

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)

Sunday: 7:30 & 9:15, 11 am & 5 pm
(English)
1:00, 3:00 & 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**

Or call the office for an appointment

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30^o Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario



Pastor: Fr. Thumma Prathap

Email: pastor@saintmonicaconverse.net

Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Rafael Antonio Lopez-Negrón

Email: rlopez@saintmonicaconverse.net

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.



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

ART & ENVIRONMENT (DECORATIONS) MINISTRY: Alma Castillo

BALLET FOLKLÓRICO : 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

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 AND 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meets 2nd Tues.at 7:00 p.m. **Steve Steele**, Grand Knight

LIVE STREAMING: Delia M. Finch & Pablo Garcia

LOVESTRONG: Tony & Isabel Canez

PERPETUAL ADORATION: Christian Zunino

POWER POINT MINISTRY: Claudio Corrales & Courtney Sheehan

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

ST. KIZITO'S HOPE MINISTRY Meet 2nd Sunday of month after the 11am Mass

VOCATIONS: Elvia Armenta

WELCOME MINISTRY: Tony Canez

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Gabe & Diana Canez

YOUTH MINISTRY: Lyle Pearce Wednesdays 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 Sun 3:00pm

Bill Staggs, 9:15 a.m.

Michelle Hernandez, 11 a.m..

Jorge Castellanos, Spanish 1p.m.

Lilli Soto, 5 p.m. or **Bill Staggs** 5 p.m.

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.** 5:30 p.m.& **Sat.** 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & EDGE: Includes 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, Manuel M., Diane Thatcher, Brenda, Jennifer Sanchez, Jose Martinez, John Cortez, Andrew, Velma Duran, Jan Beland, Kenia Aguilar, Dolores Vaquera & family, Sara Chase, Navarro, Catarina Garza, Ruddy Ballesteros DeLeon, Debbie Garcia, Armando Aguero, Nicanora Rodriguez, Paul D., Angel Cantu, Barbara Garza, Evan Pesek, Laura Cynthia Peters, Bill Eastman, 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, Mary Kirby, 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, Sophia Pusateri, Jose Reyes, Manuel & Tenchia Trevino Anna Roberta Kotso, Nicholas Kerwin, Nick Ramos, Joann & Sebastian, Julie Martinez, Anna Cortez, Carlos Alberto Garcia, Daniela Basulto, Donna Ann Salinas, Maria Luisa Nieto, Michael Thompson, Mary Lou Thompson, Aleda Camelia Pineda

please pray for the sick



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, October 28th

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

Tuesday/Martes, October 29th

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, October 30th

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

Confessions /Confesiones 5:00 p.m.

Healing Mass/Misa 7:00 p.m. Fr.

Thursday/Jueves, October 31st

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

Mass/Misa (Bilingual) 6:30 p.m.

Holy Hour Cancelled/ Hora Santa Cancelado

Friday/Viernes, November 1st

Solemnity of All Saints / Solemnidad de Todos los Santos

Parish office is Closed / La oficina parroquial está cerrada

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

Mass/Misa 12 Noon Fr.

Mass/Misa 6:00 p.m. Fr.

Mass/Misa 7:30 p.m. Fr.

Saturday/Sábado, November 2nd

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

Commemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos

Rosary/Rosario 9:00 a.m.

Mass/Misa (Bilingual) 9:30 a.m. Fr. Rafael

Confessions/Confesiones 3:30 p.m.

Mass/Misa 5:30 p.m. Fr. Rafael

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**31° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario****Sunday/Domingo, November 3rd**

MASSES in a.m. 7:30 a.m. Fr. Rafael
& Dcn. Sean

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

11:00 a.m. Fr. Rafael
& Dcn. David

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

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

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

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

Mass Intentions

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| Mon | 10/28 | 8:15 a.m. † Charlie Sharbarth |
| Tue | 10/29 | 8:15 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Wed | 10/30 | 8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners |
| Thurs | 10/31 | 8:15 a.m. † Espinoza Lomibao Ranara |
| Fri. | 11/1 | 8:15 p.m. (B) Nuala Benson (SI) Guadalupana Ministry (SI) Sylvia Benavides † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Carrie Ramirez |
| | | 12 Noon (SI) Family of Victor Yanez Sr. |
| | | 6:00 p.m. † Christopher Tofino |
| Sat. | 11/2 | 9:30 a.m. (SI) Josh Diaz † Bob Hovis † Elgin & Genny Schaefer † Secundina Contreras † Teresa Gonzalez Ybarra † Raul Gonzalez Pizano |
| | | 5:30 p.m. † Leissa Sutton † Ted & Margaret Rose † Warren & Shirley Downs † Robert Luera † Charlie & Cookie Canterbury † Ryan Dazzl † Elgin G. Schaefer |
| Sun. | 11/3 | 7:30 a.m. (SI) Nneka & Johnny Rogers (A) Claudio & Martha Corrales (A) Jack & Heather Ybarra † Linda Susan Kneupper † Billy R. Payton † Aubrey Hernandez |
| | | 9:15 a.m. (B) Ray Mendez † Richard Hite † Manuel Gonzales † Genevieve Schaefer |
| | | 11:00 a.m. † Irma Kotanan † Reynold & Alicia Gonzalez |
| | | 1:00 p.m. (SI) Levi Gonzalez (SI) Emanuel Cantú (SI) Fr. Alejandro Ortega (B) Manuel Barajas (B) Mark Montoya (A) Robert & Maria Garcia Gonzalez † Jose Picardo Hernandez † Raul Hernandez |
| | | 3:00 p.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners † Almas del Purgatorio |
| | | 5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners † Belen Yep † Janice Godwin † Joan Cannon |
| | | 7:00 p.m. † Maria Zavala Garcia † Raul Hernandez † Miguel Moreno Ledesma |



Weekly
Offering

COLLECTIONS

October 20th \$ 13,455.50

Online collection \$ 3,123.00

Collection for World Mission \$ 3,758.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 164.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 115.00

November 3rd NO Second Collection

This weeks flowers are donated by the
Arispe Family

for the repose of the soul of:

Jose Arispe IV



Altar Flowers



The Sanctuary Lamp this week is for the
birthday of : **Michael J. Montoya**



Maria Teresa Mata de Martin

It is with a heavy heart to inform you that Maria Teresa (Tere) Mata de Martin was called to her heavenly home on Friday October 18th with her cherished children by her side.

Rosary: Monday October 28, 2024 at 10 am

Followed by Mass: 11:15 am

Per family request colorful attire.

St. Monica Catholic Church

501 North St. Converse, Texas 78109

Internment: Immediately following the Mass

Holy Cross Cemetery

17501 Nacogdoches Rd, San Antonio, TX 78266

Our deepest heartfelt condolences to the family.

May she rest in peace.

It is with deep sorrow to inform you that

Oscar B. Resendez

was called to his heavenly home on Friday October 11th.

His services are as follows.

Rosary: Saturday November 2nd at 9:30 am

Followed by Mass: at 10 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

409 West Krezdorn

Seguin, Texas 78155

Our deepest heartfelt condolences to the family.

May he rest in peace.



November is the Month of Remembrance in the Catholic tradition; A time to remember and pray for deceased loved ones.

If you would like to have the names of your loved ones remembered throughout the month of November, please complete an envelope located at the back of the Church and place them in the collection basket. These names will be placed before the Altar at all Masses throughout the month of November.



Noviembre es el Mes del Recuerdo en la Tradición Católica; Un momento para recordar y orar por los seres queridos fallecidos.

Si desea que se recuerden los nombres de sus seres queridos durante todo el mes de Noviembre, complete un sobre ubicado en la parte trasera de la Iglesia y colóquelos en la canasta de colecta. Estos nombres se colocarán ante el Altar en todas las Misas durante el mes de Noviembre.

The Bereavement Ministry will place an **“Altar for the Dead”**

in the foyer on Sat. Nov. 2nd. You are welcome to bring a picture of your loved ones to honor and remember them.

It will be your responsibility to pick up your loved ones picture on or before Sat. Nov. 30th

Please do not bring any food or alcohol.



El Ministerio de Duelo colocará un **“Altar de los Muertos”**

en el vestíbulo el Sábado, 2 de Noviembre. Lo invitamos a traer una fotografía de sus seres queridos para honrarlos y recordarlos. Será su responsabilidad recoger la foto de sus seres queridos el Sábado, 30 de Nov. o antes.

Por favor no traiga comida ni alcohol.

2024 Angel Tree Registration

Sponsored by **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Eligibility Requirements:

Must Be a Parishioner or Reside in parish boundaries

Children up to 18 of age and a Christmas meal for the entire family.

Registration starts Tuesday October 29th and continue until November 21st

Must have a picture ID and proof of residence ie: water bill, electric bill, lease...

To register: call (210) 658-8791

and leave a message a volunteer member from St. Vincent de Paul will call you back

Applications are also available at the parish office.



Registro para el Árbol de Ángeles 2025

Patrocinado por la Sociedad de **San Vicente de Paul**

Requisitos para Calificar: Debe ser feligres o

Residir en los límites de la parroquia

Niños hasta 18 años y comida navideña para toda la familia.

La inscripción comienza el Martes 29 de Octubre.

y continua hasta el 21 de Noviembre

Debe tener una identificación con fotografía y comprobante de residencia, es decir: factura de agua, factura de electricidad, contrato de arrendamiento...

Para registrarse: llame al (210) 658-8791 y dejar un mensaje a un miembro voluntario de San Vicente de Paúl te devolverá la llamada

También hay solicitudes disponibles en la oficina de la parroquia.

“Pastor’s Voice”**Celebrating Halloween from a Catholic Perspective**

Dearest St. Monica Family,

As Halloween approaches, it is an opportune time to reflect on how we, as Catholics, can approach this popular cultural celebration with faith and discernment. Halloween, derived from "All Hallows' Eve," has historical roots in the Christian tradition as the eve of All Saints' Day, a day when we honor all the saints in heaven. While Halloween has evolved into a secular celebration with costumes and trick-or-treating, it still offers us an opportunity to reflect on spiritual truths and our faith.

Embracing All Saints' Day: All Saints' Day, which follows Halloween on November 1st, invites us to celebrate the lives of the saints—men and women who lived exemplary lives of faith and are now in the presence of God. The saints are our role models and intercessors, guiding us on our journey towards holiness. Just as we celebrate birthdays, we commemorate the "birth into eternal life" of the saints on All Saints' Day. This feast reminds us of our ultimate goal: to be with God in heaven.

Reflecting on the Communion of Saints: The communion of saints, a fundamental belief in Catholic teaching, refers to the spiritual connection and solidarity between the members of the Church on earth (the pilgrim Church), the saints in heaven (the Church triumphant), and the souls undergoing purification in purgatory (the Church suffering). This communion transcends time and space, uniting all believers in Christ. Our celebration of Halloween can be an occasion to deepen our awareness of this communion and to pray for all members of the Church.

Using Costumes and Symbols with Intention: Costumes and symbols associated with Halloween can be approached with intentionality. Just as children dress up as superheroes or characters they admire, costumes can also reflect positive values and ideals. Saints costumes, for example, can teach children about the lives of the saints and inspire them to emulate their virtues. Additionally, symbols like pumpkins, originally associated with the Christian symbol of the light of Christ dispelling darkness, can be used to convey themes of faith and hope.

Praying and Seeking God's Guidance: As we engage in Halloween festivities, let us take time to pray and seek God's guidance. Through prayer, we invite God into our celebrations and ask for His protection and blessing. The Bible encourages us to "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18) and to "do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17). By approaching Halloween with a spirit of gratitude and reverence, we can transform it into a meaningful and enriching experience for our families.

Conclusion: May this Halloween be an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, celebrate the communion of saints, and draw closer to God. Let us use this time to teach our children about the beauty of our Catholic traditions and the importance of living out our faith in every aspect of our lives. Through prayer, reflection, and intentional celebration, may we glorify God and grow in holiness as we journey together as a parish community. God Bless America.

Yours truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

October 26th & 27th, 2024

“Voz del Pastor”**Celebrando Halloween desde una Perspectiva Católica**

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

A medida que se acerca Halloween, es un momento oportuno para reflexionar sobre cómo nosotros, como católicos, podemos abordar esta celebración cultural popular con fe y discernimiento.

Halloween, derivado de "Víspera de Todos los Santos", tiene raíces históricas en la tradición Cristiana como la Víspera del Día de Todos los Santos, un día en el que honramos a todos los Santos en el cielo. Si bien Halloween se ha convertido en una celebración secular con disfraces y truco o trato, todavía nos ofrece la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre las verdades espirituales y nuestra fe.

Abrazando el Día de Todos los Santos: El Día de Todos los Santos, que sigue el Día de Halloween el 1 de Noviembre, nos invita a celebrar las vidas de los santos: hombres y mujeres que vivieron vidas de fe ejemplares y ahora están en la presencia de Dios. Los santos son nuestros modelos e intercesores, guiándonos en nuestro camino hacia la santidad. Así como celebramos los cumpleaños, conmemoramos el "nacimiento a la vida eterna" de los Santos en el Día de Todos los Santos. Esta fiesta nos recuerda nuestro objetivo final: estar con Dios en el cielo.

Reflexionando Sobre la Comunión de los Santos: La comunión de los santos, una creencia fundamental en la enseñanza Católica, se refiere a la conexión espiritual y la solidaridad entre los miembros de la Iglesia en la tierra (la Iglesia peregrina), los santos en el cielo (la Iglesia triunfante), y las almas en proceso de purificación en el purgatorio (la Iglesia sufriendo). Esta comunión trasciende el tiempo y el espacio, uniendo a todos los creyentes en Cristo. Nuestra celebración de Halloween puede ser una ocasión para profundizar nuestra conciencia de esta comunión y orar por todos los miembros de la Iglesia.

Usando Disfraces y Símbolos con Intención: Los disfraces y símbolos asociados con Halloween se pueden abordar con intención. Así como los niños se disfrazan de superhéroes o personajes que admiran, los disfraces también pueden reflejar valores e ideales positivos. Los disfraces de santos, por ejemplo, pueden enseñar a los niños sobre la vida de los santos e inspirarlos a emular sus virtudes. Además, símbolos como las calabazas, originalmente asociados con el símbolo cristiano de la luz de Cristo que disipa la oscuridad, pueden usarse para transmitir temas de fe y esperanza.

Orando y Buscando la Guía de Dios: Mientras participamos en las festividades de Halloween, tomemos tiempo para orar y buscar la guía de Dios. A través de la oración, invitamos a Dios a nuestras celebraciones y pedimos Su protección y bendición. La Biblia nos anima a "dar gracias en todo" (1 Tesalonicenses 5:18) y a "hacer todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús, dando gracias a Dios Padre por medio de él" (Colosenses 3:17). Al acercarnos a Halloween con un espíritu de gratitud y reverencia, podemos transformarlo en una experiencia significativa y enriquecedora para nuestras familias.

Conclusión: Que este Halloween sea una oportunidad para profundizar nuestra fe, celebrar la comunión de los santos y acercarnos más a Dios. Aprovechemos este tiempo para enseñar a nuestros hijos sobre la belleza de nuestras tradiciones Católicas y la importancia de vivir nuestra fe en cada aspecto de nuestras vidas. Que a través de la oración, la reflexión y la celebración intencional, podamos glorificar a Dios y crecer en santidad mientras caminamos juntos como comunidad parroquial. Dios bendiga a América.

Atentamente,

Padre Thumma Prathap

26 y 27 de Octubre, 2024

**GUADALUPANAS UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP/FUNDRAISERS
PROXIMAS COMPANERISMOS / RECAUDACION DE FONDOS DE GUADALUPANAS**

Sat. October 26th & Sun. October 27th
Bake / Craft Sale after all Masses
Sponsored by the Guadalupanas



Sab., 26 de Octubre y Domingo, 27 de Octubre
Venta de Pasteles y Artesanías después de las misas
Patrocinado por las Guadalupanas

Only Sunday 27th after 7:30 & 9:15 am Mass
Guadalupanas will be selling Menudo
in to-go cups: 16 oz - \$5.00 & 32 oz - \$10

Solamente el 27 de Octubre después de las misas
de 7:30 am y 9:15 am
Guadalupanas estarán vendiendo Menudo en vasos
desechables para llevar, 16 oz.- \$5 y 32 oz - \$10

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:



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!

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!

On Tuesday October 22nd, Carrera Antorcha Guadalupeana made her yearly visit to St. Monica. She was greeted by many including the school children who came out and also enjoyed her visit.



El Martes 22 de Octubre, Carrera Antorcha Guadalupeana realizó su visita anual a Santa Mónica. Fue recibida por muchos incluidos los niños de la escuela que asistieron y también disfrutaron de su visita.

A big THANK YOU to the Guadalupanas for providing the organizers and runners a much needed continental breakfast and a warm welcome.

MUCHAS GRACIAS a la Guadalupanas por proporcionar a los organizadores y corredores un muy necesitado desayuno continental y una cálida bienvenida.



St. Monica Catholic School

Dragon Tales



2024-2025 School Year

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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

www.hopeforthefuture.org



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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
— ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO —

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 1° a 8° 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.

You still have a few days to enjoy the Pumpkin Patch
Aún te quedan unos días para disfrutar del Pumpkin Patch



ST MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PUMPKIN PATCH

October 17-31

11 am-8 pm

Pick your pumpkin

Pumpkin Patch located in field by School side parking lot

**HUERTA DE CALABASAS DE
LA ESCUELA CATOLICA DE SANTA MONICA**
17-31 de Octubre, 11am - 8pm: Escoja su Calabaza
La Huerta estará en el campo del estacionamiento del lado de la Escuela



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Do you have questions about the Pictorial Directory? Are you having problems logging in to the site? We will be happy to help you!

Please contact us:

Directory@saintmonicaconverse.net

Since this is a secure site, we will need to enter your email directly. - Send us your current email with your name
- We will send you information on how to participate

We will be also be available after all Masses the weekend of October 26/27 to give further information and assistance. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their beautiful pictures!



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, debería haber recibido información sobre el directorio y cómo participar Si no recibió esta información, por favor consulte uno de los representantes después de misa y recoja una hoja informativa. También puede enviarnos un correo electrónico para recibir información o cualquier duda que tenga: 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!

Don't go out for lunch instead support St. Monica ACTS Ministry

The **ACTS Ministry** will be selling a hamburger and hotdog combo (chips and drink included) on Sun., Nov. 10! **This great deal is only \$12.**

Tickets will be pre-sold after the Nov. 2-3 masses. Meals can be **picked up Sun. Nov. 10th** from 11 am -3 pm in the church parking lot. In addition, ACTS will be drawing for several amazing Getaways at 3pm on November 10! Get your tickets to have a chance at one of four great weekend stays, including a weekend at the Onni- Corpus Christi with a \$100 gas card! Tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale through Nov 10. All proceeds go to support the ACTS Ministry. Please use our QR code to purchase tickets online. For more information contact Giselle Zamago at gzamago@yahoo.com



El **Ministerio ACTS** venderá un combo de hamburguesa y hot dog (papas fritas y bebida incluidas) el Domingo, 10 de Noviembre.

Esta gran oferta cuesta solo \$12.

Las entradas se venderán por adelantado después de las misas del 2 y 3 de Noviembre. Las comidas **se pueden recoger el Domingo, 10 de Nov.** de 11 a 3 pm en el estacionamiento de la iglesia. Además, ACTS sorteará varias escapadas increíbles a las 3:00 pm el 10 de Noviembre. ¡Obtenga sus entradas para tener la oportunidad de disfrutar de una de las cuatro fantásticas estadias de fin de semana, incluido un fin de semana en Onni-Corpus Christi con una tarjeta de gasolina de \$100! Las boletos de rifa cuestan \$10 cada una y estarán a la venta hasta el 10 de Noviembre. Todas las ganancias se destinarán a apoyar al Ministerio ACTS. Utilice nuestro código QR para comprar entradas en línea. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Giselle Zamago: atgzamago@yahoo.com



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The Knights of Columbus are asking our parish community to donate canned and dry food items that will be used to make up Thanksgiving Food Baskets for needy families in our area! area! With your help, we will gather all the staples for a great Thanksgiving dinner and assemble them into food baskets to be distributed before Thanksgiving. The Knights will provide the turkeys! Please pick up a few of the items listed below and bring them to the collection bins located in the foyer from this weekend through November 11 to help us with this effort. We need the following items:



Corn, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Chicken Stock, Yams, Cranberries, Drinks & Cake Mixes, etc.

Collection bins will be located in the church foyer to receive your donations every week through November 17.

Thank you for your support of those in need and **Happy Thanksgiving!**



¡Los Caballeros de Colón están pidiendo a nuestra comunidad parroquial que done alimentos enlatados y secos que se utilizarán para preparar las canastas de alimentos de Acción de Gracias para las familias necesitadas de nuestra área! Con su ayuda,

reuniremos todos los alimentos básicos para una excelente cena de Acción de Gracias y los reuniremos en canastas de alimentos que se distribuirán antes del Día de Acción de Gracias. ¡Los Caballeros proporcionarán los pavos! Recoja algunos de los artículos que se enumeran a continuación y tráigalos a los contenedores de recolección ubicados en el vestíbulo desde este fin de semana hasta el 11 de noviembre para ayudarnos con este esfuerzo. Necesitamos los siguientes elementos:

Maíz, Frijoles Verdes, Puré de Papa, Relleno, Salsa "Gravy", Caldo de Pollo, Batatas, Arándanos, Mezclas para Bebidas y Pasteles, etc.

Los contenedores de recolección estarán ubicados en el vestíbulo de la iglesia para recibir sus donaciones todas las semanas hasta el 17 de Noviembre. ¡Gracias por su apoyo a los necesitados

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 . With just under 3 months left for the 2024 appeal, St Monica has not yet passed the 100% goal. We are at 79 % with 433 families donating. Since we have over 1800 families in our parish, this is a bit disheartening, but I know the Lord will provide. I invite each of you who is still considering donating to join the Archbishop in providing for those in need. This includes ministries like Catholic Television that brings the mass to those who are home bound, a criminal justice ministry to help those who are incarcerated, the Guadalupe community center which provides after school care and a summer youth program for those who couldn't afford it otherwise, the youth and young adult ministries...and so many more. Along with the Archbishop and Fr Thumma, I urge you to consider donating just \$60 to help ensure these ministries and so many more continue to be available to all in our Archdiocese. May God Bless you, your family, our parish and our Archdiocese. 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. Cuando quedan poco menos de 3 meses para la apelación de 2024, Santa Mónica aún no ha superado la meta del 100%. Estamos al 79% con 433 familias donando. Dado que tenemos más de 1800 familias en nuestra parroquia, esto es un poco desalentador, pero sé que el Señor proveerá. Invito a cada uno de ustedes que todavía está considerando donar a unirse al Arzobispo para ayudar a los necesitados. Esto incluye ministerios como Televisión Católica que lleva la misa a quienes están confinados en sus hogares, un ministerio de justicia penal para ayudar a quienes están encarcelados, el centro comunitario de Guadalupe que brinda cuidado después de la escuela y un programa juvenil de verano para quienes no pueden pagarlo. de lo contrario, los ministerios de jóvenes y adultos jóvenes... y muchos más. Junto con el Arzobispo y el Padre Thumma, les insto a que consideren donar sólo \$60 para ayudar a garantizar que estos ministerios y muchos más sigan estando disponibles para todos en nuestra Arquidiócesis. Que Dios lo bendiga a usted, a su familia, a nuestra parroquia y a nuestra Arquidiócesis.. ¡Visite

Christian Initiation Corner

October

Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change; of closeness to God and distance from him. Yet God the Father's love is steadfast and ever-present to those who seek with a sincere heart, no matter what sins or situations have caused separation. If you have thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new "season" in your life, please contact Timo Zepeda rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net



Please pray for all our Catechumen and Candidates...

Christian Initiation Corner

Octubre

Nuestras vidas a veces pasan por temporadas de cambio; de cercanía a Dios y distancia de él. Sin embargo, el amor de Dios nuestro Padre es firme y siempre presente para aquellos que buscan con un corazón sincero, sin importar qué pecados o situaciones han causado separación. Si ha pensado en convertirse en Católico y comenzar una nueva "temporada" en su vida, contacte a Bertha Castellanos rica@saintmonicaconverse.net

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Need Baptismal Preparation Class?

Parents & Godparents must attend a baptismal 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.

Planning a Quinceañera?

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 Quinceañera?

Estos son los requisitos: Feligrés de Santa Mónica Ha sido bautizada y ha recibido el sacramento de la primera comunión. Ha hecho la confirmación o está en clases de educación religiosa. Póngase en contacto con la oficina con al menos 6 meses de anticipación para asegurar la fecha y la hora. Ten en cuenta que habrá un ensayo uno o dos días antes del evento. Por favor, póngase en contacto con el Diácono David en la oficina parroquial para cualquier otra pregunta o inquietud.



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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.

