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† From the Pastor †

Over one hundred years ago, G.K. Chesterton commented on the role of a mother: "the daily operations surrounding her with very young children, who need to be taught not so

much anything but everything. Babies need not to be taught a trade, but to be introduced to a world. To put the matter shortly, a woman is generally shut up in a house with a human being at the time when he asks all the questions that there are, and some that there aren't ...

Our race has thought it worthwhile to cast this burden on women in order to keep common-sense in the world How can it be an (important) career to tell other people's children about mathematics, and a small career to tell

one's own children about the universe? ... A woman's function is laborious ... not because it is minute, but because it is gigantic. I will pity Mrs. Jones for the hugeness of her task; I will never pity her for its smallness."

Today we honor our mothers. And it seems suitable to pause for a moment and reflect on the lessons our mother taught us as she opened the universe to us. She taught us about the manner in which God loves us, because her love was unconditional, not based on something we could give back or do for her, but simply love given to us because we are the person we are.

She taught us soon that there is Someone greater than we are, who

must be acknowledged and worshipped. It was our mother who taught us how to make the sign of the cross, pointed out Jesus on the cross, helped us bless our food before we ate it, and to pray for others, not just for things we needed.

She taught us to share our things with others, to work with others, to see how special our brothers and sisters were, to eventually discover that our circle of brothers and sisters included so many others who are loved by God as are we.

She taught us that love involves sacrifices – patience with a crying baby, gentle care for a sick child, changing diapers, driving carpool, endless progressions of practices and games and recitals and campouts. Personal

interests willingly replaced by fascinations with dinosaurs, and Barbie, and soccer and the latest boy band.

Today, as we each pause to reflect on the powerful influence our mother has had on the person we are today, it is important to not think that we have done enough with a card or a gift or a whispered prayer. Our mother has taught us so many important things, not by preaching, but by example. And our greatest tribute to her importance in life is to continue to work every day to be the type of person that would make her proud!

—Fr. Stephen W.
Bierschenk

“The role of a mother ...”

Thank you

I so appreciated all those who took the time to honor me with their kind words, gifts and participation in the receptions after Mass last weekend in honor of my ordination anniversary. I feel so blessed to be the Pastor of this wonderful community and look forward to many more years with my parish family here at St. Monica.

--Fr. Stephen 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

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.



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

Whirlyball

All high school teens are invited to join in the fun and play Whirly Ball on May 18 from 7-8:30 p.m. Consent and Liability Forms are required which can be found at the Youth Ministry webpage. The registration deadline is May 10. Cost is \$12 a person. We will be meeting at Whirlyball Dallas (3641 W Northwest Hwy) whirlyballdallas.com. For details contact Michelle Tomlinson at 214-357-8549 x135.

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 more information on the school and a tour of our beautiful campus contact the Director, Barbara Seltzer at (214)351-5688 ext. 261 or bseltzer@stmonicaschool.org.

School Board Elections

Ballot packets for school board election are available at stmonicaschool.org. Each parent with one or more children in the school and all adult parishioners are eligible to cast one vote each. Please carefully consider the candidates, and return your ballots no later than 4 p.m. on May 16. Ballot boxes are available to receive ballots in the office at the school and in the Vestibule at the Church.

News & Events

Saint Monica Moms

If you are a mom of children between the ages of 0-5 years old and would like to fellowship with others moms of young children within our Parish contact Nelly Kane-Macias at (972)803-3019 or kane_nelly@yahoo.com. We are looking to start a moms group which would consist of spiritual, social and educational activities for both mother and child.



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 8, 2011

- 7:30 AM Priest's Intention
- 9:00 AM Mother's Day Novena
- 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 9, 2011

- 6:45 AM Mother's Day Novena
- 8:00 AM Pat Taylor † by Sharon & Brian Mitchell

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011

- 6:45 AM Dorothy Kupersmith † by Helen & Bob Chisolm
- 8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011

- 6:45 AM Mother's Day Novena
- 8:00 AM John DiMarco † by Sharon & Brian Mitchell

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011

- 6:45 AM A.J. Patterson † by Colleen & Jeff Hovinga
- 8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011

- 6:45 AM Mother's Day Novena
- 8:00 AM For Our Priests

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011

- 8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena
- 5:00 PM Gene Currier † by Laura Slaney

For our sick:

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

For our Deceased: Jean Watters, Mother of Laura Barnett

Sanctuary Light

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

News & Events

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.



Looking for a Summer Camp?

School is almost out and it is time to give your kids a summer that is fun, safe, and convenient for you. Kidventure Camp combines an engaging curriculum, with noble super heroes, enchanted castles, pirate adventures and the most professional staff around. Visit kidventure.com today to enroll campers ages 3-13!

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 on Saturdays contact Bob Andres at (214)351-6918.



Nine Days that Changed the World

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fundraiser for St. Monica Church 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. Producers, Newt and his wife, Callista Gingrich will introduce the film. The premiere will be May 9 at Studio Movie Grill; only 300 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. For details or tickets visit stmonicachurch.org/kocmovie.

Cemetery of the Innocents Gravesite Memorial

Join the Catholic Pro-Life Committee on May 15 for the Cemetery of the Innocents Memorial Gravesite Service at 2 p.m. at Calvary Hill Cemetery, 3235 Lombardy Ln., Dallas. We will remember the children who have been killed by abortion at one of the largest mass graves of aborted babies in the world, where more than 1,500 precious innocents are buried. Everyone is encouraged to bring flowers for the gravesite. For details contact Laura Weston, (214) 358-0694.



What is the Parish Advisory Council?

Applications are being accepted for three spots on the Council that supports Fr. Bierschenk on strategic initiatives such as the I Am St. Monica Program. For those that are interested in using their creativity, thrive in an unstructured environment and like being involved at a high-level it's a great experience. For commitment details and to apply visit stmonicachurch.org, click "About Us" and then click "Advisory Councils" then click "Parish Advisory Council". *Deadline for applications is May 23.*

Family Vocation Chalice

Saturday, May 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Jim & Sheila Madden

Sunday, May 15 at 7:30 a.m.

Bill & Louella Marx

Sunday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Glen & Gina Robinson

Sunday, May 15 at 11:00 a.m.

Mike & Judy Curtis

Sunday, May 15 at 12:30 p.m.

Renee Ozier &

her First Grade Class

Sunday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m.

Tom & Deborah Alcala

**To participate call
(214) 368-3640**

Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 8, 2011

7:00 a.m. Holy Name Society | 109
8:00 a.m. Knights Breakfast
Burritos | Church
9:30 a.m. Adult Education Class | 217
9:30 a.m.-12:30p.m. Sunday Nursery | 114
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 9, 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. Catholic Daughters Mtg | 109
6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer | Mary Shrine
7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul | 129

Tuesday, May 10, 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 Room
10:30 a.m. Social Club Tai Chi | 201
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus
Director's Mtg | 217

Wednesday, May 11, 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 12, 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 | Cafeteria
7:30 p.m. Lay Apostle Prayer Group | Lib

Friday, May 13, 2011

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

Saturday, May 14, 2011

9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer Group | 214
3:30 p.m. Adult Education Class | 217
5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus
Membership Drive | Church

Mass Attendance for May 1, 2011

5:00 PM (Sat. Vigil) 498	11:00 AM 568	12:30 PM 241
7:30 AM 205	2:00 PM 578	
9:00 AM 337	5:00 PM 672	
Total: 3,099		

Stewardship of Treasure for May 1, 2011

Regular \$36,902.00
USCC Home Missions
\$2,059.00

† 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.



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

Hace más de cien años, G.K. Chesterton comentó sobre el papel de una madre: "las operaciones diarias de su entorno con niños muy pequeños, que necesitan ser les enseñe no tanto algo,

sino todo. Los bebés no necesitan aprender un oficio, sino ser introducido a un mundo. A poner el asunto en breve, una mujer generalmente esta encerrada en una casa con un ser humano en el momento en el hace todas las preguntas que hay, y algunos que no lo hay ... Nuestra raza ha pensado que vale la

pena poner esta carga en las mujeres con el fin de mantener el sentido común en el mundo ¿Cómo puede ser un papel (importante) decirle a los niños de otras personas de las matemáticas, y una carrera pequeña contarle a nuestros propios hijos sobre el universo? ... La función de una mujer es laborioso ... no porque sea minuto, sino porque es gigantesco. Yo tengo piedad a la Señora Jones por la inmensidad de su tarea; yo nunca la compadeceré por su pequeñez".

Hoy honramos a nuestras madres. Y parece adecuado pausar por un momento y reflexionar sobre las lecciones que nuestra madre nos enseñó cuando abrió el universo para nosotros. Ella nos enseñó sobre la manera en que Dios nos ama, porque su amor era incondicional, no basado en algo que podríamos devolver o hacer por ella, sino que simplemente el amor dado a nosotros porque somos quien somos.

Ella nos enseñó pronto que hay Alguien más grande que nosotros, que

debe ser reconocido y adorado. Era nuestra madre que nos enseñó a hacer la señal de la cruz, señaló a Jesús en la cruz, nos ayudó a bendecir la comida antes de comerla, y orar por los demás, no sólo para las cosas que necesitábamos.

Ella nos enseñó a compartir nuestras cosas con los demás, a trabajar con otros, para ver lo especial que eran nuestros hermanos y hermanas, para descubrir eventualmente que nuestro círculo de hermanos y hermanas incluye tantos otros que son amados por Dios como nosotros.

Ella nos enseñó que el amor implica sacrificios - la paciencia con un bebé que llora, la atención tierra para un niño enfermo, cambiar pañales, la manejando del "carpool", progresiones interminables de prácticas y juegos y recitales y campamentos. Intereses personales gustosamente sustituidos por fascinaciones con dinosaurios, y Barbie, y el fútbol y la nueva banda de chicos.

Hoy, como cada uno de nosotros pausamos para reflexionar sobre la poderosa influencia que nuestra madre ha tenido en la persona que somos hoy, es importante no pensar que hemos hecho lo suficiente con una tarjeta o un regalo o una oración en voz baja. Nuestra madre nos ha enseñado tantas cosas importantes, no por la predicación, sino con el ejemplo. Y nuestro mayor homenaje a su importancia en la vida es seguir trabajando cada día para ser el tipo de persona que le haría orgullosa!

- Padre Stephen W.

Bierschenk

“ El papel de una madre ... ”

Gracias

Yo aprecio tanto a todos aquellos que tomaron el tiempo a honrarme con sus palabras amables, regalos y participación en las recepciones el fin de semana pasado después de la Misa en honor del aniversario de mi ordenación. Me siento muy afortunada ser el pastor de esta maravillosa comunidad y espero muchos años más con mi familia aquí en la parroquia Santa Mónica.

-Pdr. Stephen Bierschenk

Noticias y Eventos

Registraciones de Catecismo

Habr  un cambio en las clases de Catecismo del a o escolar 2011-2012. Las clases de pre-kinder a s ptimo grado ser n los s bados de 9:30 a 11 a.m. comenzando el 10 de Septiembre. Los estudiantes de octavo a doce grado ser n los domingos de 3:30 p.m. a 6 p.m. Las inscripciones abrir n el 23 de Mayo hasta el 30 de Junio. Tambi n, puede inscribirse en l nea en stmonicachurch.org. De cualquier forma que inscriba a sus hijos necesita traer el acta de nacimiento y fe de bautismo de los estudiantes a la oficina. El costo por estudiante es \$70. Si su hijo/a recibir  sacramentos este a o el costo es \$100. Por favor llame a la oficina si tiene m s de un hijo para informarle sobre el costo. Cada a o debe de inscribir a sus hijos para el catecismo, inclusive si vinieron a clases el a o pasado. Para m s informaci n por favor llame a la oficina de Formaci n en la Fe 214-357-8549.



Retiro de Formaci n

Todo bautizado est  llamado a proclamar la palabra de Dios donde quiera que se encuentre. Sin embargo, hay personas que deciden hacerlo de una manera m s 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 invitaci n a las personas que gustar n aprender m s sobre este ministerio y hacerlo parte de su vida. El 28 de Mayo, tendremos un retiro de Formaci n. Para m s informaci n llame a Oscar G mez 469-684-1916 o Roberto Mart nez 214-470-1274.



Taller de Parejas

Este taller est  abierto para todas las parejas que buscan ser felices en su matrimonio. El matrimonio se vive en diferentes fases y si la pareja no est  al tanto de ellas, se pueden causar mucho dolor y sufrimiento el uno al otro. Es importante dar un vistazo a lo que no est  funcionando en la relaci n y buscar nuevas formas de renacer el amor, respeto, comunicaci n, comprensi n y perd n 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 armon a. El taller ser  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 Mar a Gonz lez (214) 357-8549.



Cementerio de los Inocentes Memorial

Formar parte del Comit  Cat lico Pro-Vida el 15 de mayo para el Cementerio de los Inocentes Servicio tumba Memorial a las 2 pm en el Cementerio Calvary Hill, 3235 Ln Lombard a., Dallas. Vamos a recordar a los ni os que han sido asesinados por el aborto en una de las tumbas en masa m s grande de los beb s abortados en el mundo, donde m s de 1.500 inocentes preciosos est n enterrados. Todos est n invitados a llevar flores a la tumba. Para obtener m s informaci n contactar con Laura Weston, (214) 358 0694.



Flores para Santa Mar a

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 Mar a; esto significa tratar y querer de una manera especial a Mar a durante este mes. Invitamos a las familias a traer flores a Mar a. Los ni os ofrecer n las flores despu s de la comuni n en la Misa de Espa ol. Pueden traer una rosa o florero.



 C mo puedes salvar una vida inocente?

Entrenamiento para ser consejero de acera en las cl nicas de aborto
Ven a aprender el m todo del Msr. Philip Reilly de presencia piadosa y tranquila, que ha ayudado a m s de 22,000 madres en Nueva York y 4,000 madres aqu  en Dallas escoger contra el aborto. El pr ximo entrenamiento ser  el 4 de junio de 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., en la Iglesia San Eduardo (4007 Elm St., Dallas 75226) en la Capilla. Si usted se siente llamado a este ministerio este entrenamiento es para usted! El entrenamiento es gratis, y incluye un desayuno continental, almuerzo ligero y todos los materiales ser n proporcionados. Pre-registraci n es obligatorio y se encuentra en prolifedallas.org/sidewalk. Para detalles hable Joan Underwood, 214-261-8499, 469-767-5785, o junderwood@prolifedallas.org.

