

# St. Monica Catholic Church

501 North St.

Converse, Texas 78109

17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

17º DOMINGO DEL  
TIEMPO ORDINARIO



When the people saw the sign he had done, they said,  
"This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into  
the world."  
John 6:14

Entonces la gente, al ver la señal milagrosa que Jesús  
había hecho, decía: "Éste es, en verdad, el profeta que  
habría de venir al mundo".  
Juan 6:14

## Mass Schedule

**Weekdays: 8:15 a.m. (Mon-Fri)**

**Saturday: 9 am Holy Rosary  
Mass at 9:30 am (Bilingual/bilingüe)**

**Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm (English)  
and 7:15 pm (Spanish)**

**Sunday: 7:30 & 9:15, 11 am  
& 5 pm (English)  
1:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)**

**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. Rafael Antonio Lopez-Negrón**

Email: [rlopez@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:rlopez@saintmonicaconverse.net)

**Office 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.**

## **ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Principal: Mrs. Karmen Chavez  
Early Childhood-8th Grade

210-658-6701 E-mail: [office@saintmonica.net](mailto:office@saintmonica.net)

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: **Melinda Vanderdrink**

**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

**PERPETUAL ADORATION:** Christian Zunino

**POWER POINT MINISTRY:** Claudio Corrales & Courtney Sheehan

**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**

**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 Rodriguez** 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

**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



Glyssie Esquivel, Reynaldo Vela, Angel Cantu, Linda Duncan, Maria J., Arthur Thomas, Lisa Lee, Luis M Vega, Barbara Cantley, Suzie Littrell, Helen Arispe, Olga B., 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, Will Clouse, Donelia Jimenez, Jeannie & Paul, Maria Ramos, Roland Guerra, Ignacio Urabazo, Becky Cortez, Francis, Corina Silk, Jason Silk, 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, Anna Sophia Pusateri, Charlie Cain & Family

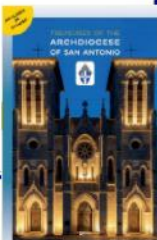
Please pray for the sick

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

As we approach the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the Archdiocese, We are delighted to announce the arrival of the Commemorative books titled

**"Treasures of the Archdiocese of San Antonio".**

This beautifully illustrated collection is available in both Spanish and English. *We have a limited number of books so don't miss out on having this once in a lifetime book.* Come by the parish office to purchase your copy for



A medida que nos acercamos al 150 Aniversario del establecimiento de la Arquidiócesis, nos complace anunciar la llegada de los libros conmemorativos titulados

**"Tesoros de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio".**

Esta colección bellamente ilustrada está disponible tanto en español como en inglés.

Usted puede comprar los libros en el vestíbulo de la iglesia hoy o en la oficina parroquial por \$40.

**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 29th**

*SS. Martha, Mary and Lazarus / Santos Marta, María y Lázaro*

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

**Tuesday/Martes, July 30th**

*St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
San Pedro Crisólogo, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia*

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

**Wednesday/Miércoles, July 31st**

*St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest / San Ignacio de Loyola, Presbítero*

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

Confessions /Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday/Jueves, Aug 1st**

*St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
San Alfonso María de Liguori, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia*

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

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

**Friday/Viernes, Aug 2nd**

*St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop/ St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest  
San Eusebio de Vercelli, Obispo; San Pedro Julián Eymard, Presbítero*

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

Mass/Misa (Español) 7:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

**Saturday/Sábado, Aug 3rd**

*Blessed Virgen Mary / Bendita 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. Thumma

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

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
18º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

**Sunday/Domingo, Aug 4th**

Masses in a.m. 7:30 a.m. Fr. Thumma  
& Dcn. Joel

Misas de la mañana 9:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma  
& Dcn. Joel

11:00 a.m. Fr. Thumma  
& Dcn. Sean

Masses in p.m. 1 p.m. (Español) Fr. Thumma  
& Dcn. David

Misas de la tarde 5 p.m. (English) Fr. Thumma  
& Dcn. Sean

7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Thumma  
& Dcn. David

**COLLECTIONS**

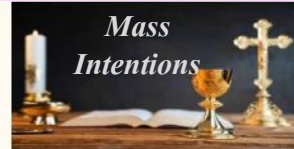
**July 21st** \$ 12,822.50

Online collection \$ 2,770.50

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 81.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 169.00

**Aug 4th Second Collection:  
RCIA**



<b>Mon</b>	<b>7/29</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> (SI) Sylvia Benavides
<b>Tue</b>	<b>7/30</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> † Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7/31</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> (SI) Conversion of Sinners (B) Cecelia Winfield
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>8/1</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> (B) Cathy Silk (SI) Jean Pollock (SI) Jada Silk
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>8/2</b>	<b>8:15 p.m.</b> † Holy Souls in Purgatory <b>7:00 p.m.</b> † Michelle Osina Gonzalez
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>8/3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> (SI) Safety of the Children <b>5:30 p.m.</b> (SI) Neal Family † Jose Trevino † Leonard Spence <b>7:15 p.m.</b> † Jose Antonio Baldoceca Castro
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8/4</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> (SI) Mary Kirby (SI) Jose Marroquin † Linda Susan Kneupper <b>9:15 a.m.</b> (SI) Chijioko & Uzoamaka Nnajofofor † Daniel Serna Jr. <b>11:00 a.m.</b> † Reynold & Alicia Gonzalez † Alberto Garcia † Howard Benavides † Irma Kotanan <b>1:00 p.m.</b> (B) Evelia Alcala (B) Hector Castellanos (B) Francisco Macedo † Francisco Cam <b>5:00 p.m.</b> (SI) Conversion of Sinners <b>7:00 p.m.</b> (SI) St. Monica Parishioners

**Manuel Gonzales**

It is with deep sorrow to inform you that Manuel Gonzales was called to his heavenly home on Tuesday July 9th with his family and by his side.

A visitation for will be held on Tuesday July 30, 2024  
5:00 pm—6:30 pm Colonial Funeral Home  
625 Kitty Hawk, Universal City, Texas 78148  
**Rosary:** Tuesday July 30, 2024 at 6:30 pm  
Colonial Funeral Home  
625 Kitty Hawk, Universal City, Texas 78148  
**Mass:** Wednesday July 31, 2024 at 11:15 am  
St. Monica Catholic Church  
501 North St. Converse, Texas 78109

**Internment:** Wednesday July 31, 2024 at 1:15 pm  
Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery  
17501 Nacogdoches Rd, San Antonio, TX 78266

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

# St. Monica Catholic School

## Dragon Tales



2024-2025 School Year

# St. Monica Catholic School

## TUITION AND FEES FOR PK-8TH

Registration Fee

**Returning Students** \$350 per Student  
**New Students** \$500 per Student  
 (Registration Fee is Non-Refundable)

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](http://WWW.hopeforthefuture.org)

Academy for Children (2-3yrs)

Frogstreet Curriculum  
 Four Core Collaborative Curriculum



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 Converse Tx 78109

We are also delighted to share that Fr. Rafael and Fr. Thumma will be teaching Religion classes for students from 1st to 8th grades, enriching their understanding of our faith. Your support and assistance are invaluable to us. Please keep St. Monica's School in your prayers as we continue to nurture the minds and souls of our young students.

También estamos encantados de compartir que el P. Rafael y el P. Thumma impartirán clases de Religión para estudiantes de 1<sup>o</sup> a 8<sup>o</sup> grado, enriqueciendo su comprensión de nuestra fe. Su apoyo y asistencia son invaluable para nosotros. Por favor, mantengan a la escuela de Santa Mónica en sus oraciones mientras continuamos nutriendo las mentes y almas de nuestros jóvenes



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**“Pastor’s Voice”**  
**Reflection on Ephesians 4:1-6**

Dearest St. Monica family,

In Ephesians 4:1-6, Paul urges the faithful to live a life worthy of their calling, emphasizing unity and peace. This message is profoundly relevant today, as we navigate a world often characterized by division and discord.

Paul begins by appealing to us to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called." As Christians, our calling is to embody Christ's love and humility. In our daily lives, this means acting with patience and gentleness, even when faced with challenging situations. Consider a heated argument at work or a disagreement with a loved one. In such moments, responding with kindness and understanding rather than anger reflects our true calling.

Paul's emphasis on unity is particularly poignant in today's polarized society. He reminds us that there is "one body and one Spirit," calling us to maintain the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Despite differing opinions and backgrounds, we are all part of the same body of Christ. This unity is a testament to our faith and a powerful witness to the world.

In practical terms, fostering unity means actively listening to others, seeking common ground, and being peacemakers in our communities. It involves reaching out to those who feel marginalized and working towards reconciliation where there has been conflict. A simple act of kindness, a word of encouragement, or a gesture of support can go a long way in building bridges.

Paul's message also calls us to humility, recognizing that our strengths and talents come from God. When we approach others with humility, we create an environment where true unity and peace can flourish.

Let us pray for the grace to live out this calling each day, striving to be agents of unity and peace in our families, workplaces, and communities. By embodying the values of humility, patience, and love, we can reflect the unity of the Spirit and make a meaningful impact in the world around us. God Bless you and God Bless America.

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Thumma Prathap*

July 27th & 28th, 2024

**“Voz del Pastor”**  
**Reflexión Sobre Efesios 4:1-6**

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

En Efesios 4:1-6, Pablo insta a los fieles a vivir una vida digna de su llamado, enfatizando la unidad y la paz. Este mensaje es profundamente relevante hoy en día, mientras navegamos por un mundo a menudo caracterizado por la división y la discordia.

Pablo comienza apelándonos a que "andemos como es digno del llamamiento al cual habéis sido llamados". Como cristianos, nuestro llamado es encarnar el amor y la humildad de Cristo. En nuestra vida diaria, esto significa actuar con paciencia y gentileza, incluso cuando nos enfrentamos a situaciones difíciles. Considere una discusión acalorada en el trabajo o un desacuerdo con un ser querido. En esos momentos, responder con amabilidad y comprensión en lugar de enojo refleja nuestro verdadero llamado.

El énfasis de Pablo en la unidad es particularmente conmovedor en la sociedad polarizada de hoy. Nos recuerda que hay "un solo cuerpo y un solo Espíritu", y nos llama a mantener la "unidad del Espíritu en el vínculo de la paz". A pesar de las diferentes opiniones y orígenes, todos somos parte del mismo cuerpo de Cristo. Esta unidad es un testimonio de nuestra fe y un poderoso testimonio para el mundo.

En términos prácticos, fomentar la unidad significa escuchar activamente a los demás, buscar puntos en común y ser pacificadores en nuestras comunidades. Implica llegar a quienes se sienten marginados y trabajar por la reconciliación en los lugares donde ha habido conflictos. Un simple acto de bondad, una palabra de aliento o un gesto de apoyo pueden ser de gran ayuda para construir puentes.

El mensaje de Pablo también nos llama a la humildad, reconociendo que nuestras fortalezas y talentos provienen de Dios. Cuando nos acercamos a los demás con humildad, creamos un ambiente donde la verdadera unidad y paz pueden florecer.

Oremos por la gracia de vivir este llamado cada día, esforzándonos por ser agentes de unidad y paz en nuestras familias, lugares de trabajo y comunidades. Al encarnar los valores de la humildad, la paciencia y el amor, podemos reflejar la unidad del Espíritu y tener un impacto significativo en el mundo que nos rodea. Dios los bendiga y Dios bendiga a Estados Unidos.

Suyo en Cristo,

*Padre Thumma Prathap*

Fecha: 27 y 28 de Julio de 2024

*St. Monica, pray for us.*



*Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE!

**Registration is now open for the  
2024-2025 school year.  
Classes will begin September 11, 2024**

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 are filling up fast so register soon.**

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](mailto:re@saintmonicaconverse.net)



**Las Inscripciones ya están abiertas  
para el Año Escolar 2024-2025.  
Clases comienzan el 11 de Septiembre, 2024**

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.**

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](mailto:re@saintmonicaconverse.net)

**IS MOVING FROM  
THURSDAY TO TUESDAY  
EVENINGS**



**MOVIENDO DE JUEVES A  
MARTES POR LA NOCHE**

**¡Que es EDGE !**

**What is EDGE?**

**EDGE** is a Catholic Middle School youth ministry, catechetical program. It provides a safe, fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way.

**EDGE** resources speak to the physical, psychological, cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth.

**EDGE** resources make it easier for Catechist to plan out their semesters of EDGE night and retreats for the youth. The resources present Catholic teaching in a way that young people can understand.

**EDGE** answers the needs of this age group in a catechetical, fun, and relevant way and provides a foundation for youth to continue onto high school youth ministry. EDGE is a great asset to any youth ministry program, as it answers the unique needs of this age group while providing deeply impactful resources.

**EDGE** is for students in 6th , 7th and 8th grade, it will be held on Tuesday evenings starting at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the parish hall.



**EDGE** es un programa de catequesis del ministerio juvenil de la escuela intermedia católica. Brinda un lugar seguro y divertido para que los jóvenes encuentren una comunidad católica sólida, obtengan respuestas a sus preguntas sobre la fe, y lo que es mas importante, experimenten a Jesús de una manera profunda y personal.

Los recursos de **EDGE** hablan de la maduración física, psicológica, cognitiva, relacional y espiritual de los jóvenes de escuela intermedia.

Los recursos de **EDGE** facilitan a los Catequistas planificar sus semestres de noche EDGE y retiros para los jóvenes. Los recursos presentan la enseñanza católica de una manera que los jóvenes puedan entender.

**EDGE** responde a las necesidades de este grupo de edad de una manera catequética, divertida y relevante y proporciona una base para que los jóvenes continúen en el ministerio juvenil de la escuela intermedia. EDGE es una gran ventaja para cualquier programa de ministerio juvenil, ya que responde a las necesidades únicas de este grupo de edad al mismo tiempo que brinda recursos profundamente impactantes.

**EDGE** es para estudiantes de 6<sup>o</sup>, 7<sup>o</sup> y 8<sup>o</sup> grado. Se llevará a cabo los Martes por la noche a partir de las 6:30 pm a 7:30 pm en el salón parroquial.

**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



**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

"Your time is now. The feeling you are experiencing is the Holy Spirit guiding you to get involved in the Mass! Attend any of the upcoming trainings to have your questions answered and you will be serving in no time."



“Su tiempo es ahora. ¡El sentimiento que está sintiendo es el del Espíritu Santo guiándolo a involucrarse en la Misa! Asista a cualquiera de las próximas capacitaciones para obtener respuestas a sus preguntas y estará en servicio en poco tiempo”.

Monday July 29 for Altar Servers  
(must have already have made your First Communion)  
Wednesday Aug 7 for Lectors in Spanish  
Monday Aug 12 for Eucharistic Ministers in English  
Tuesday Aug 13 for Eucharistic Ministers in Spanish  
All training from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the church.

Lunes 29 de Julio para Monaguillos (ya debe haber hecho su Primera Comunión) Miércoles 7 de Agosto para lectores en español. Lunes 12 de Agosto para Ministros Eucarísticos en inglés. Martes 13 de Agosto para Ministros Eucarísticos en español. Todos los entrenamientos serán de 6:30pm a 8:30pm en la Iglesia.



**Loaves and Fishes Word-Find**



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

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L Y F R T H A N K S  
E P I E C E S Y E U  
Y H L W P R S L T S  
F I L I T T L E S I  
I L S A T W E L V E  
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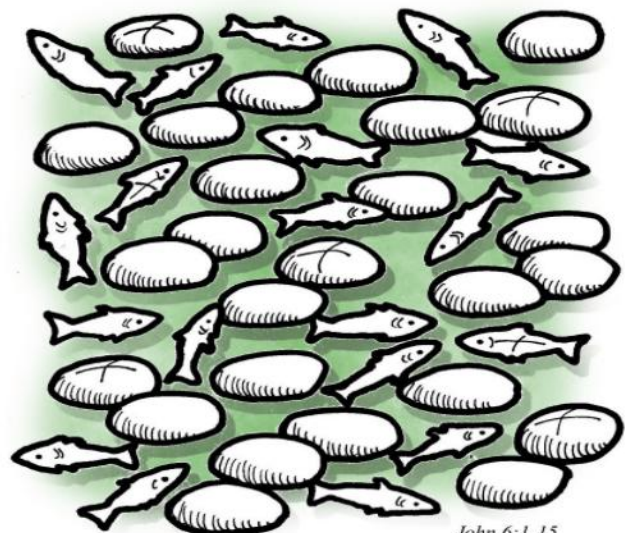
When Jesus saw that a large CROWD was coming to him, he said to PHILIP, "Where can we BUY enough food for them to eat?" He said this to TEST him, because he knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of BREAD would not be enough for each of them to have a LITTLE." ANDREW said to him, "There is a boy here who has five BARLEY loaves and two FISH; but what good are these for so MANY?" Jesus said, "Tell the people to sit down." Now there was much GRASS in that place. So the men SAT down, about five THOUSAND in number. Then JESUS took the loaves, gave THANKS, and distributed them to those who were seated, and also as much of the fish as they WANTED. When they had EATEN their FILL, he said to his disciples, "GATHER the PIECES left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled TWELVE BASKETS with fragments of the loaves, left by those who had eaten.



Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the bread and fish.

**The Kids' Bulletin**

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 28th, 2024



John 6:1-15

When five thousand people came to hear Jesus,  
He turned one boy's bread and fish  
into enough for everyone.  
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Colour and count the loaves and fishes  
with crosses on them to find out!

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**Christian Initiation Corner**

**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](mailto:rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net)

**Rincón de la Iniciación Cristiana**

**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](mailto:rica@saintmonicaconverse.net)

*Please pray for all our Catechumen and Candidates...*

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

On Sunday July 28th & Sunday August 4th there will be a meeting for those interested in volunteering on the Christian Initiation Team (English or Spanish), 2:30 pm in Bauman Room of Parish Hall. Come by to learn more.

El 28 de Julio y 4 de Agosto habrá una reunión para aquellos interesados en ser voluntarios en el Equipo de Iniciación Cristiana (inglés o español), a las 2:30 p. m. en la Sala Bauman del Salón de la Parroquia. Venga y aprenda más.

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**\*\*\* ACTUALIZACION SOBRE NUESTRA TIENDA DE SEGUNDA \*\***

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Regular business hours are  
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***We appreciate your patience during this time.***

Pedimos disculpas por cualquier inconveniente durante el cierre de la semana pasada. ***Nuestra Tienda de Segunda Mano estará abierta nuevamente el Sábado, 3 de Agosto y también aceptará sus donaciones.*** El horario regular es los Miércoles y Sábados de 9 a.m. a 12 del mediodía.

***Agradecemos su paciencia.***

Discover the beauty and spirituality of India on guided trip with Father Thumma. This meeting is your last chance to learn more and sign up for this unforgettable journey. Highlights include visiting Fr. Thumma's village

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**January 6 -19, 2025**

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***For more information on this pilgrimage contact:*** Laura Hilbig 210-204-6671 or email: [laura@lltravelco.com](mailto:laura@lltravelco.com)

Have questions? Want more information?

***Informational meeting on Wednesday August 7th at 7pm In the Goertz room at the Parish Hall With a taste of Indian cuisine***



Descubra la belleza y la espiritualidad de la India en un viaje guiado por el Padre Thumma. Esta reunión es su última oportunidad para aprender más e inscribirse en este viaje inolvidable. Los aspectos más destacados incluyen la visita al pueblo de Padre Thumma

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**6 al 19 de Enero de 2025**

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Please purchase your study set no later than two weeks (recommended) prior to the start date.



Familia de Santa Monica,

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