

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

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

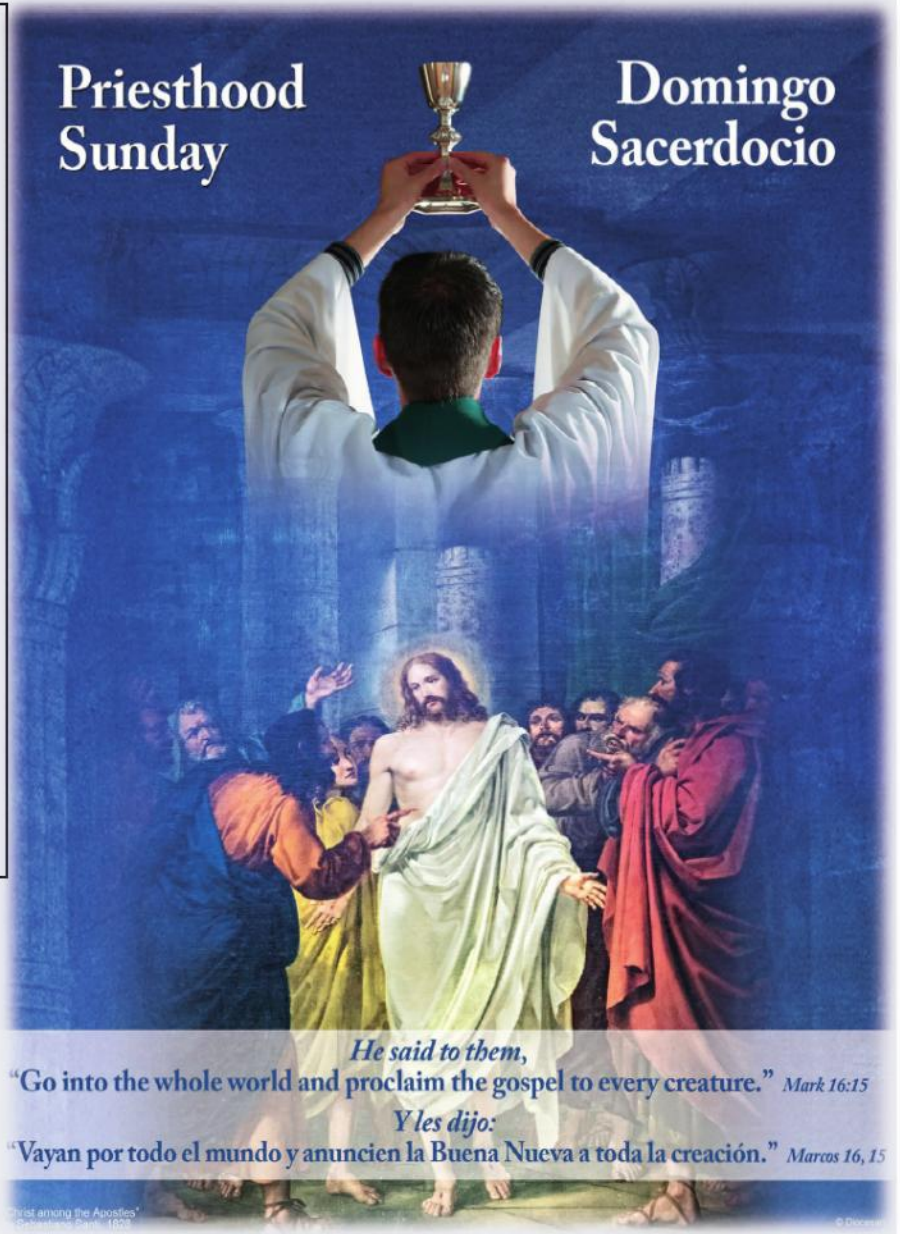
Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Rafael Antonio Lopez-Negron

Email: rlopez@saintmonicaconverse.net

Priesthood
Sunday

Domingo
Sacerdocio



He said to them,
"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." *Mark 16:15*

Y les dijo:
"Vayan por todo el mundo y anuncien la Buena Nueva a toda la creación." *Marcos 16, 15*

Office Working Hours: Mon., Tue., Thur., & Friday 9:00 am-5:30 pm

Wed. 9 am-7pm Sat: 10am-2pm & Sun: 10am-3pm

Closed for lunch 12:30-1pm Mon.- Fri.

For an emergency: Call the office and follow the instructions. (210) 658-3816



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 September 11th at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

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 & EDGE: To include preparation for **First Communion and Confirmation** Grades K– High School. Email: RE@saintmonicaconverse.net 210-658-3816



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 Peseck, Laura Cynthia Peters, Bill Eastman, Catarina Garza, Felix Davila, Ernesto Sosa, Connie Martinez, Robert, Adam Thomas, Melissa, Michael Burgos, Ruben Pacheco, Rose, Christine, Pawlick family, Rhonda Hogan, Barbara Rials, Trini & Jackie Cantú, Jason Silk, Tony Rippy, Edwardo Guevara, Adalene, Janet Hillson, Pablo Martinez, Lucy Zamora, Ariel & Clara Casiano, Donny Krueger, 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, Jose Reyes, Joann & Sebastian, Julie Martinez, Anna Cortez, Carlos Alberto Garcia, Daniela Basulto, Maria Luisa Nieto, Michael Thompson, Mary Lou Thompson



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

Happy



Priest Day

Prayer for Fr. Thumma & Fr. Rafael

In your loving kindness, O good and gracious God, you sent your Son to be our shepherd and guide. Fr. Thumma & Fr. Rafael continue Christ's ministry of working in the vineyard by sus-taining and guiding your holy people. Bless Fr. Thumma & Fr. Rafael. Let your Spirit uphold them always in his service to the people of this parish.

Oracion para Padre Thumma & Padre Rafael

En tu amorosa bondad, oh Dios bueno y misericordioso, enviaste a tu Hijo para ser nuestro pastor y guía. Padre Thumma y Padre Rafael continúen el ministerio de Cristo de trabajar en la viña sosteniendo y guiando a su pueblo santo. Bendice a Padre Thumma y Padre Rafael. Que tu Espíritu los sostenga siempre en su servicio a la gente de esta parroquia.

“Pastor’s Voice”

Honoring Our Priests on Priesthood Sunday

Dearest St. Monica Family,

On this Priesthood Sunday, we take a moment to reflect on the vital role of priests in the Church and the world. Priests are essential to our spiritual lives, serving as shepherds, guides, and ministers of God's grace. Their dedication and service are invaluable, and their presence is a profound blessing to our community.

The Gift of the Priesthood: The priesthood is a unique and sacred calling. Priests dedicate their lives to serving God and His people, administering the sacraments, preaching the Word of God, and providing pastoral care. They are there for us in our most joyous and challenging moments, offering guidance, comfort, and the assurance of God’s love and mercy.

The Need for Priests: In a world that often faces spiritual and moral challenges, the need for priests is more critical than ever. Priests play a crucial role in leading us closer to Christ, helping us to navigate our faith journey and encouraging us to live lives of holiness. They inspire us to grow in our relationship with God and to reach out in service to others.

Gratitude and Support: As we honor our priests today, let us express our deep gratitude for their tireless service and unwavering commitment. We thank them for their sacrifices, their prayers, and their dedication to our spiritual well-being. It is also a time to support our priests through our prayers, encouragement, and active participation in the life of the parish.

Encouraging Vocations: Priesthood Sunday is also an opportunity to encourage and pray for vocations. We need to foster an environment where young men feel called to the priesthood and are supported in their discernment. Families and couples can play a significant role in nurturing vocations by fostering a love for the Church and an openness to God’s call in their homes.

Conclusion: On this Priesthood Sunday, let us give thanks for the gift of our priests and recognize their indispensable role in our lives and in the Church. May we continue to support them with our prayers and gratitude, and may we encourage and pray for new vocations to the priesthood. Together, let us work towards building a vibrant, faith-filled community where the love and grace of God are experienced by all.

Yours truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

September 28th & 29th 2024

“Voz del Pastor”

Honrando a Nuestros Sacerdotes el Domingo del Sacerdocio

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

En este Domingo del Sacerdocio, nos tomamos un momento para reflexionar sobre el papel vital de los sacerdotes en la Iglesia y el mundo. Los sacerdotes son esenciales para nuestra vida espiritual, ya que sirven como pastores, guías y ministros de la gracia de Dios. Su dedicación y servicio son invaluable y su presencia es una profunda bendición para nuestra comunidad.

El Don del Sacerdocio: El sacerdocio es un llamado único y sagrado. Los sacerdotes dedican su vida a servir a Dios y a su pueblo, administrar los sacramentos, predicar la Palabra de Dios y brindar atención pastoral. Están ahí para nosotros en nuestros momentos más alegres y desafiantes, ofreciéndonos guía, consuelo y la seguridad del amor y la misericordia de Dios.

La Necesidad de Sacerdotes: En un mundo que a menudo enfrenta desafíos espirituales y morales, la necesidad de sacerdotes es más crítica que nunca. Los sacerdotes desempeñan un papel crucial al acercarnos a Cristo, ayudándonos a recorrer nuestro camino de fe y animándonos a vivir una vida de santidad. Nos inspiran a crecer en nuestra relación con Dios y a tender la mano al servicio de los demás.

Gratitud y Apoyo: Al honrar a nuestros sacerdotes hoy, expresemos nuestra profunda gratitud por su incansable servicio y compromiso inquebrantable. Les agradecemos sus sacrificios, sus oraciones y su dedicación a nuestro bienestar espiritual. También es un momento para apoyar a nuestros sacerdotes a través de nuestras oraciones, aliento y participación activa en la vida de la parroquia.

Fomento de la Vocaciones: El Domingo del Sacerdocio también es una oportunidad para fomentar y orar por las vocaciones. Necesitamos fomentar un ambiente donde los jóvenes se sientan llamados al sacerdocio y reciban apoyo en su discernimiento. Las familias y las parejas pueden desempeñar un papel importante en el fomento de las vocaciones fomentando el amor por la Iglesia y la apertura al llamado de Dios en sus hogares.

Conclusion: En este Domingo del Sacerdocio, demos gracias por el don de nuestros sacerdotes y reconozcamos su papel indispensable en nuestras vidas y en la Iglesia. Que sigamos apoyándolos con nuestras oraciones y gratitud, y que animemos y oremos por nuevas vocaciones al sacerdocio. Juntos, trabajemos para construir una comunidad vibrante y llena de fe donde todos sientan el amor y la gracia de Dios.

Suyo en Cristo,

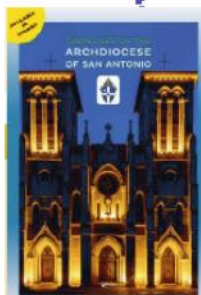
Padre Thumma Prathap

Fecha: 28 y 29 de Septiembre de 2024

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 \$40.



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 para comprar su copia por \$40

St. Monica Catholic School

Dragon Tales



2024-2025 School Year

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
— ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO —

Registration Fee

New Students

\$500 per Student

(Registration Fee is Non-Refundable)

Monthly Rate

1 Child \$595.00

2 Children \$1,130.50

3 Children \$1,666.00

10% sibling discount reflected in rates above
5% Military Discount offered

2024-2025 ANNUAL TUITION \$5,950

TUITION ASSISTANCE KINDER-8TH

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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, mantengan a la escuela de Santa Mónica en sus oraciones mientras continuamos nutriendo las mentes y almas de nuestros jóvenes. estudiantes.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE!

Classes have begun

You can still 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 close to being filled up so register soon.

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.

Religious Education for all other children on Wednesday evening 6:30 pm —7:30 pm

We are still in need of volunteers to assist the catechist as aides in the classrooms.

Please contact Ms. Toni, Espinoza

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



Clases han comienzan

Se puede registrar en la oficina; estamos abiertos hasta las 7 p.m. los Miércoles, los Sábados de 10am a 2 p.m. y los Domingos de 10 a 3 p.m.

Formas de pago: Efectivo, cheque, tarjetas de débito o crédito.

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

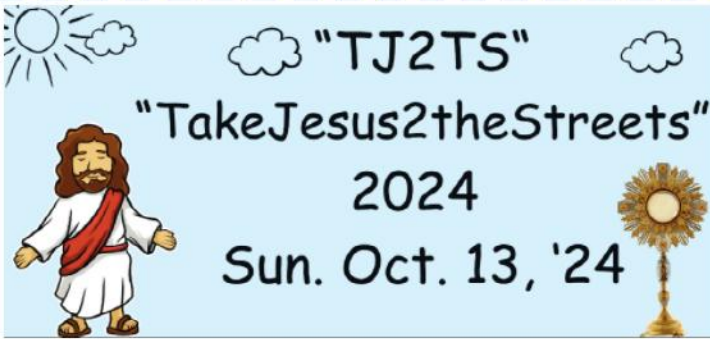
EDGE es para estudiantes de 6º, 7º y 8º grado, se llevará a cabo los Martes por la noche de las 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial.

Educación Religiosa para todas los demás niños es los Miércoles por la tarde 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Todavía necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar al catequista como ayudantes en las aulas.

Por favor contacte a la Sra. Toni, Espinoza

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en comunicarse con la Sra. Toni Espinoza, Directora de Educación Religiosa 210-658-3816 x 242 o puede mandar un correo a re@saintmonicaconverse.net



St. Monica's Youth Ministry will participate together For more information email: re@saintmonicaconverse.net
Or come by the parish office to register
It's FREE for ages 13 and up
12 Noon Doors Open for Registration
1:00 pm Rally Begins
4:00 pm Adoration
5:00 pm Procession
7:00 pm Mass with Bishop Janak

El Ministerio de Jóvenes de Santa Mónica participara juntos. Para mas información, mande un correo a: re@saintmonicaconverse.net
O venga a la oficina parroquial para registrarse.
Es GRATIS para edades 13 en adelante
12 del mediodía Puertas abiertas para inscripción
1:00 pm Comienzo de Reunión
4:00 pm Adoración
5:00 pm Procesión
7:00 pm Misa con Obispo Janak

Catholic Center for Charismatic Renewal/Youth Office
Archdiocese of San Antonio
1707 S. Flores St. 78204
Youth_Staying_Connected@yahoo.com
210-226-7070

Centro Católico para la Renovación
Carismática/Oficina Juvenil
Arquidiócesis de San Antonio



Pro Life Rosary

Beginning Saturday October 12th and every second Saturday of the month, a bilingual Pro-Life Rosary will be recited at 10:30 am after the 9:30 am Mass.

A partir del sábado 12 de octubre y cada segundo sábado del mes, un Rosario Pro-Vida bilingüe se recitará a las 10:30 a.m. después de la misa de las 9:30 am.

Let us lift our thanks to od and His Blessed Mother for answered prayers and continue to pray for all those working to protect life at every level.

Eleveamos nuestro agradecimiento a Dios y a Su Santísima Madre por las oraciones respondidas y continuemos orando por todos aquellos que trabajan para proteger la vida en todos los niveles.



IS JESUS CHRIST CALLING ME TO BECOME A PRIEST?

Melchizedek Project

Monthly gatherings for those who are considering a call to the priesthood. Ages 18 and over

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
September — May
6:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Contact the Vocation Office for more information

SAN ANTONIO VOCATIONS
vocations@archsa.org • 210-735-0553 • savocations.org

JESUCRISTO ME ESTA LLAMANDO A SER SACERDOTE ?

Se invita a los jóvenes de 18 años y mayores, a asistir a la reunión de Melchizedek el Jueves, 3 de Octubre a las 6:30 pm.—8:30 p.m. en el Seminario de Asunción 2600 W Woodlawn Ave, San Antonio, TX para aquellos que discernen un llamado al Sacerdocio. Si son menores de 18 años, deben estar acompañados de un padre o tutor. Esta es una gran oportunidad para explorar el sacerdocio y conocer a los seminaristas. Gracias y por favor mantengan vocaciones en sus oraciones. Para mas información puede llama la oficina de vocaciones.

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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) 274-7085 or via his emails; booner68og@gmail.com or deaconsean@saintmonicaconverse.net .



Familia de Santa Mónica
El Ministerio de Apoyo al Duelo de Santa Mónica se reanuda en el otoño, el 12 de Septiembre de 2024. La misión del Ministerio de Apoyo al Duelo de Santa Mónica es acompañar a los afligidos 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 sabemos que; El Amor Nunca Muere. Nos reuniremos cada otro Jueves en el cuarto Goertz de la Salon 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 sus correos electrónicos; booner68og@gmail.com o deaconsean@saintmonicaconverse.net

**Next Saturday
October 5th**

Place: ST. MONICA'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
CAFETERIA

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**El Proximo
Sabado 5 de Octubre**

Lugar: CAFETERÍA DE LA
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ST. MONICA

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PREMIOS EN PUERTA**

Todo lo recaudado para apoyar actividades
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Nuestra Senora de la Paz # 2489

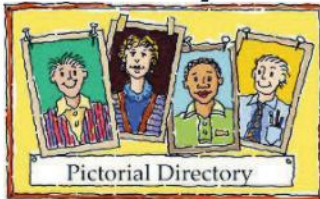
Venga y encuentre los regalos anticipados
perfectos para la próxima temporada
navideña.

St. Monica Pictorial Directory

We hope you are getting excited about
the upcoming St Monica Parish Pictorial
Directory! If your email address is
already in our system, you should have
received information about the directory
and how to participate. If you did not
receive this information, please see one of the
representatives after mass and pick up an information
sheet. You can also email us to receive information or
with any questions you may have:

Directory@saintmonicaconverse.net

There is a deadline for the end of October, so make
sure to start snapping those photos and submit those
beautiful smiling faces in our Directory!



Directorio Pictórico de Santa Mónica

Esperamos que esté entusiasmado con la
próxima sesión fotográfica de la parroquia
de Santa Mónica. ¡Directorio! Si su
dirección de correo electrónico ya esta en
nuestro sistema, deberías haber recibido
información sobre el directorio y cómo
participar. Si no lo hiciste recibir esta información, por
favor consulte uno de los representantes después de
misa y recoger una hoja informativa. También puedes
enviarnos un correo electrónico para recibir
información o cualquier duda que tengas:

Directorio@saintmonicaconverse.net

Hay una fecha límite para finales de octubre, así que
asegúrese de comenzar a tomar esas fotos y enviar esas
hermosas caras sonrientes a nuestro Directorio.

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**Happy
Priesthood
Sunday! Thank
you for being
our shepherd.**



Laying on of hands	powers of Heaven	Jesus Christ	melchizedek
magnify it	Worthiness	blessings	obedience
salvation	authority	restored	covenant
courage	Aaronic	Teacher	Priest
Deacon	trust	Faith	serve
God			



Annual Blessing of your Pets

We invite you to the annual Blessing of the animals in honor of the Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi on Sat. October 5th at 10:30 am in the back parking lot by the Stations of the Cross. Bring your dogs, cats, hamsters, gerbils, birds, fish, ferrets, turtles, lizards, bunnies for a special St. Francis blessing. Please have your pets on a Leash or in a carrier for the safety of everyone during the blessing.



Bendición Anual de sus Mascotas

Los invitamos a la Bendición anual de los animales en honor a la Conmemoración de San Francisco de Asís el Sábado, 5 de Octubre a las 10:30 am en el estacionamiento trasero junto a las Estaciones de la Cruz. Traiga a sus perros, gatos, hámsteres, jerbos, pájaros, peces, hurones, tortugas, lagartos y conejitos para recibir una bendición especial de San Francisco. Por favor, tenga a sus mascotas con correa o en un transportador para la seguridad de todos durante la bendición.

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.

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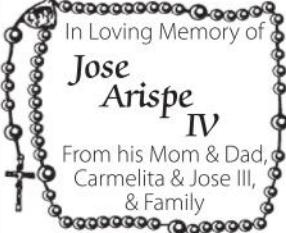


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¿Necesita la clase de preparación bautismal?

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.

Planning a Quincenaria?

Here are the requirements: A parishioner of St. Monica Has been baptized and has received the sacrament of first communion. Has either made confirmation or attending religious education. Contact the office at least 6 months in advance to secure date and time. Please be aware that there will be a rehearsal a day or two before the event. Please contact Deacon David in the parish office for any other questions or concerns.



¿Está planeando una quincenaria?

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Campaña de Anulación en la Parroquia de Santa Mónica

Nos complace anunciar que la Parroquia de Santa Mónica llevará a cabo una Campaña de Anulaciones y Convalidación de Septiembre a Diciembre de 2024. Esta es una oportunidad para que aquellos que necesitan ayuda con el proceso de anulación reciban orientación y apoyo. Si usted está divorciado o casado fuera de la Iglesia debido a impedimentos y desea participar plenamente en la vida sacramental de la Iglesia, por favor contacte al Diácono David Espinoza o a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información. El Diácono David le ayudará a navegar el proceso de anulación a través del Tribunal de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio. Para aquellos casados fuera de la Iglesia sin impedimentos, nuestros sacerdotes y diáconos ayudarán con la preparación matrimonial y les asistirán a que su matrimonio sea convalidado en la Iglesia. Por favor, póngase en contacto con nuestra oficina parroquial y consulte a Diacono David.

