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† From the Pastor †

Ronald Meredith, in his book *Hurryin' Big For Little Reasons*, describes one quiet night in early spring: suddenly out of the night came the sound of wild geese flying. "I ran to the house and breathlessly announced the excitement I felt. What is to compare with wild geese across the moon? It might have ended there except for the sight of our tame mallards on the pond. They heard the wild call they had once known. The honking out of the night sent little arrows of prompting deep into their wild yesterdays. Their wings fluttered a feeble response. The urge to fly—to take their place in the sky for which God made them—was sounding in their feathered breasts, but they never raised from the water. The matter had been settled long ago. The corn of the barnyard was too tempting! Now their desire to fly only made them uncomfortable. Temptation is always enjoyed at the price of losing the capacity for flight."

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Jesus
is with
Us
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On the day he called us into existence, God intended for us to know something greater than flight. God prepared for us a special place with him. In fact St. Paul tells us that in heaven we will see God face-to-face and become like him. We cannot imagine what such a perfect communion with God will be like.

And because we are so busy and easily distracted and often tempted, we lose sight of the greatness for which we are created. We are invited to live in union with Jesus, to imitate his example, to speak his words of love and comfort to others, to offer his gentle touch to someone in need through our own hands, to lend our strength to the Lord as we help others carry their cross. We have to keep our eyes focused on the work that God has given us.

That is why the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ we celebrate today is so important. On the night

before he died, Jesus took the most ordinary things, simple bread and a wine created for daily use, and he transformed them into his Body and Blood. And we don't look back at that moment as simply an ancient memory. Jesus gave his apostles the power to continue making him present in our world in a sacramental way: "Do this in memory of me." He continues to become present on our Altar today.

When we feel worn down by the burdens of our life, we come to the Altar and receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, and he promises us that these sufferings are only temporary, for our Communion gives us the promise that we will live forever with him.

When heaven seems so far away and our prayers feel unanswered, we come into the presence of Jesus himself in the Blessed Sacrament, and we are given the opportunity to personally join him as he prays for us by name before his Father in heaven.

When we share the joy of a First Communion, or the hope of a wedding; when we offer the gift of our prayers for a loved one as they are laid to rest; as we quietly go about the work of being faithful day after day and week after week to our commitment to the Lord, we discover something wonderful. Jesus is with us. He continues to use those ordinary things – bread and wine – to give us strength, to offer us consolation, to guide us on our way through. We don't have to long for something far away. The source of our life with God is given to us every day in the Body and Blood of Jesus.

—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.*

Ministry Updates

Office of Faith Formation

Interested in Passing on the Faith?

Try being a catechist! The Religious Education program for the 2011- 2012 school year is seeking catechists for grades PK - 12th grade. Classes for PK - 7th grade will be on Saturday mornings from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Classes for 8th - 12th grade will on Sundays from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. (including Mass). All catechists will receive training this summer and must be cleared through Safe Environment procedures. For more information on how to be a catechist, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at (214)357-8549.

Religious Education Registration Ends this Week!

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year will end on June 30. Families may register their children online or at the Office of Faith Formation Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you've already registered please remember to bring your student's birth and baptism certificates. The cost for a first year student is \$70 for one child, \$120 for two children. The cost for students who are in their second year of Sacramental preparation is \$100 for one child and \$175 for two. For details call the Office of Faith Formation at (214)357-8549.



Christology Course

Who do you say I am?

This is a fundamental question not only because of its context in the gospel, but for the very fact that the Church has been answering this question right from the beginning, defending and teaching Jesus' humanity and divinity. St. Monica will be hosting this fascinating course on July 12 and 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center room 109. For more information on the course call the Office of Faith Formation at (214)357-8549.

Be an Agent of Change!

Learn how you can help create a more just society based on Catholic principles by attending a JustFaith information session. The program is a conversion-based process that provides a space in which participants can grow in their commitment to care for the vulnerable and to become advocates for a more just society. If interested in learning more about JustFaith, come to an information session on June 28 at 7 p.m. in Room 109 in the Family Center. For details contact the Office of Faith Formation at (214)357-8549.



Youth Ministry



Softball Season is Here!

Softball season has begun! Middle school games are Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and high school games are Sundays at 7 p.m. Registration is still open! Pick up an application in the Office of Faith Formation or at stmonicachurch.org!

Alive! Liturgy Workshop

Teens in grades 8 through 12 are invited to the liturgy workshop. This is a great opportunity to take an active role in service to our community! The workshop on July 10—13 will include an introduction to the new Roman Missal as well as a visit and exploration of the various architecture of Dallas churches. Visit stmonicachurch.org or call Michelle Tomlinson at (214)357-8549 for details.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 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 Father's Day Novena
- 2:00 PM Priest's Intention
- 5:00 PM Priest's Intention

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2011

- 6:45 AM Father's Day Novena
- 8:00 AM Catherine S. Cook † by Catherine Cook

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2011

- 6:45 AM McLaren † & Holland † Families
- 8:00 AM Leahy † & Jenkins † Families by Terry Jenkins

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2011

- 6:45 AM Patricia H. Klarer † by Bob Klarer
- 8:00 AM For Religious Vocations

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2011

- 6:45 AM Int. of Melva & Jack Gates by Edwina and John Saba
- 8:00 AM Charlotte McGuire † by Cathy & Tom Malorzo

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2011

- 6:45 AM Andrea Williams † by Ogden Family
- 8:00 AM Danny O'Shea † by Joan & Walt Minkiuitti
- 5:30 PM Sally Cegelski † by Grasso Family

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2011

- 8:00 AM Father's Day Novena
- 5:00 PM Morgan L. Filhiol † by Cathy Golden

For our sick:

Joe A. Cedillo	Holmberg	Lupe Castellans
Maria G. Plata	Thelma Leuck	Dennis Gatlin
Ben Abeyta	Janice Salas	Laura Smith
Mary Haba	Stephen Davila	Bob Smith
Jesus Canchola	Beatris Santana	Richard Rapsey
Maria E. Jaimes	Juan Jose Mejia	John Lucido
Margaret Dundas	Chris Martinez, Jr.	Maureen Grantham
Nancy Poulos	Ralph Rodriguez	Nathan
Charlie Kyong	Rafaela Negron	Grantham
Jeanne Brandenberger	Gerald Palmer	Kay Pappas
Victor Sanchez	Shirley Simpson	Joe Alcalá, Sr.
Baby Rebecca	Barbara Stanley	Joe Ramos
Muhlenkamp	Michael Carroll	Mary McCoy
Christopher McGehee	Yolanda Bellows	Maria Gutierrez
Lillian Leal	Martin Cachola	Mona Simons
Frank Harrison	Cynthia Gonzales	Sharon Dudek
Dorothy LaDue	Robert Wuertz	Janie Bass
Carrie Gehling	Dorothy Lucido	Ed Fulbright
Louise Flournoy	Kevin McKool	Chris Nalborski
Franco Miramontes	Bob Kemper	Angela Ramirez
Francine	Emma Barrera	Collette Kelley
	Donald Lampkin	
	Mabel Weston	
	Joe Saucedo, Jr.	

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light burning in the Chapel is for the Poor Souls in Purgatory

News & Events



4th of July Picnic

Join St. Monica Church in celebrating the 4th of July with a picnic open to the entire parish on Sunday, July 3 following the 5 p.m. Mass.

Bring your family for a night of fun and food for all followed by a electrifying evening of patriotic music. The concert will feature musical classics celebrating our nation, its veterans and pioneers, including "God Bless the USA," "America the Beautiful," as well as Texas songs like "Texas, Our Texas," and "The Yellow Rose of Texas." This event is designed for the entire family and will include many opportunities to sing along!

Veterans will be recognized during the patriotic concert. Please invite all veterans, whether or not they are St. Monica Parishioners, to be saluted at this memorable event.

Family Movie Nights!



Come have fun with other St.

Monica families at the Family Movie Night Series. Bring a picnic dinner, blankets and beach chairs on July 8 for a free screening of Disney's Tangled! Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7 p.m. Unaccompanied minors **will not** be permitted. For a schedule of other movies being shown next month and more details visit stmonicachurch.org.

Get involved in the community!

Starting on August 11 and each month thereafter, St. Monica will prepare and serve an evening meal to the homeless at the Austin Street Centre. For details contact Derek Blake at dBlake88@gmail.com or (214)663-8812.

Do you need a spiritual renewal?

Would you like a retreat from the fast pace of today's society? Register today for the upcoming men's and women's ACTS retreats. The retreat's goals are to allow an opportunity for individuals to focus on their faith and its application in their daily lives, to build purpose in their prayer life, to increase their presence at the liturgy and to cultivate friendship among members of the church community. The women's' retreat is scheduled August 11-14 while the men's' will be August 18-21 at the Catholic Conference and Formation Center in Oak Cliff. If you are interested in learning more, contact John or Marilyn Roppolo at (972) 245-1739 or pick up a registration brochure in the church entrance or chapel entrance.

Family Vocation Chalice

Saturday, July 2 at 5:00 p.m.

Don & Carolyn Bowen

Sunday, July 3 at 7:30 a.m.

Don & Helen Timm

Sunday, July 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Don & Betty Dickhens

Sunday, July 3 at 11:00 a.m.

Matthew & Elizabeth O'Shea

Sunday, July 3 at 5:00 p.m.

John & Molly McHugh

To participate call (214) 368-3640

The Courage to be Catholic

The St. Monica Adult Catholic Education program will be adding two class times to the summer schedule for the course *Discipleship: The Courage to be Catholic* beginning July 9 and 10. Sign up today in the vestibule, pick up a flyer at one of the doors, or just show up for one of the class times in the Family Center room #217 on Saturdays at 3:15 p.m. or Sundays at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Call Chuck Suter at 972-401-0471 for details. We are also facilitating The Biblical Basis for the Catholic Faith on Mondays at 6:30 a.m.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, June 26, 2011

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

Monday, June 27, 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, June 28, 2011

7:30 a.m. Rosary | Chapel
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. KOC Officer Mtg | Chapel

Wednesday, June 29, 2011

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

Thursday, June 30, 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

Friday, July 1, 2011

6:30 a.m. Metro Serra Club | 109
7:30 a.m. Rosary | Chapel
9:00 a.m.-12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel
6:00 p.m. Holy Face Cenacle | Chapel
7:00 p.m. Apoyo Familiar | 211
7:00 p.m. Noche de Adoración | Church

Saturday, July 2, 2011

8:30 a.m. First Sat. Dev. Rosary | Chapel
9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer Group | 214
10:30 a.m. Baptism Class | 109
1:00 p.m. Spanish Baptism Class | 109
4:30 p.m. First Sat. Rosary | Chapel

Stewardship of Treasure for June 19, 2011

Regular \$39,749.50

Mass Attendance for June 19, 2011

5:00 PM (Sat. Vigil)	11:00 AM	563
356	12:30 PM	250
7:30 AM	2:00 PM	562
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	599

Total: 3,012

† Del Pastor †

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

26 de junio

Ema y Gilberto López

3 de julio

Alejandro Suarez

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY



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

Ronald Meredith, en su libro *Gran Apuro Por Pequeñas Razones*, describe una noche tranquila de la primavera: de repente en la noche escucho el sonido de los gansos salvajes volando. "Corrí a la casa y desalentado anuncie la emoción que sentía. ¿Qué se puede comparar con gansos salvajes a través de la luna? Se podría haber terminado ahí, excepto por la visión de nuestros patos domésticos en el estanque. Escucharon el llamado salvaje que hace tiempo conocían. Los graznidos de la noche enviaban pequeñas flechas de inicio a la profundidad de sus pasados salvaje. Sus alas revoloteaban una respuesta débil. El deseo de volar—a tomar su

lugar en el cielo por que Dios los había hecho, estaba sonando en sus pechos emplumados, pero nunca se levantaron de las aguas. El asunto había sido resuelto hace mucho tiempo. El maíz de la granja era demasiado tentadora! Ahora su deseo de volar sólo los hacia incómodos. La tentación siempre es disfrutada al costo de perder la capacidad de vuelo."

El día que nos llamó a la existencia, la intención de Dios era que supiéramos algo mas que el vuelo. Dios nos preparo para un lugar especial con El. De hecho, San Pablo nos dice que en el cielo veremos a Dios cara a cara y seremos como El. No podemos imaginar lo que una perfecta comunión con Dios será.

Y porque estamos tan ocupados y somos distraídos con facilidad y tentado a menudo, perdemos vista la grandeza por la cual hemos sido creados. Se nos invita a vivir en unión con Jesús, imitar su ejemplo, para hablar sus palabras de amor y consuelo a los demás, para ofrecer su toque suave a alguien en necesidad a través de nuestras propias manos, a prestar nuestra fuerza al Señor con ayudar a otros llevar su cruz. Tenemos que mantener nuestros ojos enfocados en el trabajo que Dios nos ha dado.

Por eso, la Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo que celebramos hoy es tan importante. En la noche antes de morir, Jesús tomó las cosas más ordinarias, pan simple y vino creado para el uso diario, y los transforma en su Cuerpo y Sangre. Y no miramos hacia atrás en ese momento simplemente como un recuerdo antiguo. Jesús les dio a sus apóstoles el poder de seguir haciendo lo a El presente en nuestro mundo de una manera sacramental: "Hacer esto en memoria mía." Continúa hacerse presente en nuestro Altar hoy.

“ Jesús esta con nosotros ”

Quando nos sentimos agotados por las cargas de nuestra vida, llegamos al altar y recibimos el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús, y nos promete que estos sufrimientos son sólo temporales, porque nuestra Comunión nos da la promesa de que viviremos con El para siempre.

Quando el cielo parece tan lejos y nuestras oraciones no se sienten contestadas, entramos en la presencia de Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento, y se nos da la oportunidad de reunirnos con El personalmente, cuando El ora por nosotros con nombre antes de su Padre en el cielo.

Quando compartimos la alegría de una Primera Comunión, o la esperanza de una boda, cuando ofrecemos el regalo de nuestras oraciones por un ser querido enterrado, a medida que trabajamos de ser fiel día tras día y semana tras semana a nuestro compromiso con el Señor, descubrimos algo maravilloso. Jesús está con nosotros. Él continúa utilizando esas cosas ordinarias - pan y vino - que nos dé fuerza, que nos ofrecen consuelo, que nos guíe en nuestro camino a través. No tenemos mucho tiempo esperar por algo a lo largo. La fuente de nuestra vida con Dios se nos da todos los días en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús.

- Padre Stephen W.
Bierschenk

Noticias y Eventos

Inscripciones para Educación Religiosa Terminan Esta Semana!

Inscripciones para el año escolar de 2011—2012 terminaran el 30 de junio. La oficina de Formación en la Fe estará abierta de lunes a viernes 9 a.m.—5 p.m. O puede inscribirse en línea en stmonicachurch.org. Por favor de traer la fe de bautismo y acta de nacimiento al tiempo de la inscripción. El costo por estudiante es \$70 y \$100 para estudiantes que recibirán sacramentos este año. Llame a la oficina si tiene más de un hijo para informarle sobre el costo. Para detalles llame a la oficina de Formación en la Fe al (214) 357-8549.



Alabanzas y Oración con Hermana Glenda

Momento de Alabanza y Oración a Jesús Eucaristía con Hermana Glenda el 15 de julio en la Parroquia Sta. Mónica. El evento comenzará a las 7 p.m. Donación de \$10 por

persona y \$5 para niños menor de 12 años. Les recomendamos comprar sus boletos con anticipación.

Estaremos vendiendo boletos y dando información después de Misa y en las oficinas parroquiales. Para detalles llame a Sta. Monica (214)357-8549, Fabiola Gomez (214)554-4899, and Martha Gonzalez (214)718-9511.



Divina Misericordia

Les invitamos a rezar la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia todos los domingos a las 3:00 p.m. en la Capilla. Si quiere profundizar o aprender de esta devoción que le guiara a llevar un nuevo estilo de vida, les esperamos todos los martes a las 7 p.m. en el edificio McManus en el salón de la Biblioteca. Para más información llame al 214-357-8549.

Quinceañeras

Para tener una celebración de quince años en Sta. Mónica hay requisitos que deben de cumplir:

1. Vivir dentro del área de Santa Mónica
2. La joven debe de haber recibido sus sacramentos de iniciación
3. Joven y Padres deben de asistir a un taller de dos sábados.

Por favor de llamar a la oficina para las fechas de los talleres y más detalles 214-357-8549.



Sacramentos para adultos

Si es una persona adulta y necesita algún sacramento, bautismo, primera comunión y/o confirmación, les invitamos a participar a las sesiones de preparación de RICA (Rito de Iniciación para Adultos). Las sesiones iniciaran en Septiembre, todos los domingos de 12 a 2 p.m. en el centro familiar. Es necesario que se inscriba antes. Para más información llame al 214-357-8549.

Noche de Película Familiar!

Venga a disfrutar con otras familias de la parroquia con la serie de Noche de Película Familiar! Traiga una cena de picnic, cobija o cilla de playa el 8 de julio para ver la película de Disney, Tangled! La puerta abrirá a las 6:30 p.m. y la película empezara a las 7 p.m. **Niños menor de edad no serán permitidos sin un adulto.** Para ver el horario de películas para el mes visite stmonicachurch.org.



Picnic Parroquial

Venga a celebrar el 4 de julio con la comunidad de la Iglesia de Sta. Mónica el domingo, 3 de julio después de la Misa 5 p.m. Traiga a su familia para una noche de diversión y comida para todos seguido por una noche de música patriótica electrificante. El concierto contará

clásicos musicales de nuestro país, a sus veteranos y pioneros, incluyendo "God bless America", "America the Beautiful", y canciones de Texas como "Texas, our Texas", y "The Yellow Rose of Texas. "Este evento está diseñado para toda la familia, e incluirá muchas oportunidades para cantar! Los veteranos serán reconocidos durante el concierto patriótico. Por favor invite a todos los veteranos, si son o no son feligreses de Sta. Mónica, para saludarlos en este evento memorable.

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Está pensando recibir el sacramento del matrimonio en esta parroquia es importante que tome en cuenta que se requiere por lo menos 6 meses de anticipación antes de la fecha que requiera para la celebración, la pareja debe de estar libre para casarse y haber recibido sus sacramentos de iniciación (bautismo, primera comunión y confirmación) y deben de asistir al programa de formación. Por favor llame a la oficina de ministerio Hispano para mas detalles 214-357-8549.