

# St. Monica Catholic Church

501 North St.  
Converse, Texas 78109

## 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](mailto:pastor@saintmonicaconverse.net)

**Parochial Vicar:**  
**Fr. Artemio Ortiz- Romo**  
Email: [fr.ortiz1958@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:fr.ortiz1958@saintmonicaconverse.net)

**Fr. Rafael Antonio**  
**Lopez-Negroni**  
Email: [rlopez@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:rlopez@saintmonicaconverse.net)



## ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. Karmen Chavez  
Early Childhood-8th Grade  
210-658-6701 E-mail: [office@saintmonica.net](mailto:office@saintmonica.net)  
*Summer Fun Program*

*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, Paul D., 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, Catarina Garza, Nicanora Rodriguez, Angel Cantu, Barbara Garza, Evan Pesek, Laura Cynthia Peters, Bill Eastman, 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, Tony Rippy, Eduardo Guevara, Adalene, Janet Hillson, Pablo Martinez, Edith, Blanca, 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., Derrick Hensley, Judy Gutierrez Kahn, Alfredo Covarrubias & family, Sergio Martinez Ortiz, Rocio Martinez Ortiz, Juan Esquivel, Rocio Martinez, Hector Balderas, Diana Palomo



**COMMITTEES**

**Pastoral Council President:** Timo Zepeda

**Finance Council President:** Barbara Stewart

**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](mailto: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.**

**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, June 3rd**

*St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs  
Santos Carlos Lwanga y Compañeros, Mártires*

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

**Tuesday/Martes, June 4th**

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

**Wednesday/Miércoles, June 5th**

*St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr / San Bonifacio, Obispo y Mártir*

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

Confessions /Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday/Jueves, June 6th**

*St. Norbert, Bishop / San Norberto, Obispo*

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

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

**Friday/Viernes, June 7th**

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

**Saturday/Sábado, June 8th**

*The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
El Inmaculado Corazón de la Santísima Virgen María*

Rosary/Rosario 9:00 a.m.

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

Confessions/Confesiones 3:30 p.m.

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

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

**10th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10<sup>o</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

**Sunday/Domingo, June 9th**

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. Thumma

Masses in p.m. 1 p.m. (Español) Fr. Thumma

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

7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Rafael



<b>Mon</b>	<b>6/3</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	† Howard Benavides † Gildardo Esqueda
<b>Tue</b>	<b>6/4</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	† Gildardo Esqueda † Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Wed</b>	<b>6/5</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	† Gildardo Esqueda
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>6/6</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	† Gildardo Esqueda
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>6/7</b>	<b>8:15 p.m.</b>	† Holy Souls in Purgatory † Gildardo Esqueda
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>6/8</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	(SI) For persons w/Mental Health Challenges
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	(SI) John & Grace Van Hammont † Mary Frances & Isaias Gutierrez
		<b>7:15 p.m.</b>	† Gildardo Esqueda
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>6/9</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	† Elaine Marbach † Kimberly Morin † Agnes Untiedt † Jack & Monica Malloy † Peter De Santis
		<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	(B) Jackson Eason (SI) Fr Thumma Prathap † Dr. Ester Cruz Guerrero † Ed Armenta
		<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	(SI) Sophia Perez & Family † Lupe Chagoya † Irma Kotanan
		<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	(SI) Jesus y Henry Gonzalez † Gildardo Esqueda † Juan Antu † Abel Perez † Uvaldo Cantu † Carlo De La Garza
		<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	(SI) Conversion of Sinners (SI) For all incarcerated Catholics † Claudia Montoya
		<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	(SI) Oscar & Lilliana Casas

**COLLECTIONS**

**May 26th** \$ 11,855.00

Online collection \$ 2,071.00

Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 1,329.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 159.00

Collection for St. Monica School \$ 2,565.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 210.00

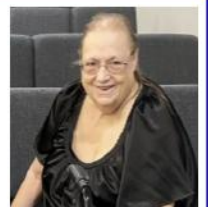
**June 9th Second Collection**

**St Vincent De Paul Society**



**Jean Hamm**

It is with deep sorrow to inform you that Jean Hamm was called to her heavenly home on Saturday May 18th.



**Mass: Wednesday June 6, 2024  
at 1:00 pm**

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



The Sanctuary Lamp is for a special intention for:

**Stacy L. Jordan**

By: Ron & Mary Kirby



# 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 maravi-  
lloso 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	New Students
\$350 per Student (Registration Fee is Non-Refundable)	\$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

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**"Pastor's Voice"****The Eucharist: A Glimpse of Heaven on Earth**

Dear St. Monica Family,

As we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, let us immerse ourselves in the profound mystery of the Eucharist. This sacred celebration invites us to reflect on the immense gift of Christ's Body and Blood, given to us under the appearance of bread and wine. In the words of St. John Paul II, "The Eucharist is truly a glimpse of heaven appearing on earth. It is a glorious ray of the heavenly Jerusalem which pierces the clouds of our history and lights up our journey."

The Eucharist is not just a symbol or a ritual; it is the real presence of Jesus Christ, who desires to dwell within us and nourish our souls. St. Thomas Aquinas, a great theologian and Doctor of the Church, profoundly expressed this truth: "The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, it produces Love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."

As we partake in this heavenly banquet, we are united with Christ and with one another in a bond of love and communion. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) reminds us of the transformative power of the Eucharist: "Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."

In every Mass, we are invited to encounter Christ in a personal and intimate way. The Eucharist is a foretaste of the eternal banquet that awaits us in heaven. St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, beautifully illustrated this longing: "If we truly understood the Mass, we would die of joy."

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, let us deepen our reverence and love for the Eucharist. May we approach the altar with hearts full of gratitude and awe, recognizing that in the Eucharist, heaven touches earth. Let us echo the words of St. John Paul II, who urged us to "open wide the doors to Christ" and allow the light of the Eucharist to guide our steps and illuminate our path.

May the Blessed Sacrament be the source and summit of our Christian life, leading us closer to the heart of Jesus and strengthening our commitment to love and serve one another.

Yours Truly,

*Fr. Thumma Prathap*

June 1st & 2nd, 2024

**"La Voz del Pastor"****La Eucaristía: Un Atisbo del Cielo en la Tierra**

Querida Familia de Santa Mónica,

Al celebrar la Fiesta de Corpus Christi, sumerjémonos en el profundo misterio de la Eucaristía. Esta sagrada celebración nos invita a reflexionar sobre el inmenso don del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, que se nos ha dado bajo la apariencia de pan y vino. En palabras de San Juan Pablo II, "La Eucaristía es verdaderamente un vislumbre del cielo que aparece en la tierra. Es un rayo glorioso de Jerusalén celestial que atraviesa las nubes de nuestra historia e ilumina nuestro camino".

La Eucaristía no es sólo un símbolo o un ritual; es la presencia real de Jesucristo, que desea habitar en nosotros y alimentar nuestras almas. Santo Tomás de Aquino, gran teólogo y Doctor de la Iglesia, expresó profundamente esta verdad: "La Eucaristía es el Sacramento del Amor; Significa Amor, produce Amor. La Eucaristía es la consumación de toda la vida espiritual".

Al participar en este banquete celestial, estamos unidos con Cristo y entre nosotros en un vínculo de amor y comunión. Santa Teresa de Calcuta (Madre Teresa) nos recuerda el poder transformador de la Eucaristía: "Jesús se ha hecho Pan de Vida para darnos vida. Noche y día, Él está allí. Si realmente quiere crecer en el amor, vuelva a la Eucaristía, vuelva a esa Adoración".

En cada Misa, estamos invitados a encontrarnos con Cristo de una manera personal e íntima. La Eucaristía es un anticipo del banquete eterno que nos espera en el cielo. San Juan Vianney, el Cura de Ars, ilustró bellamente este anhelo: "Si realmente entendiéramos la Misa, moriríamos de alegría".

Al celebrar la solemnidad de Corpus Christi, profundicemos nuestra reverencia y amor por la Eucaristía. Que nos acerquemos al altar con el corazón lleno de gratitud y asombro, reconociendo que en la Eucaristía, el cielo toca la tierra. Hagamos eco de las palabras de San Juan Pablo II, quien nos instó a "abrir de par en par las puertas a Cristo" y dejar que la luz de la Eucaristía guíe nuestros pasos e ilumine nuestro camino.

Que el Santísimo Sacramento sea la fuente y la cumbre de nuestra vida cristiana, acercándonos al corazón de Jesús y fortaleciendo nuestro compromiso de amarnos y servirnos unos a otros.

Atentamente,

*Padre Thumma Prathap*

1º y 2º de Junio, 2024

*St. Monica, pray for us.*



*Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.*

**CALLING MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES**



You are cordially invited to attend the Baccalaureate Mass, which will be held on Sunday, June 9th, at either the 11 am Mass or the 1 pm Mass. This Mass will serve as a special occasion to honor your accomplishments, surrounded by friends, family, and fellow graduates. We encourage you to wear your cap and gown, symbolizing the culmination of your educational journey. To confirm your attendance and ensure proper arrangements, please send us an email at parish@saintmonicaconverse.net or give us a call at 210-658-3816. Kindly provide us with your name and the name of the school you graduated from.

We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with you and your loved ones. Congratulations once again on your graduation!

**LLAMANDO A TODOS LOS GRADUADOS DE ESCUELA INTERMEDIA, ESCUELA SECUNDARIA Y UNIVERSIDAD**

Están invitados a la Misa de Bachillerato el Domingo, 9 de Junio a las 11 am en Ingles o a la 1pm en Español. Esta Misa servirá como una ocasión especial para honrar sus logros, rodeado de amigos, familiares y compañeros graduados. Le recomendamos que use su toga y birrete, que simbolizan la culminación de su camino educativo.

Para confirmar su asistencia y asegurar arreglos adecuados, favor de mandar un correo electrónico a:

parish@saintmonicaconverse.net o llame a la oficina al 210-658-3816. Por favor incluya su nombre y la escuela de la que se graduó. Esperamos celebrar esta ocasión transcendental con usted

**Stroke Scan Plus** will be at St. Monica Catholic Church on Thurs & Fri June 6 & 7 to provide life-saving, stroke and vascular ultrasound screening . Day and evening appointments will be available to accommodate most working schedules.



Do you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol? Do you have a family history of heart disease, stroke, or diabetes? If any of these are true, do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a possible serious disease.

These screenings are typically NOT performed at annual check-ups, nor will insurance companies pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Collectively, these screenings cost thousands. Stroke Scan will be offering them to you for \$169 for all 7 combined. Insurance is NOT necessary to receive this discount.

However, pre-registration IS necessary and appointments are limited. please call 1-866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment today for you or a loved one. The screenings will take place at Goertz Room in the Parish Hall. Prevention is your key to quality health! www.strokescan.com.

**Stroke Scan Plus** estará en la Iglesia de Sta. Mónica el 6 y 7 de Junio, 2024 para proporcionar pruebas de detección de accidentes cerebrovasculares y ultrasonidos vasculares que salvan vidas. Citas en el día y por la noche estarán disponible para acomodar la mayoría de horarios de trabajo.

Tiene usted presión alta o colesterol alto? Tiene usted historia familiar de cardiopatía, accidente diabetes o cerebrovascular? Si alguno de estos son ciertos, no pierda esta oportunidad para detectar temprano una posible enfermedad grave. Estos exámenes típicamente NO son realizados en los chequeos anuales, ni las compañías de aseguranza pagan por ellos si esta con síntomas. Colectivamente, estos exámenes cuestan miles. Stroke Scan estará ofreciéndolos exámenes a usted por \$169 para los 7 exámenes. Aseguranza no es necesario para recibir el descuento.

Sin embargo, preinscripción ES necesario y citas están limitados. Stroke Scan puede llamar al 1-866-935-7226 para programar una cita ahora para usted o un ser querido. Los exámenes se llevaran a cabo en el Cuarto Goertz del Salón Parroquial. Prevención es la clave para salud con calidad. www.strokescan.com.

**LLEVE SU MATRIMONIO A LA IGLESIA**

*“es la presencia del Señor, que se revela y el don de su gracia que hace que su matrimonio sea pleno y profundamente verdadera”.*  
**Papa Francisco**



**BRINGING YOUR MARRIAGE INTO THE CHURCH**

*“it is the presence of the Lord, who reveals himself and the gift of His grace, that will render your marriage full and profoundly true.”* **Pope Frances**

**CONVALIDACIÓN**

**Bringing Your Marriage into the Church**  
Like other couples in your parish or family, you may be wondering if your marriage is fully recognized by the Catholic Church. Catholic Church law ordinarily requires baptized Catholics to marry before a priest or deacon, unless they receive a dispensation from canonical form. Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of a minister from other religious traditions or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic church.

Regardless of what happened in the past, the Catholic Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family’s mission to sharing God’s love.

If you wish to explore the path to receiving the grace of Marriage in the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon David Espinoza in our parish office: 210-658-3816 or email: liturgy@saintmonicaconverse.net

**CONVALIDACIÓN** Llevar su matrimonio a la Iglesia

Al igual que otras parejas de su parroquia o familia, es posible que se pregunte si su matrimonio está completamente reconocido por la Iglesia Católica. La ley de la Iglesia Católica normalmente requiere que los católicos bautizados se casen ante un sacerdote o diácono, a menos que reciban una dispensa de la forma canónica. Los Católicos que intercambian votos matrimoniales en presencia de un ministro de otras tradiciones religiosas o funcionarios civiles no se consideran válidamente casados a los ojos de la Iglesias Católica.

Independientemente de lo que haya sucedido en el pasado, la Iglesia Católica los invita a dar un nuevo significado a sus vidas abrazando la vocación del matrimonio y dedicando la misión de su familia a compartir el amor de Dios.

Si desea explorar el camino para recibir la gracia del matrimonio en la Iglesia Católica, comuníquese con Diácono David Espinoza en nuestra oficina parroquial: 210-658-3816 o correo electrónico: liturgy@saintmonicaconverse.net

Thank you every one for sending in your pictures of birthday's, wedding anniversary and special accomplishments.

*May Our Dear Lord watch over all of you and your families, may your lives always be filled with God's blessings.*

Turn in your **July** Birthdays, anniversary or accomplishment picture by **June 30th** to: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net or come by the parish office

Gracias a todos los que mandaron sus fotos de cumpleaños, aniversario de bodas y ocasiones especiales.

*Que nuestro amado Señor los cuide al igual que a sus familias, y que sus vidas estén siempre llenas de las bendiciones de Dios.*

Manden sus fotos de los cumpleaños, aniversario, ocasiones especiales de **Julio para el 30 de Junio** a: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net o pase por la oficina.

Happy Father's Day  
Steve Schmedding



Happy Father's Day  
Mike Schmedding

Happy 52nd  
Wedding Anniversary  
Charlie & Edi Wheeler  
June 18th



Happy Birthday  
Maria E. Garcia  
June 17th

Happy Birthday  
Joan Petru  
June 7th



Happy Birthday  
Cody Schmedding  
June 2nd



Happy Birthday  
Timo Zepeda  
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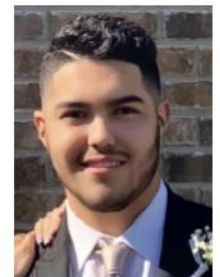


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Date/	Time/	Camp/	
Jun 3-27	8 - 9:30am	High School Strength & Conditioning	Fuerza y acondicionamiento (Secundaria)
Jun 3-7	10 - 12pm	Guardian Volleyball Camp	Campamento de Voleibol
Jun 10-14	10 - 12pm	Guardian Basketball Camp	Campamento de Baloncesto
Jun 17-20	10 - 12pm	Guardian Soccer Camp	Campamento de Futbol
Jun 24-27	1 - 4 pm	High School Study Skills	Habilidades de Estudio (Secundaria)
Jul 8-25	8 - 9:30am	High School Strength & Conditioning	Fuerza y acondicionamiento (Secundaria)
Jul 8-25	8 - 9:30am	Middle School Strength & Conditioning	Fuerza y acondicionamiento (Intermedia)
Jul 8-12	10 - 12pm	Guardian Football Camp	Futbol Americano
Jul 15-19	10 - 12pm	Guardian Softball Camp	Campamento de Sofbol
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**Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. Classes will begin mid September**



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Classes fill up fast so register as soon as possible. Wishing everyone at Saint Monica's a blessed summer! Most Sincerely,  
*Toni Espinoza*  
Director of Religious Education

**Las inscripciones ya están abiertas para el año escolar 2024-2025. Las clases comienzan a mediados de Septiembre**

Se puede registrar en la oficina; estamos abiertos hasta las 7 p.m. los Miércoles, los Sábados de 10 a.m. a 2 p.m. y los Domingos de 10 a.m. a 3 p.m. o en línea solo si paga con tarjeta de débito o crédito:

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Las clases se llenan rápido, así que regístrese lo mas antes posible. ¡Les deseamos a todos en Santa Mónica un verano bendecido!  
Sinceramente,  
*Toni Espinoza*

**What is happening this Sunday at Mass for those ready to move forward in our parish's Christian Initiation process?**

The initial inquiry (precatechumenate) period for a group of inquirers will be moving into the second stage, with another opportunity for unbaptized inquirers to go through the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens is for inquirers in the Christian Initiation process who are preparing for their Baptism. They are now ready to publicly declare their intention to continue their journey towards becoming Catholics. At this Rite, they are asked to more fully embrace the Gospel message with the help of God, and are also signed with the Cross to show that they now belong to Christ, the Shepherd of souls. In this Rite, the parish community has the opportunity to more fully participate in and pray for those in the Christian Initiation process. This Rite places these catechumens in a formal relationship with the universal Church. By Church law, the Pope and all bishops are to pray for those who have gone through this Rite. We encourage all parishioners to pray for these souls as well, as they continue in the initiation process over the coming months, and to reach out to them as fellow members of the Household of Christ.



**June**

The great Solemnity of Pentecost marked the great gift of the Holy Spirit to those God the Father calls to be his own. Perhaps you can think of someone who longs to have a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father. Can you plant the seeds of hope as you speak of our Father's loving care, and his everlasting promises fulfilled in the sending of his Son, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? Ask about the Inquiry sessions for those who are not baptized, are of other faiths, or are adult Catholics who were not confirmed by contacting Timo Zepeda [rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net)

**¿Qué está pasando este domingo en la misa para aquellos que están listos para avanzar en el proceso de Iniciación Cristiana de nuestra parroquia?**

El período de investigación inicial (precatechumenado) para un grupo de indagadores pasará a la segunda etapa, con otra oportunidad para que los indagadores no bautizados pasen por el Rito de Aceptación en la Orden de Catecúmenos. El Rito de Aceptación en la Orden de los Catecúmenos es para los que preguntan en el proceso de Iniciación Cristiana que se están preparando para su bautismo. Ahora están listos para declarar públicamente su intención de continuar su camino hacia convertirse en Católicos. En este rito, se les pide que abracen más plenamente el mensaje del Evangelio con la ayuda de Dios, y también están firmados con la Cruz para mostrar que ahora pertenecen a Cristo, el Pastor de las almas. En este rito, la comunidad parroquial tiene la oportunidad de participar más plenamente y rezar por aquellos en el proceso de iniciación cristiana. Este rito coloca a estos catecúmenos en una relación formal con la Iglesia universal. Según la ley de la Iglesia, el Papa y todos los obispos deben rezar por aquellos que han pasado por este rito. Animamos a todos los feligreses a rezar también por estas almas, a medida que continúan en el proceso de iniciación en los próximos meses, y a llegar a ellos como compañeros de la Casa de Cristo.

**Junio**

La gran solemnidad de Pentecostés marcó el gran don del Espíritu Santo a aquellos que Dios el Padre llama a ser suyos. Tal vez pueda pensar en alguien que anhela tener una relación más cercana con nuestro Padre Celestial. ¿Puede plantar las semillas de la esperanza mientras habla del cuidado amoroso de nuestro Padre, y de sus promesas eternas cumplidas en el envío de su Hijo, y de la morada del Espíritu Santo? Pregunte sobre las sesiones de consulta para aquellos que no están bautizados, son de otras religiones o son católicos adultos que no fueron confirmados. Favor de contactar Bertha Castellanos [rica@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:rica@saintmonicaconverse.net)

**Join Fr. Thumma in one of his upcoming Pilgrimages. September 9-18, 2024 going on a Marian Shrine**

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**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”**

Para más información para registrarse o se voluntario comuníquese con Annette Winfield 210-885-0861.

Registrations can be found in the foyer, church office, and on our website:

saintmonicaconverse.net/vacation-bible-school-summer-2024

**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”**

For more information to register or volunteer contact Annette Winfield at 210-885-0861.

Today we remember Jesus' creation of the Most Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday at The Last Supper. The feast of Corpus Christi began in the 13th century and after having this name for hundreds of years, in 1970, the name was officially changed to **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. Even after the change, many people still refer to the feast as Corpus Christi.



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Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.  
Mark 14:23

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Christ	Jesus
Gave	Disciples
Last	Supper
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