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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.*

† From the Pastor †

My Grandpa Joe Bierschenk was a man who had worked the farm all his life and raised a family of eight children with his wife Mathilde. He had had little opportunity for schooling but he could read the signs of the weather and predict if it would rain tomorrow just about as accurately as the scientists do today. As children, we were fascinated watching him hand-roll cigarettes, and then drop burning bits of tobacco down onto his prominent stomach.

He loved playing dominoes, and could tell what each player had in their pile of dominoes after only a few rounds. When I was in the seminary, he would sometimes invite me to be his partner in a round of dominoes. And after a few rounds his hands would start shaking and he would get very nervous. I was so bad at making the proper plays he suddenly couldn't figure out what to play himself.

Every time I say Mass I think of Grandpa Bierschenk, because he is the one who gave me my chalice. He used to tell me over and over that he wished he would live to see me ordained, but he did not think he would do so.

And, on the day of my ordination, thirty-five years ago, I came down the aisle at St. Pius X church here in Dallas, and began the Mass sitting with my family, next to Grandpa Bierschenk. I looked over at his craggy, weather-beaten face and smiled, and I saw a tear in his eye.

As I look back I think of how Grandpa Bierschenk had such an effect on my life. Through his son, my father, I too came to appreciate some important

values. **Faith** – my Dad would tell how they would hitch up the team and go in the wagon to Mass on Sunday – every Sunday, hot or cold, rain or shine. **Family** – Bierschenk family gatherings were always loud and exciting and ended with everyone stuffed with food. And they still are times of special love shared with many people. And **hard work** – I grew up in a family that valued each member doing their part to take care of each other.

This Sunday I have been ordained thirty-five years. When I sat there next to Grandpa Bierschenk, I didn't have any idea of the wonderful adventure I would be given by God. It started here at St. Monica, as I spent three years as the Assistant. I went on to other parishes, large and small, in the big city and in small towns. But, through it all there has been one constant. Even though the buildings and programs and possibilities are different in each parish, each community offers me an opportunity to continue and to pass on the values of my family – a life of faith, a parish family, and hard work to accomplish great things for the Lord.

I thank you for welcoming me here at St. Monica's. I consider it a great privilege to be the Pastor of such a wonderful community. And it is my prayer that we will continue to grow together in the service of the Lord for many years to come.

—Fr. Stephen W.
Bierschenk



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

Office of Faith Formation

Adult Confirmation Classes

The next Confirmation date is June 12. Classes will be held May 17, May 31 and June 7 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Room 217. To register, go 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*. Arrive early for Mass and hear some beautiful music!

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.

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.



School News

St. Monica Preschool—Spaces Still Available!

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.

Annie Junior Spring Musical

The St. Monica Students will present Annie Junior on May 5 at 7 p.m. in the school Cafeteria. Tickets will be \$2 each at the door.

News & Events

St. Monica Mom's Group

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 St. Monica's Parish Moms Group contact Nelly Kane -Macias at 972-803-3019 or kane_nelly@yahoo.com.



Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society is called to spread and increase love for His Sacred Name of Jesus. Join us for Monthly Communion May 8 at 7:30 a.m. followed by a meeting and breakfast in the Family Center 109. For details contact Bob Noyes at (214) 351-6925.

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 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, MAY 2, 2011

- 6:45 AM Edgardo Real † by Jeanne Alzeinati
- 8:00 AM Trevor Correia † by Randy Ready

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011

- 6:45 AM Frank Petru † by Hitchell Family
- 8:00 AM Madden † & Canary † Families

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011

- 6:45 AM McLaren † & Holland † Families
- 8:00 AM John Rogers † by Madden Family

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011

- 6:45 AM Melanie Dharmagunaratne † by Wijeweera Family
- 8:00 AM William Cooper † by St. Monica School

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2011

- 6:45 AM Leahy † & Jenkins † Families by Terry Jenkins
- 8:00 AM Rose Civello † by Marilyn & Ed Fulbright
- 5:00 PM Irene Soilean † by Liese & Madden Families

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011

- 8:00 AM Robert Byrd † by Gloria Byrd
- 5:00 PM Int. of Camille Diloreto by Pat Chebino

For our sick:

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

For our Deceased: Dr. Louis Johnston

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light burning in the Chapel is for the healing of Marin Canchola.

Ed and Josie Toogood wish to offer a very sincere "thank you" for all the prayers, food and help of all kinds from friends at St. Monica's. "Truly God sent us ministering angels while both of us were ill."

News & Events

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; only 300 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. For details or tickets visit stmonicachurch.org/kocmovie.



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.

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.

Family Vocation Chalice

- Saturday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m.
Alexandra Hochhaus
- Sunday, May 8 at 7:30 a.m.
Leo Pimentel
- Sunday, May 8 at 9:00 a.m.
Jeff & Lesley Jordan
- Sunday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m.
Greg & Katie Dodd
- Sunday, May 8 at 12:30 p.m.
Anne Osifo

To participate call
(214) 368-3640

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 PG-13 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.



Ushers Needed

Ushers welcome parishioners as they gather for Mass, assist in finding seats, gather offerings for the church and thank visitors for their attendance and participation as they leave. If you're interested in being an Usher for the 5 p.m. Mass contact Bob Andres at (214) 351-6918.

St. Jude Women's Circle Meeting

Join us for a light dinner, door prizes, fellowship and fun on May 4 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the home of Sally Goebel (3732 Waldorf Drive, Dallas, TX 75229) Join us for our last meeting of the season as we wrap up this year with success stories and what's happening for VBS 2011! Learn more about our upcoming social, service and spiritual events! If you are unable to attend, but are interested in learning more, contact Christy Wilson at russandchristy@sbcglobal.net or at (214) 366-2332. Come casual and bring a friend!

Stewardship of Treasure for

April 24, 2011

Easter Sunday - \$55,268.12
Holy Land (4/22) - \$2,642.00

Mass Attendance for Holy Week 2011

Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday
569	580	854

Total: 2,003

Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 1, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Class | 217
- 9:30 a.m.-12:30p.m. Sunday Nursery | 114
- 10:15 a.m. Safe Environment | Library
- 11:30 a.m. Spanish Young Adults | 211
- 3:00 p.m. Rosario | Church
- 6:00 p.m.-12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel

Monday, May 2, 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, May 3, 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
- 10:30 a.m. Social Club Tai Chi | 201
- 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mtg | 217

Wednesday, May 4, 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, May 5, 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
- 7:30 p.m. Lay Apostle Prayer Group | Lib

Friday, May 6, 2011

- 6:30 a.m. Metro Serra Club | 109
- 7:30 a.m. Rosary | Chapel
- 8:00 a.m. St. Monica All School Mass | Church
- 9:00 a.m.-12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Face Cenacle | Chapel

Saturday, May 7, 2011

- 8:30 a.m. 1st Sat. Devtn. Rosary | Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer Group | 214
- 3:30 p.m. Adult Education Class | 217
- 4:30 p.m. Rosario de la Virgen de Fatima | Chapel

Mass Attendance for April 24, 2011

7:30 AM	531	12:30 PM	570
9:00 AM	1510	2:00 PM	687
11:00 AM	1583	5:00 PM	505

Total: 5,386

† Del Pastor †

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

May 1
Juana Morales
May 8
Familia Guevara
May 15
Familia Monroy
May 22
Familia Rosales
May 29
Familia Palacios



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

Mi abuelo Joe Bierschenk era un hombre que había trabajado en una granja toda su vida y crió una familia de ocho hijos con su esposa Matilde. Había tenido pocas oportunidades para la educación pero podía leer los signos del tiempo y predecir si iba a llover mañana, casi tan exactamente como los científicos de hoy. Como niños, quedábamos fascinados observándolo rodar los cigarrillos a mano, y luego dejar caer los pedacitos del tabaco quemado hacia abajo sobre su estomago prominente.

Le encantaba jugar al dominó, y podía decir lo que cada jugador tenía en su pila de fichas de dominó después de sólo unas cuantas rondas. Cuando estaba en el seminario, a veces me invitaba a ser su compañero en un juego de dominó. Y después de unas cuantas rondas sus manos comenzaban a temblar y se ponía muy nervioso. Yo era tan malo en hacer las jugadas adecuadas, de repente el no podía hacer jugadas tampoco.

Cada vez que digo Misa pienso en mi abuelo Bierschenk, porque él es el que me dio mi cáliz. Él me decía una y otra vez que deseaba vivir para ver me ordenó, pero no pensaba que fuera a hacerlo.

Y, en el día de mi ordenación, hace treinta y cinco años, me encontré por el pasillo en la iglesia San Pío X aquí en Dallas, y comencé la Misa con mi familia, al par de mi abuelo Bierschenk. Miré a su rostro marcado, curtido y sonreí, y vi una lágrima en sus ojos.

Cuando reflexiono pienso en cómo mi abuelo Bierschenk tuvo un

efecto en mi vida. A través de su hijo, mi padre, yo también llegué a apreciar algunos valores importantes. **Fe** - mi papá me contaba cómo enganchaban el equipo y todos iban en el carro a misa el domingo - todos los domingos, caliente o frío, lluvia o sol. **Familia** - reuniones de la familia Bierschenk siempre había mucho ruido y eran emocionantes y terminaban con todos rellenos de comida. Y todavía son momentos de amor especial compartido con muchas personas. Y el **trabajo duro** - Crecí en una familia que valoraba cada miembro haciendo su parte para cuidarse el uno a otro.

Este domingo he sido ordenado treinta y cinco años. Cuando me senté junto al abuelo Bierschenk, yo no tenía ni idea de la aventura maravillosa que estaría dada por Dios. Todo empezó aquí, en Santa Mónica, pase tres años como Asistente. Fui a otras parroquias, grandes y pequeñas, en la gran ciudad y en pueblos pequeños. Pero, a pesar de todo ha habido una constante. A pesar de que los edificios y los programas y las posibilidades son diferentes en cada parroquia, cada comunidad me ofrece una oportunidad para continuar y transmitir los valores de mi familia - una vida de fe, una familia parroquial, y trabajar duro para lograr grandes cosas para el Señor.

Le doy las gracias por darme la bienvenida aquí, en Santa Mónica. Lo considero un gran privilegio ser el pastor de una comunidad tan maravillosa. Y es mi oración que vamos a seguir creciendo juntos en el servicio del Señor por muchos años por venir.

- Padre Stephen W.
Bierschenk



Después de Ocho Días
JESUS
Vino y Estuvo Entre Ellos

Noticias y Eventos



Noche de Adoración

6 de Mayo en la Iglesia 7 p.m.

"Digno es el Cordero inmolado de recibir honor, gloria y alabanza."

- Ap. 5:12

¿Cuáles son los frutos a esperar de la adoración?

Cuando una persona está en adoración, recibe del Señor grandes gracias. Cuando adoramos su presencia eucarística Jesús nos consuela, nos da la paz, nos alivia de todas nuestras penas, y nos regala las gracias que necesitamos. Por medio de la adoración la Eucaristía se vuelve el centro de la vida del creyente, y se acrecienta la intimidad con Él. El Santo Padre Juan

Colecta Especial Hoy

Hay muchas diócesis en los Estados Unidos, parroquias que se esfuerzan por mantener sus puertas abiertas. Estas diócesis están clasificadas como misiones domésticas y no pueden financiar solas los programas de catequesis, el pastoral juvenil y la formación de seminaristas. El Llamado para las Misiones Católicas sostiene a estas diócesis dándoles los fondos necesarios para los ministerios más esenciales, incluyendo asistencia a las parroquias vulnerables. Por favor, sean generosos con este Llamado y ayuden a fortalecer la Iglesia en casa.



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 gustaría 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.



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.

Beatificación del Papa Juan Pablo II

El 1 de mayo de 2011, el hombre que canonizó a más santos que cualquier otro Papa en la historia moderna hará un paso más hacia la santidad cuando se convierte en "El Beato Juan Pablo II." El Papa Benedicto V XI presidirá la ceremonia de beatificación en la Plaza de San Pedro.



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.