

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

9:30 am Mass (Bilingual/*bilingüe*)

HOLY HOUR:

Thursday 7 pm

1st FRIDAY MASS:

8:15 am English

7:00 pm Spanish

PERPETUAL ADORATION

In the Chapel Hours for adoration:

Sunday at 8 pm to

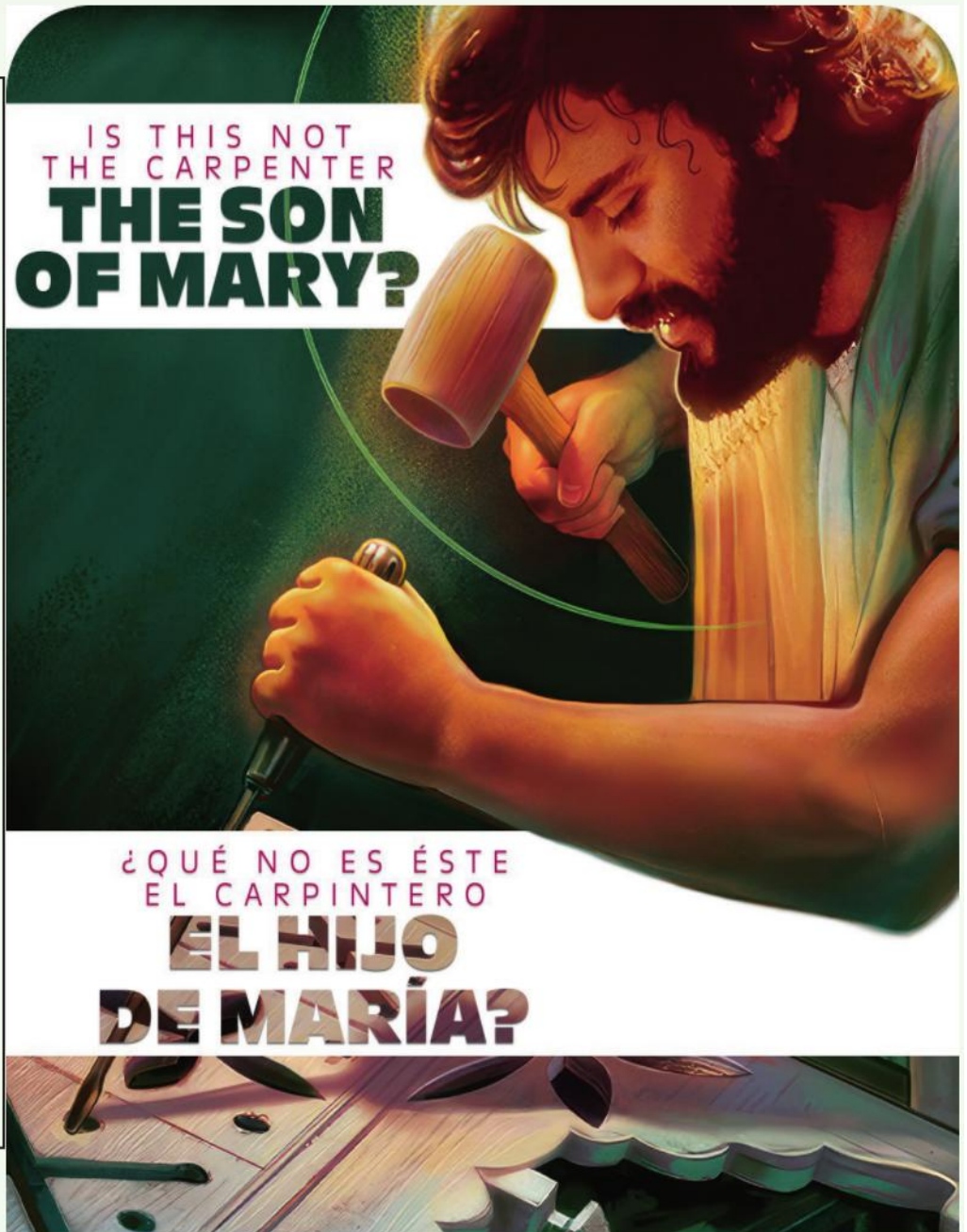
Saturday at 5:15pm

Chapel is open 7am to 7pm if coming
after 7pm, Please come by the office
to get your entry code.

CONFESSIONS:

WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM

& SATURDAY 3:30 PM



Pastor: Fr. Thumma Prathap *Email: pastor@saintmonicaconverse.net*

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Rafael Antonio Lopez-Negrón *Email: rlopez@saintmonicaconverse.net*

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. Karmen Chavez

Early Childhood-8th Grade

210-658-6701

E-mail: office@saintmonica.net

Summer Fun Program open and taking applications

Registration now open for the 2024/2025 School Year / Ya está abierta la inscripción para el Año 2024/2025

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: 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 pedimos al Señor por la salud
de 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, Eduardo Guevara, Adalene, Janet Hillson, Pablo Martinez, Lucy Zamora, Ariel & Clara Casiano, Donny Krueger, Donelia Jimenez, Maria Luisa Nieto, 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, Mary Angel Garcia, Manuel Lozano, Sylvia Gonzales, Michael & Mary Lou Thompson



Having a Mass said for a specific prayer intention is a wonderful way to glorify God. You may request a Mass to be said for a living or deceased person, or for a particular intention. Mass intentions provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of anniversaries and birthdays, and additional prayers for a deceased loved one. A donation of \$10 is requested.



Ofrecer una Misa para una intención específica de oración es una manera maravillosa de glorificar a Dios. Usted puede solicitar una misa para una persona viva o fallecida, o para una intención particular. Las intenciones de Misa brindan oportunidades para el recuerdo en oración de aniversarios y cumpleaños, y oraciones adicionales por un ser querido fallecido. Se solicita una donación de \$10 cuando se pide una intención.

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

The 9:15 a.m. & 1 p.m. Sunday Masses & Mon-Sat daily Masses are live-streamed on Facebook.

HORARIO DE MISA: Las misas de 9:15 a.m. y 1 p.m. el domingo son transmitido en vivo en Facebook.

**THE PRIEST SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
EL HORARIO SACERDOTE SUJETO A CAMBIO**

Monday/Lunes, July 8th

Mass/ Misa 8:15 a.m. Visiting Priest

Tuesday/Martes, July 9th

*St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
Santos Agustín Zhao Rong, Presbítero y Compañeros, Mártires*

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, July 10th

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

Confessions /Confesiones 5:00 p.m. 4 Priest

Healing Mass 7:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Thursday/Jueves, July 11th

St. Benedict, Abbot / San Benito, Abad

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

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

Friday/Viernes, July 12th

St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr / San Ireneo, Obispo y Mártir

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

Saturday/Sábado, July 13th

St. Henry; BVM / San Enrique; BVM

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

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Sunday/Domingo, July 14th

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

Misas de la mañana 9:15 a.m. Fr. Rafael

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. Thumma

7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Thumma

COLLECTIONS

June 30th \$ 14,177.50
Online collection \$ 2,933.50

Collection for Peter Pence \$ 2,298.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 180.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 279.00

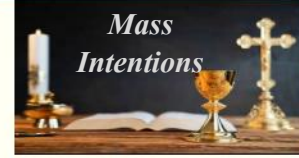
July 14th Second Collection
St. Vincent De Paul Society



All are invited to join us on Wed., July 10th Healing Mass at 7pm

Todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros, el Miércoles, 10 de Julio para una Misa de Sanación a las 7pm

Confessions begin at 5pm and end at 7pm
Confesiones comenzarán a las 5pm y terminarán a las 7pm



Mon	7/8	8:15 a.m. (A) Francisco & Dolores Espinoza
Tue	7/9	8:15 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	7/10	8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners (SI) Nathan
Thurs	7/11	8:15 a.m. (B) Sari Alcalá
Fri.	7/12	8:15 p.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	7/13	9:30 a.m. (SI) The homeless of our Communities 5:30 p.m. † Scott Case 7:15 p.m. † Feligreses de Santa Mónica
Sun.	7/14	7:30 a.m. (SI) Kirby Family 9:15 a.m. (B) Michael Bottiglieri † Camille Pitacco † Greg Barron † Richard Hite Jr. 11:00 a.m. (SI) Jocelyn Jingwa † Bob Hovis † Lupe Chagoya 1:00 p.m. (B) Irasu Martinez (B) Carmen Arredondo † Sylvia Trevino 5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners 7:00 p.m. (B) Carmen Ibanez † Salud Plaza † Almas en el Purgatorio

*****New Office Hours:** 9am to 5:30pm and will be closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1pm.

*****Nuevo Horario de Oficina:** am a 5:30 pm y cerrada durante el almuerzo, de 12:30 pm a 1pm.



The Sanctuary Lamp is for the repose of the soul of:

Ivonne Samuda



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 ✓

Registering Now
(210)658-6701

515 North Street
Converse, Texas 78109

St Monica Catholic School
NOW ENROLLING
PreK-8th grade

Where Gods love is taught
Practiced, and ever present.

“Pastor’s Voice”**Reflection on 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Finding Strength in Weakness**

Dear St. Monica family,

In 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, St. Paul writes, "Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

This passage provides a profound perspective on dealing with challenges and weaknesses in our lives. In a world that often prizes strength, success, and self-reliance, St. Paul's words remind us that our true strength lies not in our abilities but in God's grace.

We all face "thorns" in our lives—persistent struggles, illnesses, or hardships that seem insurmountable. Like Paul, we may plead with God to remove these burdens. Yet, God's response to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness," offers a different way to view our struggles.

In today's fast-paced, achievement-oriented society, acknowledging our weaknesses can be difficult. However, Paul teaches us that it is in our weaknesses that God's power is most evident. When we admit our limitations and rely on God's grace, we open ourselves to His transformative power. Our struggles become opportunities for God's strength to shine through us.

Applying this to our daily lives means embracing our vulnerabilities and trusting that God's grace will sustain us. It means recognizing that our worth is not determined by our accomplishments but by God's love and mercy. This shift in perspective can bring peace and hope, even in the midst of difficulties.

Let us pray: "Lord, we thank You for Your sufficient grace. Help us to embrace our weaknesses and rely on Your strength. Teach us to find joy in our struggles, knowing that Your power is made perfect in our weakness. Amen."

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

July 6th & 7th, 2024

“Voz del Pastor”**Reflexión sobre 2 Corintios 12:7-10
Encontrar Fuerza en la Debilidad**

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

En 2 Corintios 12:7-10, San Pablo escribe: "Por lo tanto, para que no me envanezca, me fue dado un aguijón en mi carne, un mensajero de Satanás, que me atormentara. Tres veces supliqué al Señor para quitármelo. Pero él me dijo: "Te basta mi gracia, porque mi poder se perfecciona en la debilidad". Por eso, por amor de Cristo, me deleito en las debilidades, en los insultos, en las penalidades, en las persecuciones, en las dificultades. "Porque cuando soy débil, entonces soy fuerte."

Este pasaje proporciona una perspectiva profunda sobre cómo lidiar con los desafíos y debilidades en nuestras vidas. En un mundo que a menudo valora la fuerza, el éxito y la autosuficiencia, las palabras de San Pablo nos recuerdan que nuestra verdadera fuerza no reside en nuestras habilidades sino en la gracia de Dios.

Todos enfrentamos "espinas" en nuestras vidas: luchas persistentes, enfermedades o dificultades que parecen insuperables. Como Pablo, podemos suplicarle a Dios que elimine estas cargas. Sin embargo, la respuesta de Dios a Pablo, "Te basta mi gracia, porque mi poder se perfecciona en la debilidad", ofrece una manera diferente de ver nuestras luchas.

En la sociedad actual, acelerada y orientada a los logros, reconocer nuestras debilidades puede resultar difícil. Sin embargo, Pablo nos enseña que es en nuestras debilidades donde el poder de Dios es más evidente. Cuando admitimos nuestras limitaciones y confiamos en la gracia de Dios, nos abrimos a su poder transformador. Nuestras luchas se convierten en oportunidades para que la fuerza de Dios brille a través de nosotros.

Aplicar esto a nuestra vida diaria significa aceptar nuestras vulnerabilidades y confiar en que la gracia de Dios nos sostendrá. Significa reconocer que nuestro valor no está determinado por nuestros logros sino por el amor y la misericordia de Dios. Este cambio de perspectiva puede traer paz y esperanza, incluso en medio de las dificultades.

Oremos: "Señor, te damos gracias por tu gracia suficiente. Ayúdanos a abrazar nuestras debilidades y confiar en tu fuerza. Enséñanos a encontrar gozo en nuestras luchas, sabiendo que tu poder se perfecciona en nuestra debilidad. Amén".

Suyo en Cristo,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

6 y 7 de Julio del 2024

Community Cleanup Event

(formerly known as “Dump Your Junk”)

City of Converse will hold this event at the church parking lot off FM 78.

The event is one Saturday per month from 8am – 12pm

The dates for this year are: **July 13th,**

August 10th, Sept. 14th and Oct. 12th.

Paper Shredding will be offered on Sat. Aug 10th

Free to City of Converse Residents

***Must bring proof of residency City of Converse Utility bill & State Issued ID matching address on utility bill.

**Evento de Limpieza Comunitaria**

(anteriormente conocido como “Dump Your Junk”)

Ciudad de Converse tendrá este evento en el estacionamiento de la Iglesia, junto a FM78. Este evento se llevara a cabo un Sábado al mes de 8am a 12pm Las fechas para este año son:

13 de Julio, 10 de Agosto, 14 de Septiembre, y 12 de Octubre

Trituración de papel se ofrecerá el Sábado, 10 de Agosto

Gratis para los residentes de la Ciudad de Converse

*** Debe traer prueba de residencia; Factura de servicios públicos de la ciudad de Converse e identificación emitida por el estado que coincida con la dirección en la factura de servicios públicos.

Happy Birthday
Kayden Zinkeng,
July 1st.



Happy Birthday
Mia Almendarez
July 27th



Happy Birthday
Raquel Gomez
July 26th

Happy Birthday
Dr. Jocelyn Jingwa
July 27



Happy 8th
Wedding Anniversary
Maximo & Rosa Nelly Olivarez
July 29



Happy Birthday
Toni Boyd
July 6th

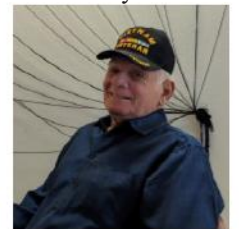


Happy Birthday
Mike Schmedding,
July 15th

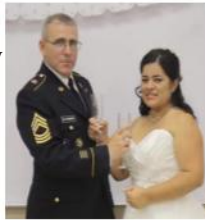
Happy Birthday
Bella Sera Guys
July 12th



Happy Birthday
Martin Kotanan
July



Happy 25th
Wedding Anniversary
Forrest & Vanessa
Atterberry
July 29th



Happy Birthday
Cameryn Harrison
July 9th

Happy 31st
Wedding Anniversary
Don & Chris Frazier
July 24th



Happy Birthday
Kaleb Harrison
July 21st



Happy 14th
Wedding Anniversary
Gustavo and Christy
Rosas
July 24



Happy Birthday
Taylor Sheehan
July 21st



Happy 8th Wedding Anniversary
Gwendylan and Brandon Pusateri
Happy Birthday Brandon
July 1st



Happy 63rd
Wedding Anniversary
Francisco & Dolores
Espinoza
July 7

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

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 **August** Birthdays, anniversary or accomplishment picture by **Monday July 29th** to: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net or come by the parish office

Gracias a todos los mandaron sus fotos de cumpleaños, aniversario de bodas, 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 **Agosto para lunes el 29 de Julio** a: parish@saintmonicaconvAuserciembrse.net o passé por la oficina.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to join a group that helps mold the future of our church! Our Religious Education Center is looking for additional volunteers.

Classes meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. All that is required is a loving heart, dedication, and a willingness to share God's word. Fair Warning: being a part of this group can be quite addictive and produce a warm, fuzzy feeling!

Anyone interested in helping this wonderful group, please contact Toni Espinoza at 210-658-3816 or re@saintmonicaconverse.net



**Catechists,
Classroom Aides
and Program
Helpers Needed!**

NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS

¿Le gustaría unirse a un grupo que ayuda a moldear el futuro de nuestra iglesia?

Nuestro Centro de Educación Religiosa está buscando voluntarios adicionales. Las

clases se reúnen los Miércoles por la tarde a las 6:30 p.m. Todo lo que se requiere es un corazón amoroso, dedicación y voluntad de compartir la palabra de Dios. Advertencia justa: ser parte de este grupo puede ser bastante adictivo y producir una sensación cálida y cariñoso. Cualquier persona interesada en ayudar a este maravilloso grupo, comuníquese con Toni Espinoza al 210-658-3816 o re@saintmonicaconverse.net

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

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 San Antonio de Padua. Invitamos a todas las mujeres mayores de 21 años a unirse a nosotras en este camino con Dios. Algunos dicen que es una experiencia que le cambia la vida. ¡En este retiro crecerá en su fe y hará muchas amistades a lo largo del camino!

Puede registrarse 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 Van Slambrouck 210-416-2018 o Compañera Espiritual, Toni Espinoza 956-493-3867

St. Monica, pray for us.



Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.

Christian Initiation Corner
Period of the Catechumenate
Part (2 of 4)

The catechumenate is an extended period during which the candidates are given suitable pastoral formation and guidance, aimed at training them in the Christian life.....



Para 75.2. As they become familiar with the Christian way of life and are helped by the example and support of sponsors, godparents, and the entire Christian community, the catechumens learn to turn more readily to God in prayer, to bear witness to the faith, in all things to keep their hopes set on Christ, to follow supernatural inspiration in their deeds, and to practice love of neighbor, even at the cost of self renunciation. Thus formed, the newly converted set out on a spiritual journey. Already sharing through faith in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, they pass from the old to a new nature made perfect in Christ. Since this transition brings with it a progressive change of outlook and conduct, it should become manifest by means of its social consequences and it should develop gradually during the period of the catechumenate. Since the Lord in whom they believe is a sign of contradiction, the newly converted often experience divisions and separations, but they also taste the joy that God gives without measure.

July

With the gift of Jesus' Precious Blood on the Cross and in the Eucharist, let us reflect on the freedom given to us through our Baptism into him—to be heirs of the promise and liberated from sin. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way by which persons become "citizens of the Kingdom" through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Inquiry sessions are ongoing. For more information, please contact Timo Zepeda rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net

Please pray for all our Catechumen and Candidates...

Rincón de la Iniciación Cristiana
Período de la parte del catecumenato
(2 de 4)

El catecumenato es un período prolongado durante el cual los candidatos reciben una formación y orientación pastoral adecuadas, con el objetivo de entrenarlos en la vida cristiana.....

Párrafo 75.2. A medida que se familiarizan con la forma de vida cristiana y son ayudados por el ejemplo y el apoyo de los patrocinadores, los padrinos y toda la comunidad cristiana, los catecúmenos aprenden a volverse más fácilmente a Dios en la oración, a dar testimonio de la fe, en todas las cosas para mantener sus esperanzas en Cristo, a seguir la inspiración sobrenatural en sus hechos y a practicar el amor al prójimo, incluso a costa de la renuncia a sí mismo. Así formados, los recién convertidos emprenden un viaje espiritual. Ya compartiendo a través de la fe en el misterio de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo, pasan de lo viejo a una nueva naturaleza hecha perfecta en Cristo. Dado que esta transición trae consigo un cambio progresivo de perspectiva y conducta, debe manifestarse por medio de sus consecuencias sociales y debe desarrollarse gradualmente durante el período del catecumenato. Dado que el Señor en el que creen es un signo de contradicción, los recién convertidos a menudo experimentan divisiones y separaciones, pero también prueban la alegría que Dios da sin medida.

Julio

Con el don de la preciosa sangre de Jesús en la cruz y en la Eucaristía, reflexionemos sobre la libertad que se nos ha dado a través de nuestro bautismo en él, para ser herederos de la promesa y liberados del pecado. El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RCIA) es la forma en que las personas se convierten en "ciudadanas del Reino" a través del Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Las sesiones de consulta están en curso. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Bertha Castellanos rica@saintmonicaconverse.net

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

JULY
JOKES

What did one flag say to the other flag?
Answer: Nothing. It just waved!

Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?
Answer: Because the horse was too heavy to carry!

What dance was very popular in 1776?
Answer: Indepen-dance!

Summer Fun!

I S T R O P S E A D
M S U N N Y Z O F G
S R N H E A T D H A
B E X U L D G B P R
S W I M M I N G T D
E O C I U L F R S E
J L I D C O H E H N
T F A V Y H R E I D
V A C A T I O N R G
W K J Z S H O R T S

Swimming
Sunny
Holiday
Shorts
Humid
Sports

T-shirt
Vacation
Flowers
Garden
Green
Heat

There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart.



TWO PILGRIMAGES IN THE FUTURE ARE BEING PLANNED

Are you interested in exploring sacred sites and deepening your faith?

We have two incredible travel opportunities coming up: a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines

September 9 –18, 2024
Fr. Rafael Negroni as the Spiritual Companion
Registration ends soon

and an enlightening journey to India with Father Thumma.

January 6 –19, 2025.

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

Spots are filling up quickly, so act fast and register now!

For more information on either pilgrimage contact Laura Hilbig
210-204-6671



Price of \$5699 pp double occupancy!



Price of \$4699 pp double occupancy!



DOS PEREGRINACIONES EN EL FUTURO SE ESTAN PLANEANDO

¿Estás interesado en explorar sitios sagrados y profundizar tu fe? Tenemos dos increíbles oportunidades de viaje por delante:

una peregrinación a los Santuarios Marianos

del 9 al 18 de Sep. de 2024

Padre Rafael Negroni; Compañero espiritual
La inscripción finaliza pronto

y una viaje iluminador a la India con el Padre Thumma.

a India del 6 al 19 de Enero de 2025.

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

¡Las plazas se están llenando rápidamente, así que actúa rápido y regístrate ahora!

Para mas información contacte a

Laura Hilbig 210-204-6671 o

por correo electrónico:

laura@lltravelco.com

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.

Knights of Columbus

are hosting the **Annual BBQ**

Sunday July 28, 2024.

All plates are takeout and can be picked up between 10am and 2 pm in the school cafeteria. Plates include a chicken quarter, sausage link, potato salad, and pinto beans for \$12. Tickets will be on sale after all masses June 29-30 & July 20-21. Online tickets are available at <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=9681>

All plates are presale. Sales end 24 July.

You can also get your tickets in office during regular business hours. (see the bulletin)



Caballeros de Colón

están organizando el **Barbacoa Anual**

Domingo 28 de Julio, 2024.

Todos los platos son para llevar y pueden ser recogido entre las 10 am y las 2 pm en la cafetería de la escuela. Los platos incluyen un cuarto de pollo, salchichas, ensalada de papa y frijoles pintos por \$12.

Los boletos estarán a la venta después de todas las misas del 29-30 de Junio y 20-21 de Julio. Boletos también están disponibles en línea en

<https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=9681>

Todos los platos están en preventa.

Las ventas terminan el 24 de Julio.

También pueden comprar sus boletos en la oficina durante el horario regular de la oficina. (vea el boletín)

THE UPS STORE
210.945.8821
 902 Kitty Hawk Rd.
 Universal City
 Kevin & Lisa Palmer
 Owners & Parishioners

copying
 printing
 business-carding
 invitationing
 brochuring
 flyering
 designing


shredding
 mailboxing
 faxing
 packing
 shipping
 freighting
 notarizing

† **PARISHIONER DISCOUNTS**

Pro-Life
sacfl.org
Live your Faith
Catholic Tv SA
grnonline.com
89.7FM or EWTV

★ **MARY KAY**
Sandra Bell
 Independent
 Beauty Consultant


marykay.com/sbell2
 Call: 210-666-8453
 Text: 210-887-0793

 
 When you're rooted in faith, your choices matter. Choose life insurance that honors your Catholic principles.

- Life Insurance
- Disability Income Protection
- IRA, Roth, 401K, & TSP Rollover

GABE KENNEDY, FIC, RFC
 LIC # TX-2475316
726-223-1957
info@stewardship.team

24-01-16-F1 2309(1/24)
CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS
 Home Office: 355 Shuman Blvd., Naperville, IL 60563



SS PLUMBING
Contractors
210.658.7100

10% off for Parishioners with ad

New Construction • Camera Inspections
 Commercial & Residential • Sewer & Drain Service
 Water Heaters • Backflow Testing & Repairs

Steven & Sherill Stanush
210-658-7100
www.ss-plumbing.com
 TSBPE Lic #M36596

Knights of Columbus

 Serving St. Monica since 1987
www.KofC-9681.org

START YOUR WEEKEND OFF RIGHT!
ST. MONICA Cor MEN'S MINISTRY
 Prayer - Formation - Fraternity
 Meets the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month from 6 - 7:30 AM
 Mollicone Building, Room 105
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!


CIMARRON GILSON
 ATTORNEY AT LAW

"With a focus on Catholic Estate planning!"
210-566-6700
www.TriCountyLawyer.com OLPH'94
 Notre Dame '07

PROBATE • WILLS • TRUSTS • PROPERTY


 **Get this bulletin emailed to you every week.**


Simply go to
www.DM.CHURCH/5179
 ...or scan 

❖DISCOVERMASS


Puente & Sons
 Funeral Chapels
www.puenteandsons.com

San Antonio - Northeast
 14315 Judson Road • 210-653-6536
 San Antonio - South
 3520 S. Flores • 210-533-5300
Out of Area: 888-533-5331
 "Family Owned & Operated"


Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 Tuesday - Thursday 10am - 1pm
 (210) 658-8791
 Please Call For An Appointment



St. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
 Fully accredited Archdiocesan Roman Catholic college preparatory high school located on the I-35 corridor between New Braunfels & Schertz, TX
www.johnpaul2chs.org • 830-643-0802

EST.  1971

North East
AIR CONDITIONING, HEATING & PLUMBING
 CONVERSE, TEXAS

210-658-0111
 HVAC Lic. #TACLA29726E - Kyle Brickei MPL #41724

St. Monica's is the place for your kids.
We educate the whole child: intellectual, emotional, physical, and spiritual.
Come see us!
 We are still enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year grades PreK3 - 8th as well as our two year old academy.


Santa Mónica es el lugar para sus hijos.
Educamos al niño en su totalidad: intelectual, emocional, física y espiritual.
¡Ven a vernos!
 Todavía estamos inscribiéndose para los grados Pre K 3 - 8º del año escolar 2023-2024, así como para nuestra academia para niños de dos años.

210.658.6701

In Loving Memory of
GUADALUPE F. CHAGOYA
 (12-27-21)
 "We will hold you in our hearts until we see you again in Heaven"
 From Gil & Monica, Todd & Velma Ramirez and Grandkids Thomas & Marisa



E & L Cleaning Services, Inc.

Ed & Lilli Soto
 Window Cleaning, Pressure Washing, Construction Cleaning & Office Cleaning
The Cleaning Company That Cares!
edlillsoto@gvec.net **210.241.7769**

ADVERTISE HERE

Promote your Business AND Support your Parish.
Julian Cook - 512-351-6481
jcook@diocesan.com



Colonial Funeral Home
Funerals & Cremations
Proudly serving our community for over 40 years.
210.658.7037 | colonialuniversal.com



625 Kitty Hawk Rd. - Universal City, TX

In Loving Memory of
Jose Arispe IV
From his Mom & Dad,
Carmelita & Jose III,
& Family

CONVERSE ACCESS TELEVISION
Watch...
"The Choices We Face"
on Converse Access
Television/ St. Monica
Video Library.
on YouTube
Subscriptions are FREE!



DR. JAMES F. ANDERSON
Therapeutic Optometrist
Tricare • VSP
Eye MED
Most Insurances Accepted
210-653-LOOK (5665)
2921 PAT BOOKER RD., STE. 112
UNIVERSAL CITY, TX



Serving our Customers & Community since 1913!
Past. Present. Future.
Your Bank For Life.
6 Locations to serve you.
(210) 945.7400 | SchertzBank.com



A TO Z RENTALS

Need It, Rent It!

9067 F.M. 78
Converse, Tx 78109
(210)-659-6601
Eddie Homan
mail@atozrentals.net

5981 US Hwy 87 E
San Antonio, Tx 78222
(210)-648-6650
Zack Palermo
atozrentals78@gmail.com

GARDEN RIDGE ANIMAL HOSPITAL
210-651-0808
KEVIN T. TEMPLEMAN, DVM
ELIZABETH C. TEMPLEMAN, DVM
19121 FM 2252, GARDEN RIDGE

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
Catholic Daughters of the Americas #2489
Monthly Meeting the 3rd Saturday of Each Month
www.saintmonicaconverse.net

HOLISTIC MENTAL WELLNESS, PLLC
Telehealth Mental Services for all ages
Accepting New Patients Located Anywhere in Texas
Call or schedule online for your psychiatric evaluation and medication management
210.965.2787
www.hmwcare.com



Jocelyn Jingwa
DNP, PMHNP-BC (Parishioner)

M & L ROOFING, INC.
Roofing Done Right
Since 1979
Residential Reroofing Specialist
Joe Mika
210-659-6664

HOME REMODELING
SLIME EKKO
ALL TYPES OF REPAIRS
210-204-5283
LECTURA BIBLICA & APOLOGETICA
CADA LUNES 7-8:30PM
MATEO 4:4

AL SUAREZ
Mayor
406 S. Seguin
Converse, TX 78109
www.conversetx.net
mayorsuarez@conversetx.net
Ofc: 210.658.5356
Cell: 210.204.0557
Fax: 210.659.0964

Let us help you explore your insurance options!
Humana
Rosario "Rosie" Villarreal
Licensed Humana Agent
210-778-8828
• Medicare Advantage plans
• Prescription drug plans
• Medicare Supplement insurance plans
• Dental coverage • Vision coverage
se habla español RVillarreal1@humana.com

The Bowers
Because Quality Care Matters
PERSONAL CARE HOME
Misty Dunn-Suarez 210-446-7420
www.TheBowers.care

EWTN.COM/RADIO
EWTN
Global Catholic Radio
TUNE IN

American Bank
Partner with St. Monica Catholic Church and American Bank's Covenant Program and watch your organization's deposits make a difference.
9154 FM 78 | Converse (210) 945-2092
600 Pat Booker | Universal City (210) 659-4000
americanbank.com | Member FDIC

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. So loved, so missed, but always dear.
Alex MacLean.
In loving memory of
Irma Maria Kotanan
1947-2022
Martin Kotanan, Sharon, Pedro & Avery Irizarry, Claudia, Zach, Marley, Eden & Torin Keyes

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Avery Murphy

catholicmatch®
Texas
CatholicMatch.com/goTX





St Monica Catholic Church

501 North St., Converse, Texas 78109

Phone Number: (210)658-3816

Website: www.saintmonicaconverse.net

Email: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net



Working Hours: Mon., Tue., Thur., & Friday 9:00 am-5:30 pm Wed. 9 am-7pm
Closed for lunch 12:30-1pm Mon.- Fri.
Sat: 10am-2pm & Sun: 10am-3pm

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

PARISH STAFF

Deacon: Sean Dooley

Deacon: Jose Joel Castellanos

Deacon: David Espinoza

Deacon: Luis Raul Mata

Deacon: Jacques Abat (retired)

Administrative Assistant: Delia Medrano-Finch ext. 240

Administrative Assistant: Martha Gonzalez ext. 240

Bookkeeper: Christine Pacheco ext. 235

Email: bookkeeper@saintmonicaconverse.net

Dir. of Religious Ed. Toni Espinoza ext. 243

Email: RE@saintmonicaconverse.net

Liturgy Coordinator: Deacon David Espinoza ext. 237

Email: liturgy@saintmonicaconverse.net

RCIA Coordinator: Timo Zepeda

Email: RCIA@saintmonicaconverse.net

Housekeeper Limbania Reyes

Groundskeeper Gilbert LaFuente

Custodian: Ray Gonzales

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 segundo sábado del mes. *Por favor llame a la oficina para inscribirse.*

St. Vincent de Paul:

(210) 658-8791

**By appointment Tues.—Thurs.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**



The Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries

is an annual campaign supporting more than 30 shared ministries that advance the mission of the Catholic Church in our area. The Archbishop Appeal happens every year because the need remains each year, it's not a one and done. We still need to provide for children in crisis, young mothers who are homeless, and for the Assumption Seminary to ensure we have the deacons and priests we need in order to have Mass. The theme this year is *Walking United in Christ*. Our goal this year is \$57,000. If each family donates just \$60 for the year, we can pass our goal. To break it down that would be \$5 a month, which is about what it costs for cup of coffee from Starbucks. Please consider a donation so that Walking United in Christ, we can consistently care for those who rely upon the Archdiocese and our programs for life and faith sustaining support. Please visit archsa.org/archbishops-appeal to give today! Have questions? Please call (210) 734-1910



La Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios

es una campaña anual que apoya a más de 30 ministerios compartidos que promueven la misión de la Iglesia Católica en nuestra área. La Apelación del Arzobispo ocurre todos los años porque la necesidad permanece cada año, no es una sola vez. Todavía tenemos que proveer para los niños en crisis, las madres jóvenes que no tienen hogar, y ara que el Seminario de la Asunción se asegure de que tengamos los Diáconos y Sacerdotes que necesitamos para tener Misa. El tema de este año es *Caminando Unidos en Cristo*. Nuestra meta este año es de \$57,000. Si cada familia dona solo \$60 por año, podemos pasar nuestra meta. Para desglosarlo, serian \$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.

SAVE THE DATE

Assembly 2024: Walking United in Christ
Saturday, October 26, 2024
St. Mary's University 8:00 AM-2:30 PM



GUARDE LA FECHA

Asamblea 2024: Caminando Unidos en Cristo
Sábado, 26 de Octubre del 2024
Universidad de Santa María 8:00 AM-2:30 PM

