

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



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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.

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 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, Mary Kirby, 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, Tony Rippy, Edwardo Guevara, Adalene, Janet Hillson, Pablo Martinez, Lucy Zamora, Ariel & Clara Casiano, Donny Krueger, Donelia Jimenez, Jeannie & Paul, Maria Ramos, Will Clouse, Roland Guerra, Ignacio Urabazo, 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, Diana Palomo, Vicky Guevara



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 10th

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

Tuesday/Martes, June 11th

St. Barnabas, Apostle / San Bernabé, Apóstol

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, June 12th

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

Confessions /Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves, June 13th

*St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church
San Antonio de Padua, Presbítero y Doctor de la Iglesia*

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

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

Friday/Viernes, June 14th

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

Saturday/Sábado, June 15th

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. Artemio

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Father's Day)

11º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

(Día del Padre)

Sunday/Domingo, June 16th

Masses in a.m. 7:30 a.m. Fr.

Misas de la mañana 9:15 a.m. Fr.

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



Mon	6/10	8:15 a.m. (B) Crystal Winfield
Tue	6/11	8:15 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	6/12	8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
Thurs	6/13	8:15 a.m. (SI) Mary Kirby
Fri	6/14	8:15 p.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Jose Angel Garza
Sat.	6/15	9:30 a.m. (SI) Lupita Ruiz
		5:30 p.m. (A) Norma Bustamante y Juan Cantu † Scott Case † Cody Joplin † Leissa Sutton
		7:15 p.m. † Gregoria Anastacia † Rachel Diaz
Sun.	6/16	7:30 a.m. (A) Charlie & Edi Wheeler (SI) Charles J. Wheeler † Jose L. Saucedo III
		9:15 a.m. (B) Joe Melton (SI) Craig Bottiglieri † Gene Roller † Richard Chambers † Ed Armenta † Martin Ortiz † Juan M. Diaz
		11:00 a.m. (A) Nick & Maria Caballero † Irma Kotanan † Bob Hovis
		1:00 p.m. (SI) Jesus y Henry Gonzalez (SI) Father Thumma Prathap
		5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners (SI) Nick, Karen & Jason Luera (SI) Tod & Stacy Roberts & Fam † Theodore & Margaret Rose † Warren & Shirley Downs
		7:00 p.m. (SI) Parishioners of St. Monica

Fr. Thumma, will be traveling to India tomorrow June 10th and will be out of the office till the 28th .

Fr. Rafael, will be traveling to Florida tomorrow June 10th to visit his father and family and be out of the office till the 20th.

Please keep both of them in your prayers as they travel and spend time with family & friends.

COLLECTIONS

June 2nd \$ 15,615.00
Online collection \$ 4,232.00

Second Collection for Retired Priest \$ 3, 022.00
Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 240.00
Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 424.00

June 16th NO Second Collection



Need Baptismal Preparation Class?

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

Please call the office to sign up.



¿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 segundó sábado del mes.

Por favor llame a la oficina para inscribirse.



St. Monica Catholic School

Dragon Tales



Registration now open for the 2024/2025 School Year

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

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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
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“Pastor’s Voice”**Reflection on Genesis 3:9-15
The Fall and God's Promise of Redemption**

Dear St. Monica family,

In Genesis 3:9-15, we encounter the pivotal story of the Fall, where Adam and Eve's disobedience introduces sin into the world. God's call to Adam, "Where are you?" invites us to reflect on our own spiritual state. Sin brings fear and shame, disrupting our relationship with God and each other.

When confronted, Adam blames Eve, and Eve blames the serpent, highlighting how sin fractures relationships. Yet, amidst judgment, God offers a promise of redemption. The Protoevangelium, "He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel," foreshadows Jesus Christ's victory over sin and death.

This passage calls us to honestly confront our sins and seek God's mercy, reminding us of His unwavering love and the hope of redemption through Christ.

God's question, "Where are you?" is not just for Adam but for each of us. It invites us to examine our lives and recognize areas where we have hidden from God or failed to take responsibility for our actions. By acknowledging our sins and turning back to God, we can restore our relationship with Him and with others.

Moreover, the promise of redemption through Jesus offers us hope and assurance. Even in our sinfulness, God provides a path to salvation. Jesus, the "offspring" who crushes the serpent's head, overcomes sin and death, offering us new life.

Let us pray: "Lord, we acknowledge our sins and seek Your forgiveness. Thank You for the promise of redemption through Jesus. Help us live in the hope of Your love. Amen."

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

June 8th & 9th, 2024

“Voz del Pastor”**10º Domingo Ordinario: Reflexión sobre Génesis 3,9-15
La Caída y la Promesa de Redención de Dios**

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

En Génesis 3:9-15, nos encontramos con la historia fundamental de la Caída, donde la desobediencia de Adán y Eva introduce el pecado en el mundo. El llamado de Dios a Adán, "¿Dónde estás?" nos invita a reflexionar sobre nuestro propio estado espiritual. El pecado trae miedo y vergüenza, interrumpiendo nuestra relación con Dios y con los demás.

Cuando se le confronta, Adán culpa a Eva y Eva culpa a la serpiente, destacando cómo el pecado fractura las relaciones. Sin embargo, en medio del juicio, Dios ofrece una promesa de redención. El Protoevangelio, "El te aplastará la cabeza, y tú le herirás en el calcañar", prefigura la victoria de Jesucristo sobre el pecado y la muerte.

Este pasaje nos llama a confrontar honestamente nuestros pecados y buscar la misericordia de Dios, recordándonos Su amor inquebrantable y la esperanza de la redención a través de Cristo.

La pregunta de Dios, "¿Dónde estás?" no es solo para Adán, sino para cada uno de nosotros. Nos invita a examinar nuestras vidas y reconocer las áreas en las que nos hemos escondido de Dios o en las que no hemos asumido la responsabilidad de nuestras acciones. Al reconocer nuestros pecados y volver a Dios, podemos restaurar nuestra relación con Él y con los demás.

Además, la promesa de la redención a través de Jesús nos ofrece esperanza y seguridad. Incluso en nuestra pecaminosidad, Dios provee un camino a la salvación. Jesús, el "vástago" que aplasta la cabeza de la serpiente, vence el pecado y la muerte, ofreciéndonos una nueva vida.

Oremos: "Señor, reconocemos nuestros pecados y buscamos Tu perdón. Gracias por la promesa de redención a través de Jesús. Ayúdanos a vivir en la esperanza de Tu amor. Amén".

Tuyo en Cristo,

Padre Thumma Prathap

Fecha: 8 y 9 de Junio de 2024

**TWO PILGRIMAGES IN THE FUTURE ARE
BEING PLANNED.**

The first one: Marian Shrines September 9 -18, 2024

Fr. Rafael Negroni - Spiritual Companion

Registration ends soon

The second to India
January 6 -19, 2025.

Fr. Thumma Prathap as the
Spiritual Companion

Flyers and registrations are
available in the office or on
the kiosk at the foyer.

**For more information on
either pilgrimage contact**

Laura Hilbig 210-204-6671
or email: laura@lltravelco.com

**Pilgrimage
INFORMATIONAL MEETING**
with Fr. Thumma

Join us for an insightful informational meeting on May 29th at St. Monica's Catholic Church, 6-7 PM Marian Shrines with Paris presentation followed by India presentation from 7-8 PM. Don't miss out!

Price of \$3699 pp double occupancy!

Price of \$4699 pp double occupancy!

MARIAN SHRINES
WITH PARIS, FRANCE - 10 DAYS
SEPTEMBER 9 - 18, 2024

INDIA
JANUARY 6 - 19, 2025

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**DOS PEREGRINACIONES EN EL FUTURO
SE ESTAN PLANEANDO**

El primero: Santuarios Marianos
del 9 al 18 de Sep. de 2024

Padre Rafael Negroni Compañero espiritual
La inscripción finaliza pronto

El segundo: a India del 6 al 19 de
Enero de 2025.

Padre Thumma Prathap
Compañero espiritual

Los folletos y las inscripciones
están disponibles en la oficina o en
el quiosco del vestíbulo.

**Para mas información
contacte a**

Laura Hilbig
210-204-6671 o
por correo electrónico:
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Christian Initiation Corner

Who is Christian Initiation designed for?

1. Persons over age 7 in need of Baptism.
2. Persons baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic.
3. Persons baptized Catholic over age 13 in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation.



How long is the Christian Initiation process?

The time varies. But since this is a gradual process, the duration cannot be set and is rarely shorter than one year or longer than three years. The Church greatly respects the time each person needs for conversion and decision. The Christian Initiation text gives guides for discerning this on a case by-case basis.

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

Please pray for all our Catechumen and Candidates...

If you have questions or are interested in assisting, please contact Timo Zepeda rca@saintmonicaconverse.net

Rincón de la iniciación cristiana

¿Para quién está diseñada la iniciación cristiana?

1. Personas mayores de 7 años que necesitan bautismo.
2. Personas bautizadas en otra tradición cristiana que desean convertirse en católicas.
3. Personas bautizadas como católicas mayores de 13 años que necesitan Primera Comunión y/o Confirmación.

¿Cuánto dura el proceso de iniciación cristiana?

El tiempo varía. Pero como este es un proceso gradual, la duración no se puede establecer y rara vez es inferior a un año o superior a tres años. La Iglesia respeta mucho el tiempo que cada persona necesita para la conversión y la decisión. El texto de Iniciación Cristiana da guías para discernir esto caso por caso.

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 puedas pensar en alguien que anhela tener una relación más cercana con nuestro Padre Celestial. ¿Puedes plantar las semillas de la esperanza mientras hablas 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 por contacto Bertha Castellanos rca@saintmonicaconverse.net

Por favor, ore por todos nuestros catecúmenos y candidatos...

Si tiene preguntas o está interesado en asistir, póngase en contacto con Bertha Castellanos rca@saintmonicaconverse.net

The Knights of Columbus

next diaper drive will be on
June 15th - 23rd

The home is a Catholic charity co-founded by our beloved parishioner, Rose Marie O'Conner. As a transitional living program, it provides homeless expectant mothers a safe place to live while nurturing their babies. The home also encourages mothers to become independent, creating a new life for their family.

Update on Essential Baby Needs:

- Diapers: Sizes #1, #3, & #5 & Pull-ups for ages 2 & 3
- Baby Wipes & Paper Towels
- Baby Clothes & Shoes
- Baby Food & Similac Milk
- Tylenol for infants & children
- Hygiene Items: shampoo & conditioner, body wash, razors, sanitary napkins, etc.
- First Aid Items: band aids, antibiotic & anti-itch ointments, head ache & allergy medicine, etc.

Please place your donations in the baby crib located in the church foyer and thank you for your support..

May God Bless You!

Diaper Drive



The Knights of Columbus

Próximo colecta de pañales será
Junio 15 - 23.

La Casa es una Caridad Católica fundado por uno de nuestros feligreses, Rose Marie

O'Conner. Es un programa de vivienda de transición que proporciona futuras madres sin hogar un lugar seguro mientras cuidan sus bebés. La casa alienta madres a ser independiente, creando una nueva vida para sus familias

Estos productos esenciales son necesitados:

- Toallas de baño y toallas de papel
- Cobijas y sábanas (individual y para cunas)
- pañales (recién nacido, tallas 1, 3 y 5)
- Toallitas húmedas para bebé y pañaleras
- Ropa de maternidad y zapatos para bebés
- ganchos para ropa (nada más para niños)
- Formula para bebé Similac/ comida para bebé
- productos higiénicos: champú y acondicionador, jabón para el cuerpo, rastrillos, toallas sanitarias, etc.
- productos de primeros auxilios: curitas, crema anti-biótica y para comezón, medicina para dolor de cabeza y alergias, etc. Por favor deje su donación en la cuna que estará en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. Gracias por su apoyo y que Dios los bendiga.



Thrift Store will not be accepting donations beginning Sunday June 16th through Mon. July 1, 2024 The store will return to regular business hours on Wednesday July 3rd. 9-12pm



Nuestra Tienda de Segunda no estará aceptando donaciones comenzando el Domingo, 16 de Junio hasta el Lunes, 1 de Julio, 2024. La tienda volverá a su horario regular el Miercoles, 3 de Julio de 9 a 12pm.

Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year.

Classes will begin September 11, 2024

*****Middle School (Edge) will be moving from Thursday to Tuesday*****

You can register in the office, we are open till 7pm on Wednesday on Saturday 10am—2pm and Sunday 10am—3pm or **online only if paying with a debit or credit card.**

Classes fill up fast so register soon.

Time is here to Share Their Faith

If you have all your sacraments and feel the nudge that it is time to share your faith with our future please pray about being a Catechist/Assistant/ Aid for these children We are seeking aids and teachers. Please email: re@saintmonicaconverse.net for more information.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to Contact Mrs. Toni Espinoza, our Religious Education Director at 210-658-3816 x 243 or you can email her at re@saintmonicaconverse.net



Las Inscripciones ya están abiertas para el Año Escolar 2024-2025.

Las Clases comienzan el 11 de Septiembre, 2024

**** EDGE—Escuela Intermedia estará moviendo de Jueves a Martes *****

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.** *Las clases se llenan rápido, así que regístrese lo mas antes posible.*

Ha llegado el momento de compartir su fe

Si tiene todos sus sacramentos y siente el empujón de que es hora de compartir su fe con nuestro futuro, ore por ser catequista/asistente/ayudante para estos niños.

Buscamos ayudantes y maestros. Envíe un correo electrónico a: re@saintmonicaconverse.net para obtener más información. Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en comunicarse con la Sra. Toni Espinoza, Directora de Educación Religiosa 210-658-3816 x 243 o puede mandar un correo a re@saintmonicaconverse.net

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**Registration is now open for
Vacation Bible School AND its FREE**
To all kids entering grades 1-5 in the fall of 2024
VBS is June 24-28; 5:00- 8:30pm

Registrations can be found in the foyer, church office,
and on our website: [saintmonicaconverse.net/
vacation-bible-school-summer-2024](http://saintmonicaconverse.net/vacation-bible-school-summer-2024)

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.
We hope to see you there!



**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:
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2024](http://saintmonicaconverse.net/vacation-bible-school-summer-2024)

¿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 comuníquese
con Annette Winfield 210-885-0861.

St Monica's Women's ACTS retreat will
be held this summer July 18th -21st
2024 at St Anthony de Padua. We are
inviting all women over the age of 21 to
join us on this journey with God. Some
say it is a life changing experience, at
this retreat you will grow in your faith
and make lots of friends along the way!

You can sign up online at saintmonicaconverse.net and
it's under the ACTS tab. You can also scan this QR
code.

The cost is \$200. Space is limited and we fill up fast, if
you would like to guarantee a space , you can pay \$100 down.
We do have scholarship opportunities so don't let finances hold
you back from this beautiful weekend with the ladies and the
Lord.

If you have any questions, please contact Director Teri Pearce
210-373-9461, Co-Director Jan VanSlambrouck 210-416-2018
or Spiritual Companion, Toni Espinoza 956-493-3867



El retiro ACTS para Mujeres de Santa Mónica se
llevará a cabo este verano del 18 al 21 de Julio de
2024 en St Anthony de Padua. Invitamos a todas
las mujeres mayores de 21 años a unirse a nosotras
en este viaje con Dios. Algunos dicen que es
una experiencia que le cambia la vida. ¡En este
retiro crecerá en su fe y hará muchos amigos a lo
largo del camino! Puede registrarte en línea

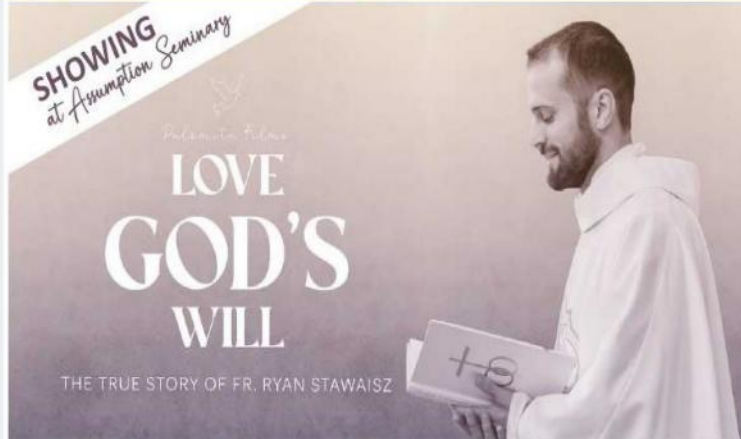
en saintmonicaconverse.net y está en la pestaña ACTS.
También puede escanear el código QR.

El costo es de \$200. El espacio es limitado y nos llenamos
rápido, si desea garantizar un espacio, puede pagar \$100 de
enganche.

Tenemos oportunidades de becas, así que no permita que las
finanzas le impidan disfrutar de este hermoso fin de semana
con las damas y el Señor. Si tiene preguntas, favor de contactar
a la Directora, Teri Pearce 210-373-9461, Co-Directora Jan
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“Love God’s Will”

We are thrilled to share with
you some exciting news -
Father Ryan's documentary
will be screened at
Assumption Seminary! This
event is tailored for young
adults, promising an insightful
and enriching experience for
all attendees. Following the
screening, we will host a
fellowship where attendees
can engage in a Q&A session
with Bishop Gary and
seminarians and enjoy some
delicious pizza. It's a fantastic
opportunity for young adults
to come together, learn, and
connect with seminarians. We
are extending this personal
invitation to all of St. Monica
young adults. Attached you can find
detailed information about the event,
along with a QR code for easy RSVP



FREE EVENT
RSVP required

Join us for pizza and a documentary on Tuesday, June 18, 2024,
6:45 PM in the St. John's Hall.

Come engage with fellow young adults aged 18-35 for an inspiring evening as we watch
a captivating documentary about the incredible journey of Fr. Ryan Stawisz. Despite
facing cancer, his story is a testament to faith and love for God's will. And of course, what
better way to enjoy the evening than with some delicious pizza!

Please RSVP at your earliest convenience to secure your spot. Once we reach our maximum capacity of 250 attendees, the RSVP will close.



Let's celebrate at Assembly 2024! SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

**“Amar La Voluntad
De Dios”**

Estamos encantados de
compartir con ustedes algunas
noticias emocionantes: El
documental del Padre Ryan se
proyectará en el Seminario de
la Asunción! Este evento está
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prometiendo una experiencia
perspicaz y enriquecedora para
todos los asistentes.
Después de la proyección,
organizaremos un
compañerismo donde los
asistentes podrán participar en
una sesión de preguntas y
respuestas con el Obispo Gary
y los seminaristas y disfrutar
de una deliciosa pizza. Es una
oportunidad fantástica para que
los jóvenes adultos se reúnan,
aprendan y se conecten con los

seminaristas. Extendemos esta invitación personal a
todos los jóvenes adultos de Santa Mónica.
Adjunto puede encontrar información detallada
sobre el evento, junto con un código QR para
facilitar su confirmación de asistencia



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

CONVALIDATION

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



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

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

St. Monica wants to

Celebrate your Wedding Anniversary

Marriage is a sacred bond, and each week, we witness its strength. To show our appreciation, we'll be presenting beautiful shawls from India to couples celebrating anniversaries (1 year or more) during weekend Masses from July 6th, 2024, to July 5th, 2025. The shawls are a free token of our thanks. To ensure we have enough, please notify the parish office at least two weeks before your anniversary at parish@saintmonicaconverse.net or 210-658-3816. Thank you, to all our married couples, for your faith and for witnessing Christ's love! God bless you all.

Santa Mónica quiere

Celebrar su Aniversario de Bodas

El matrimonio es un vínculo sagrado, y cada semana, somos testigos de su fuerza. Para mostrar nuestro agradecimiento, presentaremos hermosos chales de la India a las parejas que celebran aniversarios (1 año o más) durante las misas de fin de semana del 6 de Julio de 2024 al 5 de Julio de 2025. Los chales son una muestra gratuita de nuestro agradecimiento. Para asegurarse de que tenemos suficiente, notifique a la oficina parroquial al menos dos semanas antes de su aniversario en parish@saintmonicaconverse.net o 210-658-3816 ¡Gracias a todos nuestros matrimonios, por vuestra fe y por testimoniar el amor de Cristo! Dios los bendiga a todos.

Women's Conference
 Pilgrim Center of Hope invites women of all faith journeys to take time for a *"spa for the soul"* at the **Catholic Women's Conference Saturday, July 27, 2024, 7:30am-4:30pm** at Norris Conference Center in San Antonio, TX. Learn from inspiring speakers, experience healing encounters with Jesus, enjoy spiritual sisterhood, eat, pray, and shop! Learn more & register at CWCSanAntonio.com or contact Pilgrim Center of Hope at 210-521-3377.



Conferencia de la Mujer, en El Centro de Peregrinos de Esperanza, invita a las mujeres de todas las religiones a tomarse un tiempo para un *"Spa para el alma"* en la **Conferencia de Mujeres Católicas Sábado, 27 de Julio, 2024 7:30am - 4:30pm** En el Centro de Conferencia Norris in San Antonio, TX. Aprenda de oradores inspiradores, sientan la experiencia de un encuentros sanador con Jesús, disfruta de la hermandad espiritual, coma, ore y compre! Obtenga más información y regístrese en CWCSanAntonio.com o contacte el Centro de Esperanza para Peregrinos al 210-521-3377

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Sat: 10am—2pm & Sun: 10am—3pm

For an emergency: Call the office and follow the instructions.

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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)

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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 para donar hoy! ¿Tiene preguntas? Por favor llame al (210) 734-1910.

