

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

Mass Schedule

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

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

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

Sunday: (English)
7:30 & 9:15, 11 am & 5 pm
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

22ND

**SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME**

The Tradition
of the Elders

22^º

**DOMINGO
DEL TIEMPO
ORDINARIO**

La Verdadera
Pureza

*"You disregard God's
commandment but cling
to human tradition."*
Mark 7:8

*"Ustedes descuidan el mandamiento
de Dios por aferrarse a
tradiciones de hombres."*
Marcos 7, 8



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

Academy Day Care 18 months-3 year olds

210-658-6701 E-mail: 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

BALET FOLKLORICO: Bertha Castellanos

BIBLE STUDY (English): Timo Zepeda & Annette Winfield

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 (DECORATIONS) 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**

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**

LIVE STREAMING: **Delia M. Finch & Pablo Garcia**

LOVESTRONG: **Tony & Isabel Canez**

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: Meet every Fri. 7:00 p.m. at parish hall: **Rafael & Betzy Torres**

VOCATIONS: **Elvia Armenta**

YOUTH MINISTRY: **Lyle Pearce** Beginning Wednesday

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



¿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.

This week altar flowers for the birthday of:



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.



Glyssie Esquivel, Reynaldo Vela, Angel Cantu, Linda Duncan, Maria J., Olga B., 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, Brenda, Mary Kirby, Jennifer Sanchez, Jose Martinez, John Cortez, Andrew, Velma Duran, Manuel M., Jan Beland, Kenia Aguilar, Dolores Vaquera & family, Sara Chase, Navarro, Ruddy Ballesteros DeLeon, Debbie Garcia, Armando Aguero, 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, Roberta Kotso, Nicholas Kerwin, Nick Ramos,



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

“Pastor’s Voice”**Reflection on Embracing the Spirit of Labor Day**

Dearest St. Monica Family,

As we celebrate Labor Day, let us take a moment to reflect on the value of work and its significance in our daily lives, especially within our families and relationships. Labor Day is a time to honor the hard work and dedication of all workers and to recognize the dignity of labor in all its forms.

The Value of Work: Work is more than just a means to earn a living; it is a way to contribute to the well-being of our families, communities, and society. In the book of Genesis, God gave Adam and Eve the task of tending the Garden of Eden, illustrating that work is an integral part of our human vocation. Through our work, we participate in God’s creation, using our talents and abilities to serve others and glorify Him.

Strengthening Family Bonds: For families, work can sometimes be a source of stress and time constraints. However, it is also an opportunity to teach important values such as responsibility, teamwork, and perseverance. Parents can set an example for their children by demonstrating a strong work ethic and a positive attitude toward their jobs. Couples can support each other by sharing household responsibilities and encouraging one another in their professional endeavors.

Balancing Work and Rest: Labor Day also reminds us of the importance of rest and balance. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus invites us to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). Finding a balance between work and rest is essential for maintaining our physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Families and couples should make time for rest and recreation, strengthening their relationships through shared activities and quality time together.

Conclusion: As we observe Labor Day, let us appreciate the gift of work and strive to balance our labor with rest. Let us support one another in our various roles and responsibilities, recognizing the dignity of all work. May we continue to seek God’s guidance in our efforts, trusting that He will provide us with the strength and wisdom to fulfill our duties with love and dedication. Happy Labor Day! May God bless you and your work. God Bless America.

“Voz del Pastor”**Reflexión sobre abrazar el Espíritu del Día del Trabajo**

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

Mientras celebramos el Día del Trabajo, tomemos un momento para reflexionar sobre el valor del trabajo y su importancia en nuestra vida diaria, especialmente dentro de nuestras familias y relaciones. El Día del Trabajo es un momento para honrar el arduo trabajo y la dedicación de todos los trabajadores y reconocer la dignidad del trabajo en todas sus formas.

El valor del trabajo: El trabajo es más que un simple medio para ganarse la vida; es una forma de contribuir al bienestar de nuestras familias, comunidades y sociedad. En el libro del Génesis, Dios dio a Adán y Eva la tarea de cuidar el Jardín del Edén, ilustrando que el trabajo es una parte integral de nuestra vocación humana. A través de nuestro trabajo, participamos en la creación de Dios, usando nuestros talentos y habilidades para servir a los demás y glorificarlo.

Fortalecimiento de los vínculos familiares: para las familias, el trabajo a veces puede ser una fuente de estrés y limitaciones de tiempo. Sin embargo, también es una oportunidad para enseñar valores importantes como la responsabilidad, el trabajo en equipo y la perseverancia. Los padres pueden dar ejemplo a sus hijos demostrando una sólida ética laboral y una actitud positiva hacia su trabajo. Las parejas pueden apoyarse mutuamente compartiendo las responsabilidades del hogar y animándose mutuamente en sus esfuerzos profesionales.

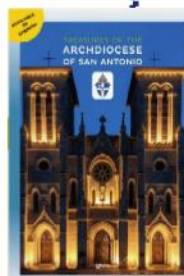
Equilibrio entre trabajo y descanso: El Día del Trabajo también nos recuerda la importancia del descanso y el equilibrio. En el Evangelio de Marcos, Jesús nos invita a "Venid vosotros solos a un lugar desierto y descansad un poco" (Marcos 6:31). Encontrar un equilibrio entre trabajo y descanso es fundamental para mantener nuestra salud física, emocional y espiritual. Las familias y parejas deben dedicar tiempo al descanso y la recreación, fortaleciendo sus relaciones a través de actividades compartidas y tiempo de calidad juntos.

Conclusión: Al celebrar el Día del Trabajo, apreciemos el regalo del trabajo y esforcémonos por equilibrar nuestro trabajo con el descanso. Apoyémonos unos a otros en nuestros diversos roles y responsabilidades, reconociendo la dignidad de todo trabajo. Que sigamos buscando la guía de Dios en nuestros esfuerzos, confiando en que Él nos proporcionará la fuerza y la sabiduría para cumplir con nuestros deberes con amor y dedicación. ¡Feliz día del trabajador! Que Dios te bendiga a ti y

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



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. *Tenemos un número limitado de libros, así que no te pierdas este libro único en la vida.* Pase por la oficina parroquial

St. Monica Catholic School

Dragon Tales



2024-2025 School Year

St. Monica Catholic School

TUITION AND FEES FOR PK-8TH



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
— ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO —

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



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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 re-

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 Padre Rafael y Padre Thumma impartirán clases de Religión para estudiantes de 1º a 8º grado, enriqueciendo su comprensión de nuestra fe. Su apoyo y asistencia son invaluable para nosotros. Por favor, mantenga a la escuela de Santa



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Happy Birthday
Ryleigh Olague
September 14th



Happy 10th
Wedding Anniversary
Scott & Priscilla Rimal
September 6th



Happy Birthday
Porfirio Quesada
(Tony)



Happy Birthday
Ralph Diaz
September 10th



Happy Birthday
Evelyn M. King
September 4th



Happy Birthday
Dorian Lugo
September 27th

Happy Birthday
Edi Wheeler



Happy Birthday
Madelyn Boyd
September 14th



Happy Birthday
Carmelita Arispe
September 1st



Happy Birthday
Gil Chagoya
September 2nd
Happy Heavenly
Birthday
Lupe Chagoya



Happy Birthday
Sandra Lyssy



Happy Birthday
Eden Keyes

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

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

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

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

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

Manden sus fotos de los cumpleaños, aniversario, ocasiones especiales de **Octubre para el Lunes, 30 de Septiembre** a: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net

NOW is the time to sign up for this unforgettable journey.

DON'T MISS OUT

Registration ends September 6, 2024

Trip Date: January 6 -19, 2025

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

For more information on this pilgrimage contact: Laura Hilbig 210-204-6671 or email: laura@lltravelco.com

India



Ahora es el momento de apuntarse a este viaje inolvidable.

NO SE LO PIERDA. Las inscripciones se finalizan el 6 de Septiembre de 2024.

**Peregrinacion: 6-19 de enero 2025
Los folletos y los formularios están disponibles en la oficina o en el quiosco del vestíbulo.**

Para obtener más información sobre esta peregrinación comuníquese con: Laura Hilbig 210-204-6671 o mande un correo electrónico a laura@lltravelco.com



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.

Forms of payment: Cash, check, debit or credit cards.

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 242 or you can email at re@saintmonicaconverse.net

For students who are registered as of September 3rd



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.

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

IS MOVING FROM THURSDAY TO TUESDAY EVENINGS



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.



MOVIENDO DE JUEVES A MARTES POR LA NOCHE

¡Que es EDGE!

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°, 7° y 8° 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.

El Ministerio Juvenil de Santa Mónica presenta un Retiro de un Día de RENACIMIENTO EUCARISTICO Únanse a nosotros para comenzar el Semestre de Otoño **SABADO, 7 de SEPTIEMBRE 9:30 AM—6:30 PM** Gratis para Jóvenes de



Inscripción al Grupo de Jóvenes para Adolescentes de Santa Mónica 6.º a 12.º grados Los MIÉRCOLES a las 7:30 PM Comenzando el 11 de Septiembre 2024
La escuela secundaria es una época en la que muchos jóvenes comienzan a cuestionar su fe y a buscar respuestas a las preguntas más importantes de la vida Actualmente nos estamos reuniendo los Miércoles para estudiar la Biblia a las

St. Monica Family

The St. Monica Bereavement Support Ministry will resume for the fall on September 12, 2024. The Mission of the St. Monica Bereavement Ministry is to accompany the grieving of St. Monica Parish. Our team members are made up of parishioners who have lost a spouse, parent, grandparent, child, sibling, aunt, uncle, friend. If you have lost a loved one and searching for a safe place to lay your grieving; please consider the Bereavement Ministry. The Vision of the St. Monica Bereavement Ministry is to Provide Faith Care Always because we know; Love Never Dies. We will meet every other Thursday in the Goertz room of Stubben Hall beginning Thursday, September 12, 2024, beginning at 6:30 P.M. Please feel free to attend. The workshops/sessions are free and will also be announced during Masses. If you have questions or just want to talk, please do not hesitate to contact Deacon Sean W. Dooley at (210) 274-



Familia Santa Mónica

El Ministerio de Apoyo al Duelo de Santa Mónica se reanudará en el otoño, el 12 de septiembre de 2024. La misión del Ministerio de Apoyo al Duelo de Santa Mónica es acompañar el duelo de la Parroquia de Santa Mónica. Los miembros de nuestro equipo están formados por feligreses que han perdido a su cónyuge, padre, abuelo, hijo, hermano, tía, tío o amigo. Si ha perdido a un ser querido y busca un lugar seguro para dejar su duelo; por favor considere el Ministerio de Duelo. La visión del Ministerio de Duelo de Santa Mónica es brindar atención religiosa siempre porque lo sabemos; El amor nunca muere. Nos reuniremos cada dos jueves en el salo Goertz de Stubben Hall a partir del jueves 12 de septiembre de 2024, a partir de las 6:30 p. m. Por favor siéntase libre de asistir. Los talleres/sesiones son gratuitos y también se anunciarán durante las Misas. Si tiene preguntas o simplemente quiere hablar, por favor no dude en comunicarse con el diácono Sean W. Dooley al (210) 274-7085 o mediante mis correos electrónicos;

<p style="text-align: center;">Place: ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL CAFETERIA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADMISSION IS FREE! DOOR PRIZES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All proceeds to support charitable activities of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Our Lady of Peace # 2489</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come and find the perfect early gifts for the upcoming holiday season. There are 17½ weeks till Christmas. If you are interested in more information to participate, call (210) 658-0062. The deadline to reserve a table is Monday, September 30th First Paid, First Served</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Lugar: CAFETERÍA DE LA ESCUELA CATÓLICO DE ST. MONICA ¡LA ENTRADA ES GRATIS! PREMIOS EN PUERTA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Todo lo recaudado para apoyar actividades caritativas de las Hijas Católicas de las Américas Our Lady of Peace # 2489 Ven y encuentra los regalos anticipados perfectos para el próxima temporada navideña. Faltan 16½ semanas para Navidad. If you are interested in more information to participate, call (210) 658-0062. The deadline to reserve a table is Monday, September 30th First Paid, First Served</p>
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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



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



Rectory is Blessed by Bishop Michael Boulette La rectoría es bendecida por Obispo Michael Boulette

Tuesday August 27th St. Monica's Feast Day Bishop Michael Boulette

This day was long awaited and the weather was perfect. Thank you St. Monica family for making this day possible and now the rectory is completed and blessed. In the near future we will have an open house before the priest move in.

A special thank you to Mrs. Rosemary O'Connor and her family for all their endeavors.



Martes 27 de agosto Fiesta de Santa Mónica Obispo Michael Boulette

Este día era muy esperado y el clima era perfecto. Gracias familia de Santa Mónica por hacer posible este día y ahora la rectoría está completado y bendecido. En un futuro próximo tendremos una jornada de puertas abiertas antes de que se instale el sacerdote.

Un agradecimiento especial a Sra. Rosemary O'Connor y su familia por todo su esfuerzos.

*The purpose of the **LOVESTRONG** Marriage Ministry*

is simple: to strengthen the Christ-centered love and relationships between married men and women. Strong marriages make strong families and strong families are the cornerstones of a vibrant and dynamic Catholic community.

*You are cordially invited to join us for the
next St. Monica
LOVESTRONG Marriage Retreat!
Sept. 20-22, 2024*

This retreat is in English

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*El propósito de la **LOVESTRONG** Ministerio Matrimonial*

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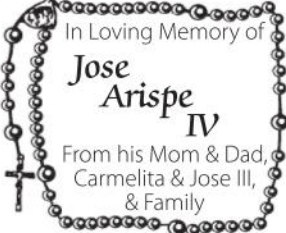


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