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† From the Pastor †

A man owned a large barn. The ground floor of the barn, where they once kept the horses and cows, had a concrete floor which was very uneven. Some places were too low, others too high and the finish was very rough textured. One day the previous owner dropped by for a visit, and as they were touring the barn the man said, "I suppose you have wondered why this floor is so rough." The owner couldn't deny that he had noticed it. "It was the worst day of my life," he said, "or at least one of the worst. I had set up the forms and ordered the concrete for the next morning. I had my old boots on and a big cement hoe and when the mixer arrived I told them I was ready. They opened the gate and the concrete just poured down the chute. I worked as hard as I could. I called my wife. We both worked until we thought our hearts would break. We just didn't realize how heavy concrete is and how much of it comes in one truck. The worst thing in the world is to attempt an impossible task. That's why this floor looks the way it does."

We are so often faced with impossible tasks. We lay to rest a loved one, and we grieve because we will not see their face or hear their voice again and we wonder how we can go on. We set out to change our life, to be closer to the Lord and more generous in sharing our self with important things. But, soon we lose our enthusiasm, and the great plans are put on the shelf. We hurt someone, and we are too embarrassed or too proud to come back and work to mend the damage we have caused to our relationship. We cannot turn back the clock and undo what has already

happened.

But, today, we celebrate the most important fact in our relationship with God. Jesus offered himself in our place on the cross, so that there could be no doubt how much God loves us. He died to prove it. But the tomb was not the end. Jesus is alive. He reminds us that even though we are imperfect and often fail in expressing our love, there is always a new opportunity to begin again.

“Jesus is alive”

If this Easter finds us grieving for a loved one who is not at our side any longer, Jesus promises that just as he rose from the dead, so will those who die be given back to us alive. No matter what has happened to kill a relationship that we value, if we will bury our pride and take the first step to be reconciled, Jesus can help to restore life to our friendship. When we are discouraged because we are not what God would want us to be, Jesus looks at us just as he did at his friend Peter, and sees not our failures, but the great things we are yet to accomplish.

Even when we have the worst day of our life, what we celebrate today reminds us that there is no reason to give up, because Jesus is alive. He is at our side. And with him, no matter how rough and uneven our life may seem, we will discover that the impossible becomes possible. A dead man returned to life. And Jesus promises that we will do the same, if we live with him every day.

Have a blessed Easter!

—Fr. Stephen W.
Bierschenk

All Alone?

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Don't be. God doesn't want us to be. He wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them. Call (214) 290-0803 and leave your name and number. *Please do not hang up before leaving your number.*



Reception for Fr. Bierschenk

On April 30 and May 1 we invite the St. Monica community to help Fr. Bierschenk celebrate 35 years of service to the Catholic Church and Diocese. A reception will follow every Mass in the Small Gym of the Family Center.

Ministry Updates

Youth Ministry

Let's hit the river!

All high school youth are invited to the 2011 Riptide Canoe and Camping Trip in Antlers, OK on May 20-22. Details can be found on the St. Monica Youth Ministry webpage.

"Pandamania" Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Registration is now open for Middle and High School teens seeking to volunteer June 13-18 with the VBS program for kids 9-11 years old. For details visit the Youth Ministry page at stmonicachurch.org/vbs-volunteers.

YouthLeader Camp

Registration is now open for all youth grades 9-12 interested in attending Christian Leadership skills, June 27-July 1. Details are available at stmonicachurch.org/youthleader

Service Opportunity

Bring your servant heart and participate in the May Potluck dinner for the St. Monica Social Club, as a teen volunteer on May 2, from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Family Center Downstairs Lounge. More details are available on the Youth Ministry page under service opportunities.

Office of Faith Formation

Adult Confirmation Classes

Twice a year adults who have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are given the opportunity to take a series of three classes and celebrate Confirmation. The next Confirmation date is Pentecost Sunday, June 12 at the 9 a.m. Mass. Classes will be held May 17, May 31 and June 7 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Room 217. To register, go to the St. Monica website and fill out a registration form under Adult Confirmation or for details call the Office of Faith Formation at (214) 357-8549.



Music Ministry

Pre-Mass Concert

A special visiting choir will present a pre-Mass concert of music for the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 7 at 4:30 p.m., preceding the 5 p.m. Mass. The choir will also be singing the music for the Mass that day. In addition to the choral music, solo selections will be presented, including *Ave Maria*. Plan to arrive early for Mass that day to hear some beautiful music!

School News

Coach Gross Celebration

Help St. Monica School celebrate Coach Gross' 50 years at St. Monica on April 29 with Mass at 8 a.m. followed by a reception for former students and friends.



St. Monica Preschool News

There are only a few spaces left in our fabulous 4-yr-old class for next Fall. For details and a tour of our beautiful campus contact the Director, Barbara Seltzer at (214)351-5688 ext. 261 or bseltzer@stmonicaschool.org.

News & Events

St. Monica Mom's Group

Are you interested in fellowship with other moms of little ones within the parish? If you are a new mother with children between the ages of 0-5 and would like to help start or be a member of a Saint Monica's Parish Moms Group contact Nelly Kane-Macias at 972-803-3019 or kane_nelly@yahoo.com.



Post Easter Reflection

Join the Stephen Ministry in welcoming Father Cargo to our April 28 Meeting for a post Easter Reflection! All are welcome and there is no charge. Meet at 6:45 in Room 109 of the Family Center. Hope to see many of you there!



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2011

7:30 AM Priest's Intention
 9:00 AM For our New Parishioners
 11:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 12:30 PM Priest's Intention
 2:00 PM Priest's Intention
 5:00 PM Priest's Intention

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2011

6:45 AM A.J. Patterson † by Colleen & Jeff Hovinga
 8:00 AM Morgan L. Filhiol † by Cathy Golden

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011

6:45 AM Gregory Bloodgood † by Cathy Malorzo
 8:00 AM John DiMarco † by Pat & Jack Padian

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011

6:45 AM Helen Gutierrez † by Mario Gutierrez
 8:00 AM For Holiness in our Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011

6:45 AM Helen Gutierrez † by Mario Gutierrez
 8:00 AM Rufus G. Budai † by Ima Scott

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011

6:45 AM M/M Louis A. Klarer † by Bob Klarer
 8:00 AM John Rogers † by Sanoy & Rich Haas

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011

8:00 AM Martha Dickerson † by Helen Johnson
 5:00 PM Lucy Githinji by Madden Family

For our sick:

Joe A. Cedillo	Franco Miramontes	Sally Reilly
Maria G. Plata	Francine Holmberg	Cynthia Gonzales
Ben Abeyta	Thelma Leuck	Dorothy Lucido
Mary Haba	Janice Salas	Kevin McKool
Jesus Canchola	Stephen Davila	Bob Kemper
Maria E. Jaimes	Beatris Santana	Bill Sullivan
Margaret Dundas	Juan Jose Mejia	Emma Barrera
Nancy Poulos	Chris Martinez, Jr.	Donald Lampkin
Charlie Kyong	Dona Gower	Mabel Weston
Jeanne Brandenberger	Ralph Rodriguez	Joe Saucedo, Jr.
Victor Sanchez	Peter Brandenberger	Lupe Castellans
Baby Rebecca Muhlenkamp	Rafaela Negron	Dennis Gatlin
Christopher McGehee	Gerald Palmer	Laura Smith
Lillian Leal	Shirley Simpson	Bob Smith
Frank Harrison	Ryan McMullen	Richard Rapsey
Dorothy LaDue	Barbara Stanley	Barbara Lucido
Carrie Gehling	Albert Tristan	John Lucido
Louise Flournoy	Michael Carroll	Maureen Grantham
	Yolanda Bellows	Nathan Grantham
	Martin Cachola	
	Laura Vasquez	

For our Deceased: William Barnhill, Tony Duron and Josephine Newlin

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light burning in the Chapel is for the intentions of Elizabeth Barahona.

News & Events

Family Vocation Chalice

Saturday, April 30 at 5:00 p.m.
Larry & Mary Lucido
Sunday, May 1 at 7:30 a.m.
Bill & Rose Mary Fields
Sunday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m.
Brett & Tracy Anderhub
Sunday, May 1 at 11:00 a.m.
Bill & Leanne Galyean
Sunday, May 1 at 5:00 p.m.
Ima Scott

To participate call
(214) 368-3640

Nine Days that Changed the World

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fundraising event with an exclusive movie premiere for the documentary, *Nine Days that Changed the World*, a film recounting Pope John Paul II's trip to Poland in 1979 revealing how this visit was the turning point for defeating Communism in Eastern Europe. Executive Producers, Newt Gingrich and his wife, Callista Gingrich will be present to introduce the film. The premiere will be on May 9 at Studio Movie Grill and only 300 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. For details or tickets visit stmonicachurch.org/kocmovie.



Home Rosaries

For details about Home Rosaries for the week of April 25 call Barbara Miller at (214) 351-5844.

I Am St. Monica

To better serve you, St. Monica requests that you submit basic information about you and your family using information cards provided either by mail, drop in the collection basket, leave at the parish or school office. Or visit our website at stmonicachurch.org/iamstmonica. There will also be information cards available after Masses. Please submit your information by either of these ways provided no later than April 29.

The End of this Era

Marian speaker and author, Professor Courtenay Bartholomew, MD, will be speaking on his latest book *The End of This Era*, on May 9 at 7 p.m. at St. Monica Church. Bartholomew is an internationally renowned AIDS researcher, and a member of the team of scientists who co-discovered the AIDS virus. Free admission. For details, contact (214) 779-8061.

Mother's Day Cards

Mothers Day Cards and Mass Remembrance envelopes are available at the tables in the church today for those who wish to have their mother, living or deceased, remembered in the novena of Masses to be offered for their intentions beginning Mothers Day, May 8.

Social Club Potluck Dinner

The St. Monica Social Club invites all parishioners 50 and over to our May Potluck dinner, fun and fellowship evening led by the youth program, on May 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Family Center downstairs lounge. Bring a friend, your favorite side dish and join in on the fun! Entertainment will be provided by the St. Monica Music Ministry. For details contact rhondadelarosa@sbcglobal.net



Movie Premiere

St. Monica's Faith Formation Committee invites the St. Monica community to Cinemark 17 on Webb Chapel and LBJ on May 7 at 4:25 p.m. or May 8 at 1:35 p.m. for the opening of the PG13 movie, *There be Dragons*. The movie depicts the true story of a Catholic Priest, Josemaria Escriva who was proclaimed a saint by the Catholic Church. Tickets will be 2 for \$5 and are available in the rectory or the Office of Faith Formation. Bring your families in honor of our priests. For details contact Margie Giangiulio at adore10397@sbcglobal.net or (214) 769-4407



Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 24, 2011

9:30 a.m.-12:30p.m. Sunday Nursery | 114
11:30 a.m. Spanish Young Adults | 211
3:00 p.m. Rosario | Church
3:30 p.m. English Baptisms | Church
6:00 p.m.-12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel

Monday, April 25, 2011

7:30 a.m. Rosary | Chapel
8:30 a.m. Legion of Mary | Conference
9:00 a.m.-12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel
6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer | Mary Shrine
7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul | 129

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

7:30 a.m. Rosary | Chapel
8:00 a.m. St. Monica School K-4 Mass | Church
9:00 a.m.-12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel
9:00 a.m. 39ers | Conference
10:30 a.m. Social Club Tai Chi | 201
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg | 217

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

7:30 a.m. Rosary | Chapel
9:00 a.m.-12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice | Church
7:00 p.m. Wow! Wednesday | 201
7:00 p.m. SoulSeekers | 220
8:00 p.m. Young Serrans Holy Hour | Chapel

Thursday, April 28, 2011

7:30 a.m. Rosary | Chapel
9:00 a.m.-12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
6:30 p.m. Pastoral Familiar | PF Rooms
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision | 109
7:00 p.m. Young Serra Community | 217

Friday, April 29, 2011

7:30 a.m. Rosary | Chapel
8:00 a.m. St. Monica School 5-8th Mass | Church
9:00 a.m.-12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
6:00 p.m. Holy Face Cenacle | Chapel

Saturday, April 30, 2011

9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer Group | 214
2:00 p.m. Jasso Quinceñera | Church
3:30 p.m. Adult Education Class | 217

Mass Attendance for April 17, 2011

5:00 PM (Sat Vigil) 484	11:00 AM 883	12:30 PM 380
7:30 AM 241	2:00 PM 1,002	
9:00 AM 519	5:00 PM 750	

Total: 4,259



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

To see what how you can help visit stmonicachurch.org

Prayer for Healing of Victims of Abuse

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Stewardship of
Treasure for
April 17, 2011**
Regular - \$49,434.00
JP II HS - \$2,103.00

† Del Pastor †

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

24 de abril

Fabiola Gomez

Para llevarse el Cáliz llame a
Annette Diaz al (214) 358-1453.



Necesitas Apoyo?

Dios nos ha llamado a fortalecernos y a ayudarnos unos a otros. Si estas pasando por tiempos difíciles, el Ministerio de Esteban puede proporcionarle el apoyo que necesita durante esta etapa. Llame a la línea confidencial (214) 290-0803. Por favor deje su nombre, su número, y también deje la hora preferida para que le regresemos su llamada.

**¿Embarazada?
¿Confundida?
¿Necesita ayuda?**

**Llame al 972-BABY DUE
(972-222-9383)
para consejo gratis**

Un hombre era dueño de un granero. En la planta baja del granero, donde antes mantenían los caballos y las vacas, había un piso de concreto que era muy desigual. Algunos lugares eran demasiado bajos, otros muy altos y la textura del acabado era muy áspera. Un día el dueño anterior se llevo para una visita, y en lo que estaban de gira del granero el hombre dijo: "Supongo que le gustaría saber por qué este piso es tan áspero." El propietario no pudo negar que lo había notado. "Fue el peor día de mi vida", dijo, "o por lo menos uno de los peores. Asenté las formas y ordene el concreto para la siguiente mañana. Llevaba puestas mis botas viejas y una azada de cemento grande y cuando el mezclador llegó les dije que estaba listo. Abrieron la puerta y el concreto sólo se vierto por la rampa. Trabajé lo mas duro que pude. Llamé a mi esposa. Los dos trabajamos hasta que pensábamos que nuestros corazones se iban a romper. No nos dábamos cuenta qué tan pesado es el concreto y cuánto de lo que hay en un camión. Lo peor del mundo es intentar una tarea imposible. Es por eso que este piso se ve así."

Tan a menudo nos enfrentamos con tareas imposibles. Acostamos a descansar un ser querido, y nos afligimos porque no vamos a ver su cara o escuchar su voz de nuevo y nos preguntamos cómo podemos seguir adelante. Nos proponemos cambiar nuestra vida, estar más cerca del Señor y ser más generosos en compartir nuestros mismos con las cosas importantes. Pero, perdemos el entusiasmo, y los grandes planes se ponen en el estante. Herimos a alguien, y estamos demasiado avergonzados o demasiado orgullosos para volver a trabajar para reparar el daño que hemos causado a nuestra relación. No podemos regresar y deshacer lo que ya

ha sucedido.

Pero, hoy, celebramos el hecho más importante en nuestra relación con Dios. Jesús se ofreció en nuestro lugar en la cruz, para que no habrá ninguna duda de lo mucho que Dios nos ama. Él murió para probarlo. Sin embargo, la tumba no era el final. Jesús está vivo. Él nos recuerda que a pesar de que somos imperfectos y, a menudo fallamos a expresar nuestro amor, siempre hay una nueva oportunidad para comenzar de nuevo.

Si esta Pascua nos encontramos con dolor por un ser querido que no está a nuestro lado, Jesús promete que así como se levantó de entre los muertos, los que mueren se devolverán a los vivos también. No importa lo que ha sucedido para matar a una relación que valoramos, si enterramos nuestro orgullo y damos el primer paso para reconciliar, Jesús puede ayudar a restaurar la vida a nuestra amistad. Cuando estamos desanimados porque no somos lo que Dios quiere que seamos, Jesús nos mira como lo hizo a su amigo Pedro, y no ve nuestros fracasos, pero las grandes cosas que están todavía a lograr.

Incluso cuando tenemos el peor día de nuestra vida, lo que celebramos hoy nos recuerda que no hay razón para renunciar, porque Jesús está vivo. Él está a nuestro lado. Y con él, no importa como de difícil y áspero nuestra vida pueda parecer, vamos a descubrir que lo imposible se hace posible. Un hombre muerto volvió a la vida. Y Jesús promete que hará lo mismo, si vivimos con él todos los días.

Tenga una bendita Pascua!

- Padre Stephen W.

Bierschenk

“ Jesús
esta
vivo! ”

Noticias y Eventos

Divina Misericordia

Habrà un Congreso de la Divina Misericordia el 30 de Abril en el Centro de Convención de Allen. El evento comenzara a las 8:30 a.m. Predicará el Sacerdote Juan Rivas, Catalina Rivas, y otros predicadores de sur América. Por favor este atento al boletín para más información sobre este evento. La donación es \$20 por persona.



Flores para Santa María

Es una costumbre muy antigua en la Iglesia dedicar el mes de mayo a la Virgen. Mayo es llamado el mes de las flores, porque se ofrecen flores a María; esto significa tratar y querer de una manera especial a María durante este mes. Invitamos a las familias a traer flores a María. Los niños ofrecerán las flores después de la comunión en la Misa de Español. Pueden traer una rosa o florero.



Encuentro Para Comprometidos

30 de Abril – 1º de Mayo

Un fin de semana de Preparación Matrimonial para parejas que desean contraer Matrimonio. Esta designado para dar a la pareja la oportunidad de dialogar intensamente y honestamente sobre su futura vida como pareja. Se enfatiza la relación de alianza de la pareja con Dios con el fin de vivir un matrimonio Cristiano. Para detalles e inscripción llame a la Oficina del Ministerio Matrimonial de la Diócesis de Dallas al 214-379-2878.

Proclamadores de la Palabra

Todo bautizado está llamado a proclamar la palabra de Dios donde quiera que se encuentre. Sin embargo, hay personas que deciden hacerlo de una manera más sensible y constante, proclamando la Palabra de Dios al pueblo de fieles domingo a domingo.

Esto no es un oficio que se aprende solo con las facultades mentales de cada persona. Es una espiritualidad, una manera de vivir nuestra fe cristiana en el mundo. El ministerio de Proclamadores hace una cordial invitación a las personas que gustarían aprender más sobre este ministerio y hacerlo parte de su vida. Próximamente se ofrecerá un retiro para proclamadores. Para detalles llame a Oscar Gómez 469-684-1916 o Roberto Martínez 214-470-1274



Taller de Parejas

Este taller está abierto para todas las parejas que buscan ser felices en su matrimonio. El matrimonio se vive en diferentes fases y si la pareja no está al tanto de ellas, se pueden causar mucho dolor y sufrimiento el uno al otro. Es importante dar un vistazo a lo que no está funcionando en la relación y buscar nuevas formas de renacer el amor, respeto, comunicación, comprensión y perdón que en el hogar. ¡Aun hay esperanza! Participe de este taller para capacitarles con las herramientas necesarias para vivir su matrimonio lleno de paz y armonía. El taller será el 21 de Mayo de 9 a 5 p.m. en el centro Familiar. No hay costo, solo tener mucha disponibilidad de aprender y trabajar. Para detalles llame a María González (214) 357-8549.



Mi Cristo Roto

El Fondo de Becas Jethsuby de La Fundación Católica presenta "Mi Cristo Roto" con Alberto Mayagoitia. La obra te enseñará a ver a Cristo con el rostro de un hermano, ríe llora y piensa con esta obra de Cristo. El evento será el 30 de abril a las 6:30 p.m. y 8:30 p.m. en el gimnasio de la escuela John Paul II High School. Se pide una contribución de \$15 por adultos y \$7.50 por niños. Boletos están a la venta en la Librería de la Catedral de Guadalupe. Fondos recaudados beneficiaran a niños Hispanos de escuelas primarias, ofreciéndoles los recursos necesarios para obtener una educación Católica. Para detalles llame al (214) 871-1362.



Recepción para Padre Bierschenk



El 30 de abril y el 1 de mayo invitamos a la comunidad de Sta. Mónica a ayudar a Pdr. Bierschenk celebrar 35 años de servicio a la Iglesia Católica y la Diócesis. Habrá una

recepción siguiendo cada Misa en el gimnasio pequeños del Centro Familiar.