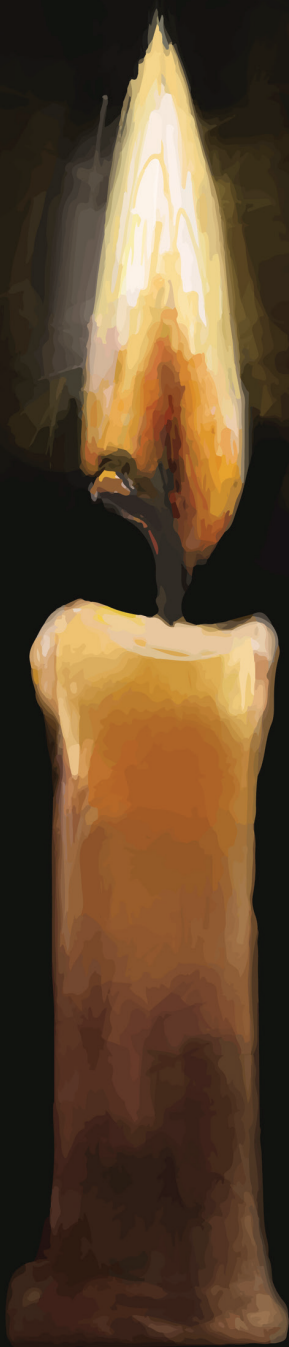
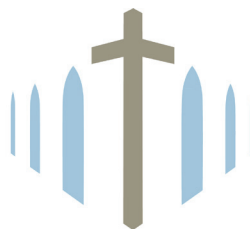


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FEBRUARY 5, 2017



ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

9933 Midway Road, Dallas, Texas 75220

214-358-1453 • Fax: 214-351-1887

www.stmonicachurch.org



Search for "St. Monica Church Dallas" in the app store.

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

Business Manager x 7176

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Shavana Lopez

Bookkeeper x 7102

Jared Wirths

Director of Youth Ministry x 7106

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

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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 Matrimonios

Martha Gonzalez

Ministerio Hispano

Main: (214) 357-8549 • Fax: (214) 351-1887

Director of Hispanic Ministry x 7131

Maria M. Gonzalez-Rocha

St. Monica School

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Phil Riley, Principal

www.stmonicaschool.org

From the Pastor

There was an old man who lived too long and had become cynical about life. One day he was walking down the beach when he noticed a little boy in front of him. As he got closer, he discovered what the boy was doing. The boy was picking up starfish off the beach and throwing them back into the ocean. The man walked up to the child and said, "What are you doing?" The boy smiled and said, "I am saving starfish." "But," said the old man, "the beach goes on for miles and miles and there are thousands of starfish. What difference does it make?" The little boy reached down, picked up another starfish, tossed it into the ocean, and simply said, "Well, it just made a difference to that one."

In today's gospel, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." As we think about it, we rarely find our self in the dark. We can flip a switch and light fills a room. We start the engine of our car and the lights come on if they are needed. Even in a momentary darkness, all we have to do is pull out our phone and the light of the screen will cast a dim light around us.

But, there is still much darkness in the world. Someone gives in to their anger and speaks terrible words that hurt another, and those words cannot be called back and the pain lives in the darkness of the memory of that moment. Someone sits there in a crowd, but no one knows them, or they don't seem to fit in, and as they are ignored and left isolated, it is as if they were not visible because they blend into the dark background. Someone is suffering, or obviously upset, and

since we do not know the words to say to make everything better, we say nothing and leave them in the darkness of their solitude.

Jesus does not make overcoming the darkness a group activity. He is clear. "YOU are the light of the world." Each of us is personally responsible for shining the light of his love into the darkness around us. When a child is demanding our full attention and we are too busy, we light the way to their experiencing how much they are loved as we stop and act as if the whole world revolves around them for a moment. It does not take much effort to say "Hello" to someone we do not know and welcome them to church or a meeting, and we may be lighting the way to a new friendship. We may have a neighbor who is all alone or a friend who just lost a loved one, and we can turn an everyday meal into a celebration of their importance as we invite them to come share the light of our family's love for one another.

There is darkness in the world, and we don't have the power to change everything for the better. But, we can do something that makes a difference. Every unexpected act of kindness, a smile given to a stranger, a word of encouragement or comfort does not have the power to overcome all the troubles around us. But, it makes a difference to the one who receives our simple gift. We make it possible for the light of God's love to shine into their life more brightly.

— Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

L1FT, the youth ministry and Confirmation program at St. Monica, will not meet this weekend (February 5).

Join us for a presentation on the most commonly asked questions about the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** with Fr. Edward Bentley, LC in the Church on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 pm. Fr. Bentley will also address the history and significance of the sacrament. For more information, call the Office of Faith Formation at [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30 pm in the Lower Lounge of the Family Center. This month our program will be on the Circle of Love. All Catholic women over 18 years old are encouraged to join us. This ministry offers various ways to serve the community and make some lasting friendships along the way. Questions? Contact Kristin Buehler at CDA2478@gmail.com or [214-621-1060](tel:214-621-1060).

St. Monica Dads Club is hosting a **Gala Underwriting Sponsorship Party** on Saturday, February 11th at 7 pm to provide details about sponsorship opportunities for St. Monica School's annual gala, which is scheduled for April. Contact Russ Oonk at [214-549-9932](tel:214-549-9932) or roonk@acs-repair.com to RSVP.

Get sweets for your sweetie at the **Catholic Daughters annual Bake Sale!** The Catholic Daughters will host a bake sale after all Masses next weekend, February 11th and 12th. You won't want to miss it! There will be cakes, pies, breads, brownies, cookies and candies in all flavors and sizes.

All couples engaged to be married are invited to a day workshop focused faith and finances, communication, Church's teachings on sexuality in Marriage, and the Sacramentality of marriage. This workshop will be provided by the Theology of the Body Evangelization Team and will be held on Saturday, February 11, beginning at 8 am in Family Center Room 201. To register, visit our website under Marriage Preparation.

Catholic Radio on the **Guadalupe Radio Network is hosting a raffle!** Enter for a chance to win a 2017 Chevy Camaro by purchasing raffle tickets for \$25 each or 5 for \$100. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. A representative from the GRN will be present at St. Monica Parish on February 12th and have tickets for sale after all Masses. For more information, email davepalmer@grnonline.com.

First Communion and Confirmation Dress/Suit Resale

The event will be held on Saturday, February 18 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Second grade and 8th grade parents are invited to shop the resale and buy gently used (likely worn twice) dresses and suits at a discount. To sell a First Communion or Confirmation dress or suit (proceeds will be donated), drop off Friday, February 17 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Questions? Contact Melinda at melinda@hartnettlawfirm.com or call [214-557-7948](tel:214-557-7948).

Catfish, shrimp, fries, hush puppies, ceviche, mac and cheese, cole slaw, kids cheese pizza, all coming your way come Friday evenings during lent. All of this prepared and served by the Culinary Team of the Knights of Columbus. Join your fellow parishioners for fellowship and plain old fun every Friday evening during lent. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Adorers are needed to sit with Jesus for one hour on Thursday from 10:00 am - 11:00 am Thursdays and Fridays from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. To sign up, contact Margie at adore10397@sbcglobal.net.

Stewardship

01-29-2016

Regular - \$43,209

Latin America - \$5,228

Total Mass Attendance

01-29-2016

3,369

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 5

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, February 6

6:45 am..... For Religious Vocations
8:00 am..... Alice Quirk † by Flo Halovanic

Tuesday, February 7

6:45 am..... Mary Burgess † by Helen Johnson
8:00 am..... William Edward Walker † by PTO

Wednesday, February 8

6:45 am..... Lourdes Perea † by A.J. Montoto Bilbao
8:00 am..... Mia Rich O'Malley †
by John & Marilyn Ropollo

Thursday, February 9

6:45 am..... In thanksgiving for Jenner Hidalgo
8:00 am..... Royz Meza by Flores Family

Friday, February 10

6:45 am..... For Canary & Madden Families
8:00 am..... Jeffrey Don McEver †
Edwin Lewis McEver, Jr †
Billy Franklin Risinger † by PTO

Saturday, February 11

8:00 am..... Sheila Madden by Mary Melle
5:00 pm..... Susan Longoria † by Rudy Longoria

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Rudy Guerra, Sr. †

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.

Ramon Horta²

Zack²

Jose Rangel²

Esther²

Lorenzo²

Jessica Martinez²

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.

For Our Departed

Sally Reilly



MY JOURNEY TO GOD WITH ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

FEATURING AUTHOR

Susan Conroy

FEBRUARY
27 | 7-9 PM
IN THE CHURCH | ADMISSION IS
FREE

For more information, call the Office of
Faith Formation at 214.357.8549.



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News & Events

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!!!

The St. Monica School Endowment Trust congratulates St. Monica School faculty and staff for providing an academically excellent and faith-filled education for the students attending St. Monica Catholic School. The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year was, *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service*. The St. Monica community has embraced that theme for over 60 years and experienced much success.

The Endowment Trustees are honored to play a role in helping maintain the quality of education by providing financial support for school activities and projects. The Endowment also manages a number of scholarship funds which help parents afford the excellent education offered at SMS.

We thank all of the St. Monica parishioners who have supported the Endowment Trust. Your generosity and commitment to Catholic education have made it possible for us to continue to provide funds for both academic and facility improvements as well as scholarship assistance for our school families. If you would like to learn more about the St. Monica Endowment Trust and how you can play a role in continuing the legacy through a one-time donation, annual contributions, or by remembering the Trust in your estate planning, please contact Nancy Poinatte at endowment@stmonicaschool.org or by phone at 214-893-5710.

John Paul II High School will host an information night for families wishing to learn more about joining the Cardinal Family. Join us on campus at 900 Coit Road in Plano on February 15 at 6:30 pm. Come meet students, parents, and staff members, and discover all that a JPIIHS education has to offer.

Contemplative Outreach presents a one-day conference on *The Divine Relationship: Far Away, So Close* on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at St Joseph Catholic Church in Richardson. A paradox of the divine relationship we all have with God is that it's typically far away and so close at the same time. Kess Frey, lecturer and author, will discuss three types of consciousness in which we may experience the divine relationship. Join us for this fascinating lecture where he explores the how and why of this paradox and how we may grow closer to God through our practice of contemplative prayer. Early registration is \$25. Program details and online registration are available at www.cellofpeace.com/workshops. Additional information available at 972-722-6029 or CPDallas@CellOfPeace.com.



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9,495 hours

of service beyond the boundaries of
St. Monica since we launched
Faith in Action!

Log hours at
www.stmonicachurch.org/faithinaction
or use a deposit slip, located at the
back of the church, and drop it in the
collection basket!

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"2016-17 ST. MONICA" : FAITH IN ACTION

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

February 11 at 5:00 pm
Richard & Mary Misdom

February 12 at 8:00 am
Bob & Mercy Daley

February 12 at 9:30 am
George & Cynthia Soriano

February 12 at 11:00 am
Bruce & Laurie Stevenson

February 12 at 12:30 pm
Ashley & Lisa Bell

February 12 at 5:00 pm
Sid & Stephanie Blache

Noticias y Eventos

GRAN CONGRESO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

CENTRO DE CONVENCIONES DE MESQUITE
1818 Rodeo Dr. Mesquite, TX. 75149

4 y 5 de Marzo, 2017

Cupo Limitado

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Padre
Carlos Cancelado



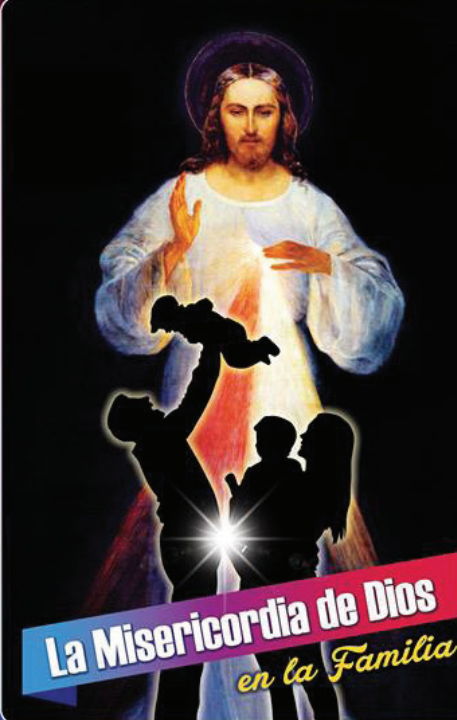
Padre
Ricardo Giraldo



Padre
Ernesto Torres



Alba Iris y
Jose Juan Valdez
Consejeros Familiar



**La Misericordia de Dios
en la Familia**

ALABANZA



BEATRIZ
"VOZ DE ANGEL"



Ministerio Alas

JOVENI
Ven a buscar
el tesoro que Dios
tiene para ti!



Temas y dinámicas
por separado
para niños y jóvenes
TE ESPERAMOS!

Sábado, 4 de Marzo 2017 de 8:00 AM a 8:00 PM
Alabanzas - Temas - Santa Misa - Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia - Confesiones - Hora Santa

Domingo, 5 de Marzo 2017 de 8:00 AM a 6:00 PM
Alabanzas - Temas - Hora de sanación - Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia - Santa Misa

Donacion: Niños 5-12 años \$5 · Jóvenes 13-17 \$15 · Adultos \$20 (\$25 el día del evento)
Para más Información: Oficina. 972.591.5294 Otros contactos: 214.760.0535 / 214.563.2031



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Talleres de Oración y Vida para Hombres

¿Te gustaría aprender a orar? Te invitamos a participar de las próximas sesiones de los Talleres de Oración y Vida para aprender a tener una relación con Dios a través de la Oración. Los talleres se imparten a las 7pm. en el salón de Arte, para más información llame a Luis 214-530-7372.

Clases de Evangelización Guadalupeana

El Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupeños y la Universidad Pontificia de México los invitan a cursar el Diplomado I – La Verdad de Guadalupe impartido por el Sr. Cango. Dr. Eduardo Chávez, postulador de la causa de canonización de San Juan Diego. Todavía tiene tiempo para asistir. Las clases se llevan a cabo todos los sábados de 9am. a 1pm. en el salón de la Biblioteca. Para más información comuníquese con Nelda Hernandez al 214-952-9139.

CENA BAILE DE LOS ENAMORADOS

Noche en Paris

SABADO 18 DE FEBRERO 2017
CENA 6:30 A 7:30 PM
BAILE 7:30 A 12:00 AM
CAFETERIA DE LA IGLESIA SANTA MONICA
4100 WALNUT HILL LN DALLAS TX 75239
INFORMES: (214) 789 7421
COOPERACION: \$60 DLS X PAREJA

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Pastoral Familiar Hispana

APOYO FAMILIAR

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

REUNIONES - FEBRERO 2017

3 de Febrero
MISA Y HORA SANTA
(Iglesia)

10 de Febrero
DANDO TESTIMONIO DE
VIDA CRISTIANA
(Padre Iñigo López)

24 de Febrero
EL HOMBRE NECESITA LUZ
(CER. Misioneros Servidores
de la Palabra)

7:00 a 9:00 pm
Centro Familiar – Salón 201

**Parroquia Católica
Santa Mónica**
(9933 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75220)

Informes:
(214) 609-9344 – (469) 767-2861

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

12 de Febrero
Familia Alvizo

Recordatorio: El ministerio de L1FT, grupo de adolescentes y el programa de Confirmación de Sta. Monica no se reuniran este domingo 5 de Febrero.

Jornada Juvenil -189

Si eres un joven soltero entre 18 a 30 años de edad, te invitamos a que disfrutes de un tiempo de intimidad con Dios. La jornada será del 10 al 12 de Febrero en el centro de Cursillos, 5605 Bernal Dr. Dallas, Texas 75212, 7pm. Donación: \$50.00. Para más información llame a Jorge Rico [214-672-3227](tel:214-672-3227).

Hora Santa de Hombres

Ese sábado 11 de Febrero se llevará a cabo la Hora Santa para Hombre a las 7am. en la Capilla. Seguido por una reflexión en el salón de la biblioteca. Para más información llame a Luis Uribe [214-530-7372](tel:214-530-7372).



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2016 SANTA MONICA TE EN ACCION

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9,495 hours

de servicio se han reportado para el programa Más Allá de los Límites!



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Ministerio de Apoyo para Luto y Duelo Parroquia Santa Mónica

Se iniciara el martes 7 febrero 2017.

Llame al 469-733-3925 o 214-366-7131.

De El Pastor

Un hombre que había vivido por muchos años se hizo cínico sobre la vida. Un día al caminar por la orilla de la playa miro a un niño frente a él. Al acercarse, miro lo que estaba haciendo el niño. El niño estaba recogiendo estrellas de mar y las devolvía al océano. El hombre se aproximó al niño y le dijo, “¿Qué estás haciendo?” el niño sonrió y dijo, “Estoy salvando estrellas del mar.” “pero,” dijo el viejo, “la playa consta de muchas millas y hay miles de estrellas de mar. ¿Cuál es la diferencia que hace?” El niño se agacho, recogió otra estrella y la aventó al océano y dijo simplemente, “Bueno, hizo una diferencia a esta.”

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dijo, “Tu eres la luz del mundo.” Si lo pensamos, raramente nos encontramos en la oscuridad. Podemos prender la luz en un cuarto. Encendemos el motor de nuestro carro y las luces se encienden si son necesarias. Inclusive en un momento de oscuridad, todo lo que tenemos que hacer es sacar nuestro teléfono y la luz de la pantalla nos iluminara.

Más aun, siempre hay mucha oscuridad en el mundo. Si nos dejamos llevar por el enojo y decimos palabras horribles que lastiman a otros, no podemos regresar las palabras y el dolor vive en la oscuridad del recuerdo de ese momento. Alguien está entre la multitud pero nadie lo conoce o no parecen encajar, y al ser ignorado y dejado solo, es como si fueran invisibles porque se pierden en la oscuridad. Alguien está sufriendo o enojado y como no sabemos que decir para hacerles sentir mejor, no

decimos nada y los dejamos en la oscuridad de su soledad.

Jesús no hace que el superar la oscuridad sea una actividad en grupo. Es claro, “TU eres la luz del mundo.” Cada uno de nosotros somos responsables de radiar la luz de Su amor en la oscuridad que nos rodea. Cuando un niño pide nuestra atención y estamos ocupados, iluminamos su experiencia por un momento al mostrarles lo amados que son al parar y actuar como si el mundo girara a su entorno. No toma mucho esfuerzo decir “Hola” alguien que no conocemos y darles la bienvenida a la iglesia o a una reunión, podemos estar iluminando la luz a una nueva amistad. Podemos tener algún vecino que está solo, o un amigo que acaba de perder un ser querido y podemos cambiar una comida ordinaria en una celebración para darles importancia con tan solo invitarles a compartir la luz de amor.

Hay oscuridad en el mundo y no tenemos el poder para cambiar todo. Pero podemos hacer algo que haga una diferencia. Cada acto inesperado de bondad, una sonrisa brindada a un extraño, una palabra de aliento, o consuelo no tienen el poder de sobre llevar los problemas que les rodean. Pero hace la diferencia en aquellos que reciben nuestro regalo sencillo. Hace posible que la luz del amor de Dios brille más en su vida.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk