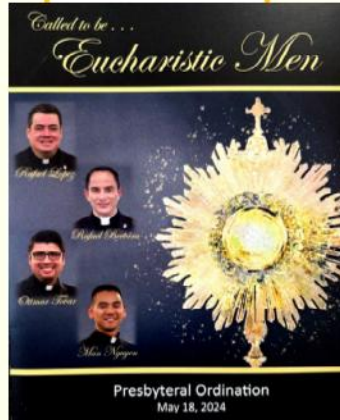
Ottmar Tovar-Almanza

To the Sacred Order of Presbyter
through the Invocation of the Holy Spirit
and the Imposition of Hands by

*His Excellency Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSps
Archbishop of San Antonio*

Saturday, the eighteenth day of may,
to thousand twenty-four
at ten o'clock in the morning

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
1602 Thousand Oaks Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78232



Con alabanza y acción de gracias a Dios Todopoderoso y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

La Arquidiócesis de San Antonio

Con alegría anuncia y los invita
a la Ordenación de

Rafael Becerra González

Rafael Antonio López- Negróni

Man Nguyen

Ottmar Tovar-Almanza

Al Sagrado Orden del Presbítero a través de
la Invocación del Espíritu Santo
y por la Imposición de Manos por

*S.E.R. Mons. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSps
Arzobispo de San Antonio*

La celebración tendrá lugar el día Sábado
dieciocho de Mayo
del año del Señor del dos mil veinticuatro
a las diez de la mañana

Parroquia de San Marcos Evangelista
1602 Thousand Oaks Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78232

Sign up to show your car, truck,
or bike!

Sign up to be a vendor at the event!

Sign up as a sponsor of the event!

Contact Tony C. for more details:
210-857-0789

Register your car online:
www.kofc-9681.org



St. Monica Council 9681
Converse, Texas



Regístrese para mostrar su automóvil,
camión o motocicleta! Regístrese
para ser un vendedor en el evento!
O Inscríbese como patrocinador del
evento! Póngase en contacto con:

Tony C. para mas detalles:
210-857-0789

Regístrese en línea:
www.kofc-9681.org

“Pastor’s Voice”**Important Parish Guidelines and Request for Cooperation**

Dear St. Monica family,

Greetings and blessings to all of you from Fr. Thumma Prathap.

I hope this message finds you well. Today, I reach out to share and clarify some important guidelines regarding our parish activities and the promotion of events from neighboring parishes within our community.

Firstly, I understand and respect your freedom to participate in the services and events of other parishes. However, I have noticed an increasing trend where flyers and announcements from other parishes are brought to St. Monica for distribution or announcement without proper authorization. Please be reminded that distributing materials or making announcements for events not held at St. Monica requires prior permission from the respective parish's pastor. This procedure ensures proper coordination and respect for both our parish's and our neighboring parishes' guidelines.

I appreciate your eagerness to support and promote community-wide events; however, it is essential that these actions are carried out with the appropriate permissions. If an event is specific to another parish, the pastor of that parish should formally request cooperation through an official communication such as email, a letter, or a phone call.

Additionally, there have been instances where individuals have wished to place personal religious items or artwork within our church or chapel. While I value your devotion and desire to beautify our sacred spaces, it is important to maintain a considerate and uniform approach. Our church and chapel's visual harmony is carefully curated to reflect our community's collective faith and not individual preferences.

Please do not view these guidelines as personal or restrictive; instead, understand them as measures to maintain order, respect, and fairness for all members of our faith community. I sincerely request your cooperation and adherence to these procedures.

Thank you for your understanding and for your continued support and commitment to our parish family. Your cooperation is vital in maintaining the sanctity and order of our beloved St. Monica. May God bless you all with wisdom and grace. God bless America.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

May 11th & 12th, 2024

“Voz del Pastor”**Normativas Importantes de la Parroquia y Solicitud de Cooperación**

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

Saludos y bendiciones a todos ustedes de parte de Padre Thumma Prathap.

Espero que este mensaje les encuentre bien. Hoy me dirijo a ustedes para compartir y aclarar algunas normativas importantes respecto a nuestras actividades parroquiales y la promoción de eventos de parroquias vecinas dentro de nuestra comunidad.

En primer lugar, comprendo y respeto su libertad para participar en los servicios y eventos de otras parroquias. Sin embargo, he notado una tendencia creciente donde folletos y anuncios de otras parroquias son traídos a Santa Mónica para su distribución o anuncio sin la debida autorización. Les recuerdo que la distribución de materiales o la realización de anuncios para eventos que no se celebran en Santa Mónica requiere previa autorización del párroco de la respectiva parroquia. Este procedimiento asegura la correcta coordinación y el respeto por las directrices de nuestra parroquia y las parroquias vecinas.

Aprecio su entusiasmo por apoyar y promover eventos comunitarios; sin embargo, es esencial que estas acciones se lleven a cabo con los permisos apropiados. Si un evento es específico de otra parroquia, el párroco de esa parroquia debe solicitar formalmente la cooperación a través de una comunicación oficial, como un correo electrónico, una carta o una llamada telefónica.

Además, ha habido casos en los que individuos han deseado colocar objetos religiosos personales o obras de arte dentro de nuestra iglesia o capilla. Si bien valoro su devoción y deseo de embellecer nuestros espacios sagrados, es importante mantener un enfoque considerado y uniforme. La armonía visual de nuestra iglesia y capilla está cuidadosamente curada para reflejar la fe colectiva de nuestra comunidad y no preferencias individuales.

Por favor, no vean estas normativas como personales o restrictivas; en cambio, entiéndanlas como medidas para mantener el orden, el respeto y la equidad para todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad de fe. Solicito sinceramente su cooperación y adherencia a estos procedimientos.

Gracias por su comprensión y por su continuo apoyo y compromiso con nuestra familia parroquial. Su cooperación es vital para mantener la santidad y el orden de nuestra amada Santa Mónica. Que Dios los bendiga a todos con sabiduría y gracia. Dios Bendiga a América.

Suyo en Cristo,

Padre Thumma Prathap

Fecha: 11 y 12 de Mayo de 2024

It has been a busy month of May as we conclude the 2023-2024 Religious Education program. After two years of preparation, 91 of our young adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 23rd. They were blessed to receive the Anointing of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Michael J. Boulette, D.Min. In addition, on May 4th, 101 of our children received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations to all of our students. We would like to thank Fr. Thumma and Fr. Artemio for their continued support of our program. We are grateful to all our Catechists and aides for their time and dedication. Our program is not possible without all of your unwavering support.

Thank you to all of our parents for entrusting your children to us. It is a great blessing and privilege to be a part of our child's faith formation and preparation for reception of the Sacraments. A special recognition to our Deacons, Choir, Sacristans, Altar Servers and office staff that assisted us in making the liturgies for the Sacraments so joyous and beautiful.

We are already working diligently to get ready for the 2024-2025 program. We hope to have new registration forms ready in the first week of June. An announcement will be made during mass and in the bulletin.

Most Sincerely,

Toni Espinoza

Director of Religious Education

Religious
Education



Educación
Religiosa

Ha sido un mes de Mayo muy ocupado mientras concluimos el programa de Educación Religiosa 2023-2024. Después de dos años de preparación, 91 de nuestros jóvenes recibieron el Sacramento de la Confirmación el 23 de Abril. Fueron bendecidos al recibir la Unción del Espíritu Santo por parte del Obispo Michael J. Boulette, D.Min. Además, el 4 de Mayo, 101 de nuestros niños recibieron por primera vez el Sacramento de la Sagrada Eucaristía. Felicitaciones a todos nuestros estudiantes.

Nos gustaría agradecer a Padre Thumma y Padre Artemio por su continuo apoyo a nuestro programa. Agradecemos a todos nuestros Catequistas y asistentes por su tiempo y dedicación. Nuestro programa no es posible sin todo su apoyo inquebrantable. Gracias a todos nuestros padres por confiarnos a sus hijos. Es una gran bendición y un privilegio ser parte de la formación en la fe y la preparación de nuestros hijos para la recepción de los Sacramentos. Un reconocimiento especial a nuestros Diáconos, Coro, Sacristanes, Monaguillos y personal de oficina que nos ayudaron a hacer que las liturgias de los Sacramentos fueran tan alegres y hermosas.

Ya estamos trabajando diligentemente para prepararnos para el programa 2024-2025. Esperamos tener nuevos formularios de inscripción listos en la primera semana de Junio. Se hará un anuncio durante la misa y en el boletín.

Sinceramente,

Toni Espinoza

Director de Educación Religiosa

Consider joining the St. Monica Welcome Ministry!

We are in search of many smiling, friendly faces to help greet newcomers to our parish. We want to help them to feel welcome and comfortable in our place of worship.

What does the Welcome Ministry do?

Our members will greet new parishioners and welcome guests to our church before each Sunday Mass. Provide general information at our welcome desk. We are also planning Welcome Socials to introduce them to members of our parish, let them know about opportunities to serve, and activities for spiritual growth and social interaction in our community. We will contact newly registered parishioners to update them on what is happening in our parish and to ensure that they feel included in our community.

How can you serve the Welcome Ministry?

Can you offer a few minutes before and/or after each Mass to greet newcomers to our church?

Can you help organize a regular meeting to provide information about St. Monica to new members?

Can you be a smiling face and a friendly voice to bring new parishioners into our community?

Please contact Tony Canez with any questions.
(210) 857-0789 or tcwildcat1992@gmail.com



Por favor, considere unirse al Ministerio de Bienvenida!

Estamos en busca de muchas caras sonrientes y amigables para ayudar a saludar a los recién llegados a nuestra parroquia. Queremos ayudarlos ellos a sentirse bienvenidos y cómodos en nuestra iglesia.

¿Qué hace el Ministerio de Bienvenida?

Nuestros miembros saludarán a los nuevos feligreses y darán la bienvenida a los invitados a nuestra iglesia antes de cada misa dominical. Proporcionar información general en nuestro mostrador de bienvenida. También estamos planeando eventos sociales para presentar a los miembros de nuestra parroquia, informarles sobre oportunidades de servicio y actividades para el crecimiento espiritual y la interacción social en nuestra comunidad. Nos comunicaremos con los feligreses recién registrados para actualizarlos sobre lo que está sucediendo en nuestra parroquia y asegurarnos de que se sientan incluidos en nuestra comunidad.

¿Cómo puede servir al Ministerio de Bienvenida?

¿Puede ofrecer unos minutos antes y después de cada Misa para saludar a los recién llegados a nuestra iglesia?

¿Puede ayudar a organizar una reunión periódica para brindar información sobre Santa Mónica a los nuevos miembros?

¿Puede ser una cara sonriente y una voz amigable para atraer nuevos feligreses a nuestra comunidad?

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**Join the Vacation Bible School Team!
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Do you want to help children learn to love Jesus and their neighbor? Our VBS theme is

“Samaritans in a Submarine”

Find out how you can be part of a great week of summer fun, volunteer meeting May 14th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. For more information to register or volunteer contact Annette Winfield at 210-885-0861.



**Inscripciones ya están abierta para La
Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones Y es GRATIS
A todos los niños que ingresan a los grados 1 a 5
en el Otoño de 2024.**

VBS es del 24 al 28 de Junio; 5:00 - 8:30pm.

Formularios de registro están disponible en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia, en la oficina parroquial o en el sitio web: saintmonicaconverse.net/vacation-bible-school-summer-2024

¡Únase al equipo de la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones! ¡Se necesitan voluntarios adultos y de secundaria!

¿Quiere ayudar a los niños a aprender a amar a Jesús y al prójimo? Nuestro tema de EBV es **“Samaritanos en un submarino”**

Descubra cómo puede ser parte de una gran semana de diversión de verano. Habrá una reunión de voluntarios el **14 de Mayo a las 6:30 pm** en el Salón Parroquial. Para más información para registrarse o se voluntario comuníquese con Annette Winfield 210-885-0861.

St. Monica’s Youth Group would like to invite all 8th graders to a game night



**Wednesday May 15th at 7:30pm
In the Parish Hall.**

It is a fun opportunity to come and see what Youth Group is like and meet other teens who want to grow in their faith!

We look forward to seeing you there!

El Grupo de Jóvenes de Santa Mónica Los invita a todo estudiantes de 8º grado a una noche de juegos

**Miércoles, 15 de Mayo a las 7:30pm
En el Salón Parroquial**

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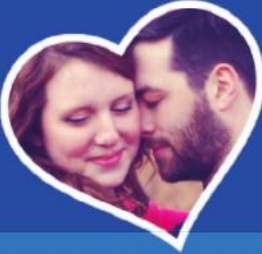
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