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Need Support?



God has called us to build up and encourage one another. If you are experiencing a difficult time, our Stephen ministers can provide the special care and support you need. Call our confidential hotline at (214) 290-0803 and leave your name and number.

† From the Pastor †

A former president of Duke University, President William Few, was on his way to church one Sunday morning in the rain when some students recognized him and offered him a ride. He accepted, and on the way they asked him why he had decided to go to church that morning on such a rainy day.

President Few said, "I didn't decide this morning. I decided 50 years ago, and I haven't had to ask myself that question since."

There comes a time in every life when we make our personal commitment to following Christ. For some, that happens in adult life, in a moment of conversion as a person accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior and they are baptized. But, for most Catholics, Baptism is received by virtue of the faith of our parents and godparents, long before a personal relationship with the Lord is entered into. But, in order to have a true relationship with Christ that is not simply based on a baptismal certificate, at some point we decided to take seriously our call to live by the values of Christ and follow his example of service and love.

But, making a decision to be more like Christ does not always transform our life. Getting into the habit of going to Mass every Sunday or saying our rosary every day does not deepen our conversation with the Lord on a personal level. That takes a commitment to setting aside a time for personal prayer and reflection on our

relationship with Jesus.

Getting into the habit of avoiding serious sin does not make us into a perfect person. That takes our decisions to not simply avoid doing wrong, but also choosing to give our self away – looking for the opportunity to restore a relationship through our forgiveness; bringing peace through our decision to turn aside from our anger; welcoming a person we would prefer to avoid as if they were Jesus himself.

Getting into the habit of embracing the cross is not ours simply because we bite our tongue and do not complain about our struggles. As we reflect on the fact that God has brought us through some difficult times and we are now stronger and as we say "No" to our self and undertake our Lenten penances, we come to see that we are not going to be alone as we embrace a cross. Our Father will be at our side at every moment.

As perfect as he was, Jesus set aside forty days of prayer and fasting to prepare himself for his ministry. And his example challenges us to be serious about the forty days of Lent we are about to begin. It is a special opportunity to renew the commitment we made to be a faithful follower of Jesus. And after forty days, the good works we begin can become the good habits that we put into practice for the rest of our life.

—Fr. Stephen W. Bierschenk

“ Our Father will be at our side ”

Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed during Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8 a.m. (all-school Mass); 12 Noon; 5 p.m.; 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. (Spanish).

Lenten Daily Mass Times

Monday through Friday, Mass will be at 6:45 a.m.; 8 a.m.; and 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.

Lenten Confession Times

(Additional times each Tuesday)

Tuesday 12 to 12:30 p.m. & 6 to 6:30 p.m. (in chapel)

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (in church)

6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (in chapel)

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent 6 p.m. (English) and 7 p.m. (Spanish)

Fast and Abstinence during Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fast and abstinence (from meat). Fasting is obligatory for all who have reached their 18th birthday and have not yet reached their 60th birthday. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th birthday. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have reached their 14th birthday.

Ministry Updates

Youth Ministry

Service Opportunity

Bring your servant heart and participate in the St. Patrick's Dinner for the St. Monica Social Club, as a teen volunteer on March 7, from 6-8 p.m. in the Family Center downstairs lounge. To register or for more details visit stmonicachurch.org/ymservice.

WOW! Wednesday & SoulSeekers



Our regular scheduled Soul Seeker and Wow! Wednesday Youth gatherings will meet on Ash Wednesday, March 9th from 6:30-8:30PM. All family members are invited to join the youth for Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:30PM in the church; reserved seating will be available.



Music Ministry

Broadway Dinner Theatre

The first annual St. Monica Broadway Dinner Theatre will be held April 2 and April 3 in the St. Monica School Cafeteria. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. A catered dinner will be served and the musical presentation will feature the talented musicians of the St. Monica Community accompanied by a jazz ensemble. Talented familiar faces from all St. Monica Masses will be featured in the event. Tickets will be sold in the music area of the church after all Masses beginning March 6. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children under 12. A reserved table for 8 people can be purchased for \$130.

Brass Players Needed

A parish brass ensemble is being formed to provide music at occasional Masses. If you have intermediate to advanced proficiency on a brass instrument, please contact Jeremy Wirths, Director of Music, at (214)358-1453.

St. Monica School News

PTO Meeting

The St. Monica PTO will hold its regular monthly meeting at noon Tuesday, March 8, in the Family Center Lower Lounge. The Mardi Gras-themed luncheon will include highlighted Catholic singer songwriter Jenny Klement, who will also lead a discussion about Lenten preparation. You'll also receive important updates on the PTO's busy spring calendar of events, so don't miss this meeting!

News & Events

Seminarian Charles Githinji to be Ordained a Deacon

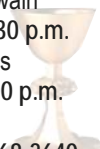
With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of Dallas joyfully announces and invites you to attend the ordination of Charles Githinji to the sacred order of Deacon through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by The Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, DD, Bishop of Dallas. March 12, 10 a.m., Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin Guadalupe.

Reception for Charles Githinji

On March 13, Charles Githinji will assist as Deacon for the first time at the 11 a.m. Mass. Immediately following Mass there will be a reception for him in the Family Center 109. His ordination will be on March 12 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin Guadalupe.

Family Vocation Chalice

- Saturday, March 12 at 5:00 p.m.
Bob & Janis Andres
 - Sunday, March 13 at 7:30 a.m.
Guy & Phyllis Conces
 - Sunday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m.
Shawn & Lynda Pingel
 - Sunday, March 13 at 11:00 a.m.
Frank & Theresa McElwain
 - Sunday, March 13 at 12:30 p.m.
Henry & Carol Ackels
 - Sunday, March 13 at 5:00 p.m.
Raja Sidhom
- To participate call (214) 368-3640



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011

- 7:30 AM Priest's Intention
- 9:00 AM Priest's Intention
- 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, MARCH 7, 2011

- 6:45 AM In Thanksgiving by the Tobin Family
- 8:00 AM Guyon Saunders † by Margaret Hogan

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011

- 6:45 AM Deceased Family Members by Judy & Carey Schulten
- 8:00 AM George H. Marshall † by St. Monica Faculty & Staff

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011

- 6:45 AM Leahy † & Jenkins † Families by Terry Jenkins
- 8:00 AM William Cooper † by Dominic & Arlene Sosta

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011

- 6:45 AM Lois M. Linnert † by M/M Gary Melle
- 8:00 AM For Religious Vocations

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011

- 6:45 PM Int. of Marge Culberson
- 8:00 AM Bernard Espe † by Claudia & Tom Jennings

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2011

- 8:00 AM Ed Mccauley † by Wachsman Family
- 5:00 PM Int. of Peter Brinkman by Jeanne Brandenberger

For our sick:

Joe A. Cedillo	Frank Harrison	Gerald Palmer
Maria G. Plata	Jill Rapsey	Shirley Simpson
Ben Abeyta	Dorothy LaDue	Ryan McMullen
Mary Haba	Carrie Gehling	Jerry Saucedo
Jesus Canchola	Louise Flournoy	Pat Saucedo
Maria E. Jaimes	Franco	Barbara Stanley
Claude Harmon	Miramontes	Albert Tristan
Margaret Dundas	Francine Holmberg	Michael Carroll
Nancy Poullos	Thelma Leuck	Yolanda Bellows
Charlie Kyong	Janice Salas	Brenda Copes
Jeanne Brandenberger	Stephen Davila	Martin Cachola
Victor Sanchez	Beatris Santana	Laura Vasquez
Baby Rebecca Muhlenkamp	Juan Jose Mejia	Lou Samuels
Christopher McGehee	Chris Martinez, Jr.	Sally Reilly
Dot Huffhines	Dona Gower	Cynthia Gonzales
Lillian Leal	Ralph Rodriguez	Dorothy Lucido
	Peter	Kevin McKool
	Brandenberger	Bob Kemper
	Rafaela Negron	Bill Sullivan
		Emma Barrera

Sanctuary Light

This week, the Sanctuary Light burning in the Chapel is for the intentions of
Maria del Consuelo Martin Canchola

News & Events

On March 13 come get some

Fast Food

The Knights of Columbus are preparing breakfast burritos and sausage on a stick as fast as they can

The Knights will be selling them from 8 a.m. until after the 11 a.m. Mass



Young Serra Community

The Young Serra Community of Dallas invites young adults to join us for our meeting on March 11 at 7 p.m. We will meet at St. Monica parish for Mass, potluck dinner and a speaker. For details contact Kris Ollom at 972-951-3294 (evenings). Young Serrans are also having a series on The Catechism of the Catholic Church on Thursday evenings in Room 217 at St. Monica Parish at 7 p.m. For details please contact Christi Sanchez at 214-533-1431.

Invisible Children Congo Tour

On March 6 at 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Family Center room 109 come learn about Africa's longest lasting conflict and the ways Invisible Children, is making a difference. The presentation includes a 30 min. video detailing the life of a former child-soldier and special guest speaker from Uganda. Join us for refreshments and treats, while learning what you can do to help these child soldiers. Contact Carolyn Oliver for details at c.r.oliver@sbcglobal.net

Young Catholic Professionals

All young professionals are invited to attend an Executive Speaker Event at 7 p.m. on March 8, at St. Thomas Aquinas. We will offer free drinks and appetizers to celebrate Fat Tuesday. Please RSVP to ycpdallas@gmail.com.



The Bishop's 18th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner

On March 26 at the Hilton Anatole Bishop Kevin Farrell will host a dinner benefitting the Catholic Pro-Life Committee and Respect Life Ministry of the Diocese of Dallas. The keynote speaker will be Supreme

Knight Carl Anderson and the Master of Ceremonies will be EWTN Radio's Host, Dr. Ray Guarendi. The auction will begin at 5 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. St. Monica's Respect Life Ministry extends an invitation for parishioners to attend the dinner. For details contact Deacon Larry Lucido at (214) 351-6934.



Girl Scouts®

Girl Scout Cookies

On March 5 & 6 the St. Monica School Girl Scout Troop will be selling cookies after the following Masses: March 5 at 5 p.m.; March 6 at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5 p.m. They will be set up in the vestibule.

Social Club Dinner

The St. Monica Social Club invites parishioners 50 and over to an evening of fun and fellowship led by the youth program, on March 7 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Family Center 109. For details visit stmonicachurch.org/socialclubdinner



Parish Home Rosary

Monday, March 7 at 11:00 a.m.
Mary Ann McCauley
10450 Remington Ln. | (214) 352-6648

Tuesday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m.
Mona Simons
St. Monica Chapel | (214) 353-2721

Thursday, March 10 at 10:30 p.m.
Jean Kunecki
4177 Willow Grove | (214) 357-6703

Friday, March 11 at 10:30 p.m.
Alice Quirk
9401 Mixon Dr. Apt.149 | (214) 352-5643

To schedule a rosary call (214) 280-9879

Stewardship of Treasure for February 27, 2011

Regular - \$36,131.00
JP II HS - \$1,417.00

Mass Attendance for February 27, 2011

5:00 PM (Sat. Vigil)	365	11:00 AM	563
7:30 AM	168	2:00 PM	625
9:00 AM	353	5:00 PM	703

Total Attendance: 3,017

Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 6, 2011

9:30 a.m.	Breaking Open of the Word Library Mtg Room
9:30 a.m.	Adult Education Class 217
11:30 p.m.	Spanish Young Adults 211
2:00 p.m.	Nigerian Community Mtg 201
3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Rosary Church
6:00 p.m. - 12 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Monday, March 7, 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, March 8, 2011

7:30 a.m.	Rosary Chapel
8:00 a.m.	Kindergarten - 4 Mass Church
9:00 a.m. - 12 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
9:00 a.m.	39ers Conference Room
10:30 a.m.	Social Club Tai Chi 201
7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Director's Mtg 217
7:00 p.m.	HS Youth Ministry Band A15
7:30 p.m.	Lay Apostle Prayer Group 201

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Ash Wednesday

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

Thursday, March 10, 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
7:00 p.m.	Young Serrans 217
7:30 p.m.	Lay Apostle Prayer Group Lib

Friday, March 11, 2011

7:30 a.m.	Rosary Chapel
8:00 a.m.	5th-8th Grade Mass Church
9:00 a.m. - 12 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
5:30 p.m.	First Friday Mass Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Holy Face Cenacle Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Church
7:00 p.m.	Young Serrans Meeting 109
7:00 p.m.	Via Crucis Church

Saturday, March 12, 2011

8:30 a.m.	Retiro de Cuaresma 201
2:30 a.m.	Rose/DeLong Wedding Church
3:30 p.m.	Adult Education Class 217

† Del Pastor †

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

6 de Marzo

Imelda y Celerino Mejia

13 de Marzo

Hugo Duran y Claudia Rodriguez

20 de Marzo

Brandon Y Mariangela Byrne

27 de Marzo

Maria & Israel Rocha

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 numero antes de colgar y le regresaremos su llamada.

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

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

Un presidente anterior de la Universidad de Duke, el presidente William Few, iba en camino a la iglesia un domingo por la mañana en la lluvia cuando algunos estudiantes lo reconocieron y le ofrecieron llevarlo. Él aceptó, y en camino le preguntaron por qué había decidido ir a la iglesia esta mañana en un día tan lluvioso.

Presidente Few dijo: "Yo no decidí esta mañana. Decidí hace 50 años, y no he tenido que preguntarme esa pregunta desde entonces."

Llega un momento en cada vida cuando hacemos nuestro compromiso personal para seguir a Cristo. Para algunos, esto sucede en la vida adulta, en un momento de la conversión cuando una persona acepta a Jesús como su Señor y Salvador y que son bautizados. Pero, para la mayoría de los católicos, el bautismo se recibe en virtud de la fe de nuestros padres y padrinos, mucho antes que se entra a una relación personal con el Señor. Pero, para tener una verdadera relación con Cristo que no sea basado simplemente en un certificado de bautismo, en algún momento decidimos a tomar en serio nuestro llamado a vivir por los valores de Cristo y seguir su ejemplo de servicio y amor.

Sin embargo, tomar la decisión de ser más como Cristo, no siempre transforma nuestra vida. Haciendo un hábito de ir a misa todos los domingos o decir nuestra rosario todos los días no profundiza en nuestra conversación con el Señor en un nivel personal. Para eso se necesita un compromiso de reservar un tiempo para la oración personal y la reflexión sobre nuestra relación con Jesús.

Haciendo un hábito de evitar el pecado grave, no nos convierte en una persona perfecta. Eso toma

nuestras decisiones de no sólo para evitar hacer el mal, sino también la elección de darnos, nosotros mismos al Señor - en busca de la oportunidad de restaurar una relación a través de nuestro perdón; atrayendo la paz a través de nuestra decisión de poner a un lado de nuestra ira, dando le la bienvenida a una persona que preferimos evitar, como si fuera Jesús mismo.

Hacer un hábito de tomar la cruz no es la nuestra, simplemente porque nos mordemos la lengua y no nos quejamos de nuestras dificultades.

Al reflexionar sobre el hecho de que Dios nos ha cargado a través de algunos momentos difíciles y ahora estamos más fuertes y al decir "no" a nosotros mismos y llevar a cabo nuestra penitencia cuaresmal, llegaremos a ver que no estamos solos en tomar una cruz. Nuestro Padre estará a nuestro lado en todo momento.

Tan perfecto como él fue, Jesús tomo cuarenta días de oración y ayuno para prepararse para su ministerio. Y su ejemplo nos desafía a tomar en serio los cuarenta días de Cuaresma que estamos a punto de comenzar. Es una oportunidad especial para renovar el compromiso que hicimos a ser un fiel seguidor de Jesús. Y después de cuarenta días, las buenas obras que comenzamos se convirtieron los buenos hábitos que hemos puesto en práctica por el resto de nuestra vida.

“ **Nuestro Padre estará a nuestro lado** ”

- Padre Stephen W.

Bierschenk

Noticias y Eventos



Aprendamos y Vivamos Nuestra Fe Católica

Cuando decimos el Credo profesamos TODA nuestra fe Católica, es por eso que es importante que sepamos lo decimos. El 8, 15, 22 & 29 de Marzo de 7 p.m. a 9 p.m. se estarán impartiendo clases sobre el CREDO. Es importante conocer nuestra fe Católica para poder defenderla y evangelizar. Estas clases son acreditadas por la Diócesis de Dallas. El costo por todas las clases son \$10. Para más información llame a la oficina de Ministerio Hispano 214-357-8549.

Rincón Cuaresmal

El miércoles de Ceniza comienza la cuaresma, cuarenta días para prepararnos para participar de la vida, muerte y resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. La preparación de cada persona es diferente, algunos deciden: dejar de comer o beber algo que les satisface, dejar de hacer actividades que les divierten; hacer cosas que ordinariamente no harían, etc. Si lo que está ofreciendo no lo lleva a tener un encuentro más personal con Dios probablemente no lo está haciendo con devoción sino por tradición. Dios desea bendecir, sanar y fortalecer a sus fieles; pero debemos buscarlo con amor y humildad.



Jornada Familiar

El 18, 19, y 20 de marzo habrá un retiro para parejas que buscan vivir su Relación Matrimonial y Familiar en armonía Cristiana. Se tocarán temas como comunicación, celos, relaciones íntimas, infidelidad, violencia doméstica, y varios más. El mensaje de Jornada Familiar es para todas las parejas, esposos casados por la iglesia o por el civil, parejas viviendo en unión libre o novios que se van a casar. Se recomienda en especial a parejas que están teniendo algún tipo de crisis en su matrimonio, el retiro se llevara a cabo en el Centro de Cursillos de Dallas. para detalles comunicase con Rosy Castillo al 469-328-0780 o al Centro de Cursillos 214-631-7775



Retiro de Cuaresma

La Cuaresma es el tiempo de preparación para una conversión plena a Cristo. ¿Cómo lograrlo en un mundo lleno de distracciones? A. Busca a Jesús B. Vive estos cuarenta días después del Miércoles de Ceniza en abstinencia, Ayuno y Oración C. Haz obras de Caridad. D. Asiste al retiro de Cuaresma. Durante este día de Reflexión podrás poner en orden tu vida para planear tu vivencia durante los cuarenta días antes de la Semana Santa. El Retiro será el 12 de Marzo de 9 a 5 p.m. gratis. Para guiarnos a un acercamiento profundo con Cristo tendremos Sacerdotes y Religiosas que impartirán el retiro. ¡Es tiempo de cambiar nuestra vida! Para más información llame al 214-357-8549.

WOW! Wednesday y SoulSeekers

Nuestro horario regular de reuniones para Wow! Wednesday y SoulSeekers continuara el Miércoles de Ceniza, 9 de marzo de 6:30-8:30 p.m. Todos los miembros y sus familias están invitados a acompañar los jóvenes para la Misa del Miércoles de Ceniza a las 6:30 p.m. en la iglesia; asientos reservados estarán disponibles.



Miércoles de Ceniza

Las cenizas serán distribuidas durante Misa a las 8 p.m.

Confesiones Cuaresmales

(Tiempos adicionales cada martes)

Martes 12 to 12:30 p.m. & 6 to 6:30 p.m. (en la capilla)

Sabado 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (en la iglesia)

6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (en la capilla)

Vía Crucis

Cada viernes comenzando el 11 de marzo hasta el 15 de abril a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia



Ayuno y Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma

Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días obligatorios de ayuno y abstinencia (de carne). El ayuno es obligatorio para todos los que han cumplido 18 años y aún no han llegado a su 60 cumpleaños. El ayuno permite que una persona coma una comida completa. Dos comidas más pequeñas se pueden tomar, no equivalidas a una comida completa. La abstinencia (de carne) es obligatorio para todos los que han llegado a su 14 cumpleaños.

Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia completa obligatoria (de carne) para todos los que han llegado a su 14 cumpleaños. Estas normas son Obligatorias para todos los católicos pero excluye a personas enfermas, que toman medicinas o están en dietas especiales debido a su salud o si realizan trabajos extremadamente agotador