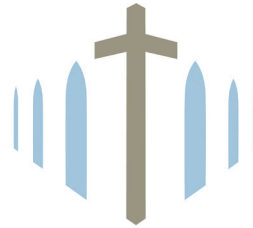


AUGUST 7, 2016



ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

9933 Midway Road, Dallas, Texas 75220

214-358-1453 • Fax: 214-351-1887

www.stmonicachurch.org



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WELCOME TO ST. MONICA CHURCH!

We are pleased to have visitors join us in worship and we invite you to become active registered parishioners. Registration forms can be found in the vestibule, at the Parish Office, and online.

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am,
11:00 am, 12:30 pm,
2:00 pm (español), 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass Times

6:45 am, 8:00 am M-F
8:00 am Saturdays
First Fridays 5:30 pm
Primer viernes del mes 7:00 pm

Childcare for 11:00 am Mass

Ages: 12-months to 4-years
No Cost
Room 114 Family Center
St. Monica Women's Ministry

Reconciliation • Reconciliación

Saturday/Sábado
3:30-4:30 pm • 6:30-7:00 pm

Baptism • Bautismo

Third Saturday of each month at 10:00 am
Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparation class offered on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. Call the Faith Formation Office to register.

Tercer sábado de cada mes a las 3:00 pm
Padres y Padrinos deben asistir a una clase de preparación que se ofrecen los primeros sábados de mes a la 1:00 pm. Llame a la Oficina de Ministerio Hispano.

Marriage • Matrimonio

Contact a priest or deacon at least six months before the planned marriage date. Llame a un Sacerdote o Diacono por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda.

Helplines • Línea de Ayuda

St. Vincent de Paul serves the poor or distressed on an emergency basis. 972-994-1121 (confidential) Volunteers contact: info@stmonicasvdp.org

Stephen Ministry helps those experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or another life crisis. 214-914-2802 (confidential)

Bulletin Deadline

Monday at 12:00 noon • Submit notices in writing to ecooper@stmonicachurch.org.

Parish Staff

Fr. Stephen W. Bierschenk

Pastor - x 7107

Fr. Iñigo Lopez

Parochial Vicar - x 7112

Fr. Edwin Leonard

Vocation Director (in residence)

Monsignor John F. Meyers

Pastor Emeritus

Deacons

Abel Cortes

Bob Marrinan

Larry Lucido

Brian Mitchell

St. Monica Church Office

Main: (214) 358-1453 • Fax: (214) 351-1887

Hours: M-F 9:00-5:00 • Sunday 10:00-2:00

Parish Secretary x 7453

Faby Gomez

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Debbie Diaz

Database Manager x 7111

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Volunteer Coordinator x 7173

Maria E. Juarez-Plank

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Shavana Lopez

Bookkeeper x 7102

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Jason Trujillo

Coordinator of Youth Evangelization x 7106

Maria Jones

Director of Communications x 7142

Erin Cooper

Music Ministry

Director of Music x 7101

Jeremy Wirths

Director Youth Music x 7103

Emmanuel Espiritu

Organist (9:30 & 11:00 Mass)

Guillermo "Will" Martinez

Faith Formation

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Director of Faith Formation x 7132

Mariangela Byrne

Administrative Assistant x 7549

Eldie Diaz

Marriage Ministry Coordinator x 7164

Coordinadora de Matriomonios

Martha Gonzalez

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Phil Riley, Principal

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From the Pastor

There was once a blacksmith who worked hard at his trade. The day came for him to die. God sent his angel to the smith, but to the angel's surprise, the smith refused to go. He pleaded with the angel that he was the only blacksmith in the village and it was time for all his neighbors to begin their planting and sowing. He would be needed. The blacksmith did not want to appear to be ungrateful and was looking forward to having a place in God's kingdom, but could he put it off for a while? The angel went and made the blacksmith's case before God. And God agreed. Sometime later, after the harvest, the angel returned to bring the blacksmith to heaven. But again the smith requested that his return to God be delayed. "A neighbor of mine is seriously ill and it's time for the harvest. A number of us are trying to save his crops so that his family won't be destitute. Please tell God I am grateful for his blessings to me. But could you come for me later?" And the angel returned to heaven.

Well, it got to be a pattern. Every time the angel would come to bring the faithful blacksmith to heaven, the smith would shake his head and explain to the angel that he was still needed by someone on earth. Finally, the blacksmith grew very old and weary and so he prayed to God to send his angel to bring him to heaven. Immediately the angel appeared. "If you still want to take me home, I'm ready to live forever in God's kingdom." The angel laughed and looked at the blacksmith with delight and surprise. "Where do you think you have been all these years?" (Keith Wagner, *Do You Have a Backup Plan?*)

We hear every day about someone who has died. It is a natural part of our human experience, because we were created to be with God in a place he prepares for us, and that place is not here. Often, when someone leaves this world we are not surprised

because of their age or the condition of their health. But, think how often a death is unexpected – someone young and strong is taken or someone loses their hold on life because of violence or an accident.

As we listen to the gospel passage today, Jesus warns us to make sure we are always ready to be called home, even when it is at a time we do not expect. It seems logical. After all, we are planners. We have bandages and ointment ready in the First Aid Kit, just in case there is an accident. We have a spare tire for that moment when our tire loses its battle with the streets of Dallas. We save money and make plans for some important occasion we know is coming. But, whether we are young or old, at the peak of health or struggling along, we are always like the blacksmith, expecting that our time to stand before God is delayed in coming. We hope to be ready, just not today.

The invitation of Jesus is that we be like the conscientious, hard-working servant, doing what is expected all the time. It can become our life's habit. When someone asks for our help, our decision to give them the gift of our time and attention becomes the habit of generosity. When we are offended or treated unfairly, our decision to forgive and move on, our gentle spirit becomes the way we always deal with such unavoidable situations. As we move through the week continuing the prayerful spirit of our short time at worship, or open the Bible to reflect each day on what God has to tell us, or decide that today we will welcome each person as a brother or sister in Christ, we discover something important. The key to being ready for that moment when we leave this world to live forever with God is not discovered in long-range planning. If we do our best to live with him today, we will be ready.

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

Backpack Blessing! As a new year begins, students are invited to bring their backpacks for a special blessing at all Masses next weekend - August 13th and 14th.

The **PAIN prayer group** will be meeting in Family Center Room 211 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm on August 10th. If you are in pain and would like us to pray with you - join us. If you would like to pray with others who are in pain - join us.

USED UNIFORM SALE!! The St. Monica School Used Uniform Sale will be held in the cafeteria on Friday, August 12th from 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Donations will be accepted Thursday, August 11th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the cafeteria. For questions, email Cathy Corrales at cmc_lastone@hotmail.com.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or do you know someone who is? If so, invite them to sign up for RCIA, the process of conversion to the Catholic Church. RCIA classes will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm starting September 12th. Our classes are for those who have not been baptized, were baptized in another faith tradition, or were baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Participants may also audit the class. If interested, visit our website or call the parish office at: [214.357.8549](tel:214.357.8549).

Consider joining our adult choir! Choir is a great way to make new friends and serve the St. Monica community. Our choir is a friendly, inviting group and we hope to welcome you this fall. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. New singers are needed in all sections. Our first week of regular rehearsal will be Wednesday, August 17 at 7:30 pm in the Church. Join us! Questions? Contact Jeremy Wirths at jwirths@stmonicachurch.org.

New Handbell Ringers Needed! We need new ringers for our Adult Handbell Choir. Training is provided and will be scheduled with you either individually or in a group. Rehearsals are held Sunday afternoons at 5:00 pm. The first rehearsal is Sunday, September 11th. Trainings will be scheduled before the first rehearsal. Questions? Contact Jeremy Wirths at jwirths@stmonicachurch.org.

A **FREE Singing Class** for adults will be offered on Wednesdays from 7:00-7:45 pm in the Church, beginning September 7th. Anyone interested in improving singing skills is invited to join the class to learn about singing and music-reading. You are not obligated to join the choir to participate in the class. Meetings will run from September 7th until October 26th. Questions? Contact Jeremy Wirths at jwirths@stmonicachurch.org.

Stewardship
07-31-2016
 Regular - \$35,300
 SVDP - \$14,720
Total Mass Attendance
07-31-2016
 3,109

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 7

8:00 am..... Priest's Intention
 9:30 am..... Priest's Intention
 11:00 am..... Priest's Intention
 12:30 pm Priest's Intention
 2:00 pm Priest's Intention
 5:00 pm..... Priest's Intention

Monday, August 8

6:45 am..... Ray Smith † by DeMetrovich Family
 8:00 am..... Dr. Enrique Borrego † by E. Prince

Tuesday, August 9

6:45 am..... Francine Myers † by John Mullen
 8:00 am..... PTO Mass

Wednesday, August 10

6:45 am..... James Edward Wallace †
 by Jina & Mary Anderson
 8:00 am..... For Religious Vocations

Thursday, August 11

6:45 am..... Leahy & Jenkins Families by Terry Jenkins
 8:00 am..... Jorge Espinoza

Friday, August 12

6:45 am..... Jim Felling † by Berta Montes
 8:00 am..... PTO Mass

Saturday, August 13

8:00 am..... Frances Miramontes †
 by Walter & Joan Minigutti
 5:00 pm..... Manuel & Estella Prince † by Daughter

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for teachers preparing for the upcoming school year.

For Our Sick

To request a name to appear, please contact the parish office or complete a green prayer request card (found on tables at the back of church) and place the card in an offering basket.

Lorenzo ²	Tony Chavira ²
Zach ²	Jessica Martinez ²
Ilda Manriquez ¹	Victor Hurtado ³
Rudy Chavira ²	

Names will appear for 3 weeks. The numbers after the names begin at 3 and count down and are intended to help those who make requests.



The young church at St. Monica is growing, and we need your help! We are looking for adults to mentor the youth as small group leaders.

Visit www.L1FTministry.org/volunteercentral for more information and to sign up.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

ALL St. Monica volunteers are required to attend an annual Safe Environment Training. (Badges expire every July.)

For the 2016 training schedule, visit stmonicachurch.org/about-us/safe-environment/training-schedule/

RETURNING VOLUNTEERS

Choose a **Local Trafficking** class to attend

NEW VOLUNTEERS

Choose a **Family of Faith** class to attend

News & Events

St. Monica Works Ministry is the parish Business and Professional Networking organization where people connect to develop business together. This month's meeting is on Thursday, August 18th in the lower lounge of the Family Center. Come tell others about your product, service or profession and learn about theirs the on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Meet with other faith minded individuals between 7:30 am and 8:00 am for coffee, donuts and networking. A lively meeting follows from 8:00 to 9:00 am. For more information, call [214-707-3726](tel:214-707-3726) or visit www.stmonicaworks.org. Come and improve your business.

The Dominican community of St. Albert Priory invites the public to participate in its **Solemn Vespers for St. Dominic**. The event will take place on Monday, August 8, at 7 p.m., in the Dominican Priory (3150 Vince Hagan Dr., Irving). Refreshments will be served afterwards. The Vespers service is part of a series of celebrations the priory is hosting during the Dominicans' eighth centennial year. A fourth and final Vespers liturgy is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, the Feast of St. Martin de Porres. All are welcome.

Release your Grief...

IT'S A NEW DAY

St. Monica Grief Support Ministry

Have you suffered the loss of a loved one?
St. Monica is now registering for the Grief Support Ministry.

Sessions begin
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
7pm-9pm.

For more information or to register, contact Maria Juarez-Plank at 214-366-7173 or mplank@stmonicachurch.org or Jim Einspanier at 214-914-2802 or jeinspanier@navigationfinancial.com.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Does your marriage need a "break" in its routine lifestyle? Do you want more "sparkle and glow" in your marriage? Do you want to feel that "original romance" you had in your dating weekend and learn ways to renew your marriage. **Learn more and Apply now at: dfwme.org/apply or call 469-535-2044**



When: 8/19-21/2016
Where: Hilton Garden Inn, Las Colinas

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

August 13 at 5:00 pm
Derek & Jeanne Howell

August 14 at 8:00 am
Guadalupe & Lupe Del Angel

August 14 at 9:30 am
Bernard & Maureen Clements
Terry Jenkins

August 14 at 11:00 am
Paul & Kris Vetter

August 14 at 12:30 pm
Maricela Lara

August 14 at 5:00 pm
Richard & Madeline Florkowski

Noticias y Eventos



Actividades de
Verano

CLAUSURA

Domingo, 14 Agosto - 3 pm
Cafetería de la Escuela

¡Obras, bailes, comida y mas!

Talleres de Oración y Vida “El Señor, que te ama, le habla a tu corazón, El sana y reconforta tu alma, te inunda de Amor, de Paz y de Bien.” La nueva sesión de Talleres de Oración y Vida ya inicio y son todos los lunes de 6:30 pm a 8:30 pm en el Salón de Arte del edificio McManus. Vengan aprender a orar para que en su diario vivir lleve un continuo dialogo con el Señor. Las clases no tienen costo, son solo para personas mayores de 18 años. Para más información por favor comuníquese con Juan Martínez al [214-240-3913](tel:214-240-3913).

Clausura de Verano El próximo domingo, 14 de Agosto les invitamos a celebrar la clausura de las actividades de verano del 2016. Tendremos, comida, música, exposiciones, Ballet Folklorico y más sorpresas para toda la familia. Venga a mostrar su apoyo y amor a los niños que participaron en alguna de las actividades del verano. La celebración se llevara a cabo en la Cafetería de la Escuela después de la Misa de 2pm. el domingo 14 de Agosto. ¡Los esperamos!

Cáliz Familiar Únase a orar por las vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas a través del programa del Cáliz Familiar. Se llevara un cáliz a su hogar por una semana para rezar por las vocaciones. También se les dará un librito con oraciones para que rece con su familia. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

Reunion padres de estudiantes de primera comunión y confirmación
Si su hijo/a va a recibir el sacramento de Primera Comunión y/o Confirmación en este próximo año escolar, debe asistir a la reunión de Padres que se llevara a cabo el sábado 20 de Agosto, en la Cafetería de la Escuela. La reunión será de 9am. a 12pm. Es solo para adultos. Para más información por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial, [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

RICA ¿Qué es Rica? RICA – Rito de Iniciación para Cristianos Adultos. Si es una persona adulta y le gustaría recibir los sacramentos de Bautismo, Primera Comunión y/o Confirmación les invitamos considerar las clases de RICA (Rito de Iniciación para Cristianos Adultos). Este programa inicia el mes de septiembre y termina en Pascua del 2017. Las clases también son para aquellos adultos que quieran seguir creciendo y conociendo más de la fe católica. Para más información por favor comuníquese a las Oficinas Parroquiales [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).



2016
PROGRAMA
DE
AMBIENTE
SEGURO

¡ATENCIÓN TODO VOLUNTARIO!

Los voluntarios deben de comunicarse con Shavana Lopez a slopez@stmonicachurch.org para completar su entrevista y revisión de antecedentes y asistir a la clase de Familia de Fe.

Para más información llame a las oficinas Parroquiales. Santa Mónica se preocupa por la seguridad de los más vulnerables. Gracias por su cooperación.

*Libérate de tu
dolor...*

ES UN
NUEVO DÍA

Ministerio de Apoyo
para
Luto y Duelo
Parroquia Santa
Mónica

Las sesiones de grupo le apoyan
para seguir con su vida después
de la pérdida de un ser querido.

El programa se iniciará el martes 27
de septiembre 2016.

Para más información
comuníquese al
214-854-1676 o 469-733-3925.

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

Para llevarse el Cáliz llame
al (214) 358-1453

14 de Agosto
Familia Venegas

21 de Agosto
Familia Mireles

28 de Agosto
Familia Catalan



De El Pastor

Había una vez un herrero que trabajaba duro en su oficio. Llegó el día en que murió. Dios envió su Ángel al herrero pero para sorpresa del ángel, el herrero se reusó a irse. Alego con el ángel que él era el único herrero en el pueblo y era tiempo de la siembra y plantación para sus vecinos. Lo necesitarían. El herrero no quería verse como mal agradecido, y añoraba tener un lugar en el Reino de Dios, pero, ¿podría esperar por algún tiempo? El Ángel fue a presentar su caso a Dios. Dios estuvo de acuerdo. Un tiempo después de la cosecha, el Ángel regreso para llevarse al herrero al cielo. Pero nuevamente, le pidió que se esperara. “Mi vecino está gravemente enfermo y es tiempo de cosecha. Un grupo de personas estamos tratando de salvar su cosecha para que su familia no quede destituida. Por favor dile a Dios que agradezco sus bendiciones, pero, ¿podrías venir por mi después?” El Ángel regreso al cielo.

Bueno, llego hacerse un patrón. Cada vez que el Ángel venia para llevarse al fiel herrero al cielo, el herrero meneaba su cabeza y le explicaba al Ángel que aún era necesitado por alguien en la tierra. Finalmente, el herrero estaba viejo y cansado y le pedía a Dios que enviara su Ángel por él para ir al cielo. Inmediatamente el Ángel apareció. “Si aún quieres llevarme a casa estoy listo para vivir por siempre en el Reino de Dios.” Él se rio y vio al herrero con deleite y sorpresa. “¿Dónde crees que has estado todos estos años?” (Keith Wagner, *Do You Have a Backup Plan?*)

Todos los días escuchamos de alguien que fallece. Es una parte natural de nuestra experiencia humana, porque fuimos creados para estar con Dios en un lugar que ha preparado para nosotros y ese lugar no es aquí. A menudo, no nos sorprende cuando alguien se va de este mundo por su edad o su condición de salud. Pero, piensa que tan a menudo la muerte es inesperada- alguien joven y fuerte

se va o alguien pierde su vida por violencia o un accidente.

Al escuchar el pasaje del evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos advierte que debemos siempre estar listos para cuando nos llame a casa, aun cuando es un tiempo que no esperemos. Se ve lógico. Después de todo nos gusta planear. Tenemos curitas, aceites listos en el botiquín de Primeros Auxilios, en caso de accidentes. Tenemos una llanta extra para el momento que se truene la otra en las calles de Dallas. Ahorramos dinero y hacemos planes para ocasiones importantes que sabemos que se aproximan. Aunque seamos jóvenes o viejos, con salud o sufriendo, siempre somos como el herrero esperando que nuestro tiempo para estar frente a Dios tarde en venir. Esperamos estar listos, pero no ahora.

La invitación de Jesús es ser como el sirviente consiente y trabajador, haciendo lo que es requerido todo el tiempo. Puede llegar a ser nuestro hábito de vida. Cuando alguien pide nuestra ayuda, nuestra decisión de darles el regalo de nuestro tiempo y atención llega a ser un hábito de generosidad. Cuando nos ofenden o nos tratan injustamente, nuestra decisión de perdonar y seguir adelante, nuestro espíritu gentil llega a ser el camino que siempre usamos para enfrentar a tales situaciones inevitables. Al transcurrir la semana continuando en nuestro espíritu de oración en nuestro cortó tiempo de adoración, o abrimos la Biblia para reflexionar cada día en lo que Dios tiene que decimos o decidimos que aceptaremos a todas las personas como nuestros hermanos en Cristo, descubrimos que algo es importante. La llave a estar listos para el momento que nos vallamos de este mundo y vivamos para siempre con Dios no se descubre planeándolo con tiempo. Si hoy hacemos lo posible de vivir bien con él estamos listos.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk