

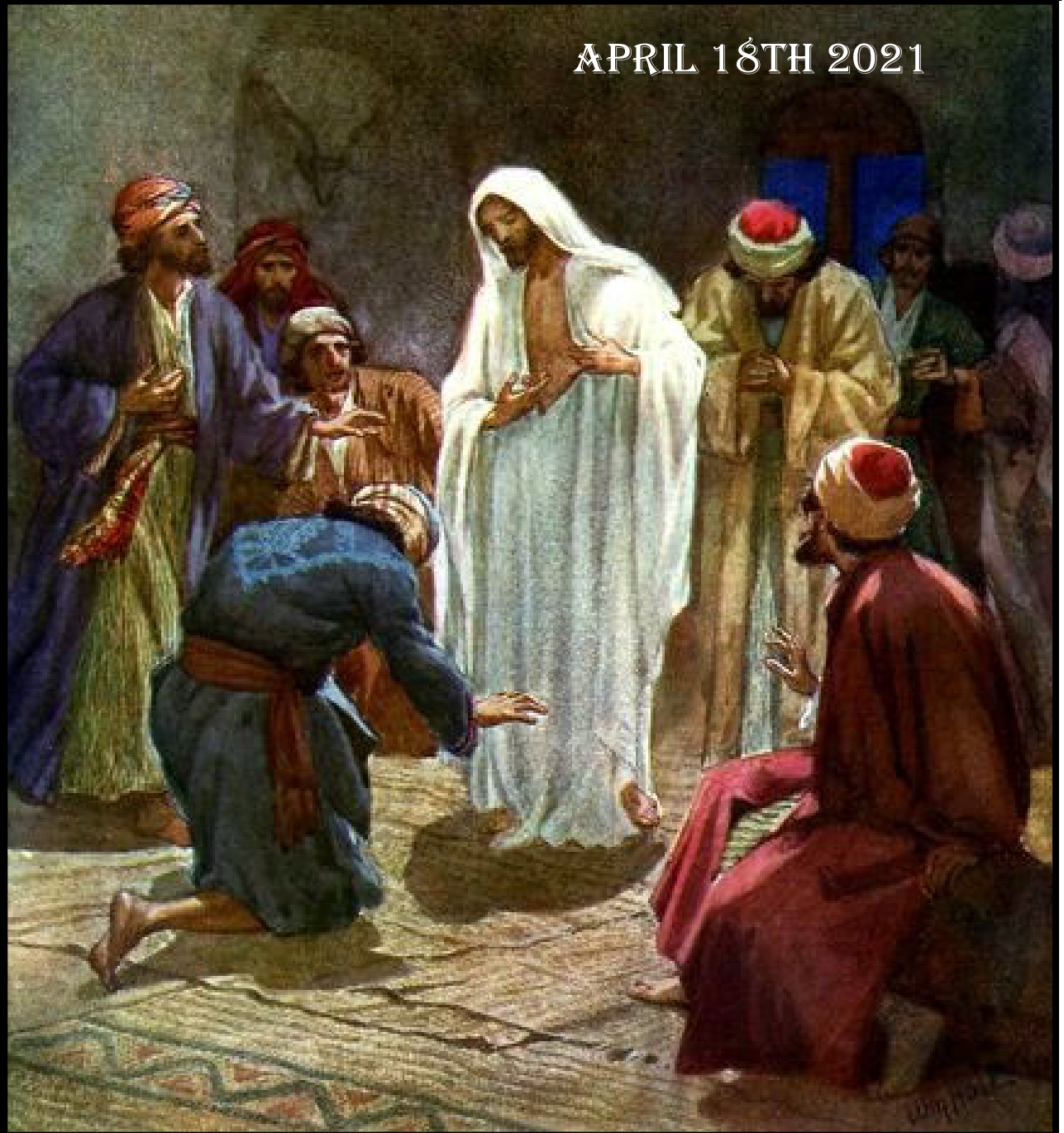
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*“We are called to welcome and assist all to the compassionate love of Jesus through the Eucharist.”*

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“Peace be with You, Beloved of Saint Monica!”

Jesus greets us along the journey; our sometimes-bumpy way.

We are met along the way, even though we are still wrestling with *fear, faith, confusion and understanding*. Jesus is calling us to be “stewards” of our experiences of the Resurrection. Jesus is inviting us to witness to his love, life, death, resurrection and ascension to heaven. That means we are to be stewards of his Holy Spirit and Opened Minds.

Who is a Christian disciple? One who responds to Christ’s call, follows Jesus, and shapes his or her life in imitation of Christ’s. Who is a Christian steward? One who receives God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

**(STEWARDSHIP: A DISCIPLE’S RESPONSE: A PASTORAL LETTER ON STEWARDSHIP, 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EDITION [WASHINGTON, DC: UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, 2002], P.9)**

If someone says that Spirituality is simply “staying awake,” and Evangelization is “wanting everyone to know who God is,” or Stewardship is simply receiving, nurturing, sharing, and returning God’s gifts, then we might listen.

And stewardship is just that. A steward (caretaker, trustee) is one who receives God’s gifts gratefully. Be that gift the grace of another day, the presence of a friend, or even a suffering that challenges us to grow, we are called to be grateful. So often we take things for granted or, even worse, feel we are entitled to life, friendship, or an existence free of pain. Not so. All is gift; all is grace. A steward is aware of this and responds accordingly.

Stewardship is nurturing and cherishing the gifts God gives us. This is the field of serious discipline. It is one thing to have a package of seeds; it is another to plant and tend those seeds responsibly. Every gift we are given is also a responsibility. The seeds that Karen Lee has encouraged us to plant and nourish is more than a quaint exercise. Understanding how God gives us only seeds of faith, not ripe fruit, is a matter of eternal life... or not! It is through hard work that gifts flourish, bear fruit and bring glory to God.

In the picture, you will see me with Mission Honduras from St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jacksonville. It required much stewardship to be sitting with these orphans in joyful wonder and awe.

Before we traveled to Honduras on Mission, we had to meet every month for almost a year. We had to pack our bags with medicine and bring just the bare minimum for the 10 days we were to be there. We pay our own way. We pray together and with the people we minister with. During this pandemic, the missions have suffered greatly, but we who go on missions have suffered in our growth and love with the poor. We have lost our ability to share ourselves with the poorest of poor. The poor have lost the ability to share their gift of poverty with us.

Stewards share. What has been given and nurtured is to be shared with others. Not only are we called to make a just offering of our time, talent, and treasure; the gospel also impels us to make a sacrificial offering. Mature stewards do not count the cost. All has been given freely; for stewards, all will be shared freely and joyfully.

And, yes, stewards return to the Lord the gifts entrusted to them. Those golden words of the Gospel, "Well done, good and faithful steward"—ring down through the ages. Gifts return to the Lord, from whence they came: thirty, sixty, and hundredfold.

This is just a life of dedicated and loving service. We are grateful for the stewardship of the artists who shared last week at Music Fest; Mary Kay, Melody and Jeannie.

Have a beautiful Easter week sharing God's abundant gifts,  
Love, joy, peace,  
Father Ron Moses +





The good stewardship of our parishioners at St. Monica Church makes all that we do possible!

# STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY



Weekly Offering

April 10 & April 11

Offertory: \$ 6,011.00

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- **Corporations are givers too!** The cap on corporate deductions for qualifying charitable gifts increased to 25% of taxable income.
- **Required Minimum Distribution?** It's easy to help your parish and save taxes! Just call your IRA administrator and donate directly from your IRA.

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# Grow Strong in Your Faith

*With Karen Lee*



Life is good. But life is even better with a good role model. We all need someone to look up to, a person who we'd like to be like some day. Someone once told me, "Karen, you read a LOT of books! Did you know that the people all around you are just like books? You can learn a lot from them. Just look for someone who you admire, who you would like to be like, and follow in their footsteps. I've found this to be valuable advice. Some of my favorite "books/people" are right here in this church!

Of course, if you want to be the person God created you to be, the best person you can look to is His Son, Jesus Christ. And the best way to learn about Jesus is to read the Gospels. The more often you read them, the more you will know him. If you read them often enough, you can literally visualize him and hear him speak as he goes about doing his Father's work.

What do we know about Jesus? He was humble and did not seek personal attention. He was compassionate, always seeking to help others. Jesus was loving, kind, forgiving, gentle, understanding, and patient. He was committed to doing his work, not as a king, but as a servant. He displayed self-control, even when tempted by the devil. He was prayerful, always going off to spend time in conversation with his Father. Jesus never looked down on anyone. He was honest. In fact, Jesus didn't just tell the truth, he WAS the truth. Most of all, he was obedient. He spent his life doing his Father's will, even to the point of death on a cross.

So, how do we look to Jesus's example and become more like him? Back in the 1990s, there was a popular trend of wearing WWJD (What Would Jesus Do) bracelets. They were a good reminder to always choose to live like Jesus. Even today in 2021, it is a great way to live your life. If you see someone who is lonely, ask yourself, "What would Jesus do?" If you know someone is sick and in need of comfort, WWJD? There is someone who needs a ride to the store or to the doctor. WWJD? And if you have an important decision to make, ask yourself WWJD?

You don't need a WWJD bracelet to do this. But if you would like one so you don't forget this important question, there are bracelets in the Adult Formation Center. Get one for your kids, too. If you would like a fancier version, check out our gift shop for one in your favorite color. And don't forget when you have an important choice to make...



# faith FORMATION



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(LK 22:19)

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June 4-5, 2021

Mark your calendars now to attend  
the 2021 Florida Eucharistic  
Congress, June 4-5!

This year's Eucharistic Congress will begin in Gainesville on June 4 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, beginning at 5 p.m. On June 5, the Eucharistic Congress begins at 8 a.m. with a procession of banners at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jacksonville. Both days include Mass with Bishop Robert Baker as the main celebrant and Bishop Felipe Estévez as the homilist. There are also break-out sessions for adults, Spanish-speaking adults, teens and children.

To learn more, visit [www.floridaeucharist.org](http://www.floridaeucharist.org).



# Church Announcements

## ST. MONICA RELIGIOUS ARTICLES AND GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPEN ON SUNDAY!

Located in the Parish office  
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00PM  
Sundays from 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM



**\*New items\***



## Save the Dates

Ladies Guild Installation of Officers  
Friday June 4 after the 8:30 AM Mass

President: Mary Iovino  
1st Vice president: Shirley Delaney  
2nd Vice President: Diane Hawkins  
Secretary: Pam Mathes  
Treasurer: Maudie Valenti

## Little Children's Church

**Now Open!!!!**

A nursery service during the Sunday  
9:00 AM Mass

Open to children Ages 1 to 4

Volunteers needed

**\*Protecting God's Children Required\***



# worship & prayer

## Prayer Requests

Louise Egan, Sue Wilson,  
Fred Lininger, Shirley Delaney,  
Edna Blandford, Andy Hall, Gary Rummel,  
Adrienne Fennell, Frank Comer, Pam Mathes,  
Larry Beaton, Quinn Soucey,  
Hoyt Muir, Bernice Rich,  
Brian Tomlinson, Diane Kinnon, Ken Lininger,  
Tony Wheeler, Kitty Cruz, Frank Fraize,  
Cooper Newman, Diane Hawkins, Kimball Murray

Please call the office at 386-325-9777 if you know someone that needs prayers.

## This Week's Daily Readings

**Monday:** Reading 1, *Acts 6:8-15*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30*  
Gospel, *John 6:22-29*  
**Tuesday:** Reading 1, *Acts 7:51-8:1*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 31:3-4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21*  
Gospel, *John 6:30-35*  
**Wednesday:** Reading 1, *Acts 8:1-8*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7*  
Gospel, *John 6:35-40*  
**Thursday:** Reading 1, *Acts 8:26-40*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 66:8-9, 16-17, 20*  
Gospel, *John 6:44-51*  
**Friday:** Reading 1, *Acts 9:1-20*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 117:1, 2*  
Gospel, *John 6:52-59*  
**Saturday:** Reading 1, *Acts 9:31-42*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17*  
Gospel, *John 6:60-69*  
**Sunday:** Reading 1, *Acts 4:8-12*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 21, 29*  
Gospel, *John 10:11-18*  
Reading 2, *First John 3:1-2*

## MASS Intentions

### Saturday, April 17

+ Tom Riley

### Sunday, April 18

Parishioners  
+Eugene Aloia Sr.

### Tuesday April 20

+Tom Riley

### Wednesday, April 21

+Adam Lee

### Thursday, April 22

+Cris David

### Friday, April 23

+Jack Owen



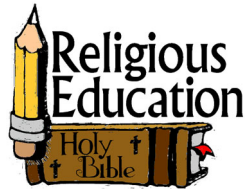
The Pope's Monthly  
Intentions for April:

### *Fundamental Rights*

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis



# Nominate a Friend or Yourself Weekend



MONEY  
COUNTERS

All Ministries and Councils are looking for new members to really help our parish to grow.

Take a look at our Ministry Booklet with descriptions and time commitments and nominate someone or yourself today

All nominations due on May 1 and 2 which will be nominate a friend weekend

You can also nominate on our website at  
[Stmonicacatholicchurch.com](http://Stmonicacatholicchurch.com)



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# SCHEDULES

## Live Stream Schedule:

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 PM

Mass Sunday 9:00 AM

Bible Study Tuesday 6:15 PM

Rosary Friday 7:45 AM

Friday Morning Mass & Adoration  
9:00 AM

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## Mass Schedule



### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

### Drive Thru Blessings

Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

### Daily Masses

Tuesday 5:30 PM

Wednesday-Friday 8:30 AM

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM

Or by appointment

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, April 24 @ 4:30 PM

Ushers: Bill Black, Steve Woods  
Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Woods  
Lectors: James Doyle, Cheryl Meis  
Altar Server: Connor Phillips

### Sunday, April 25 @ 9:00 AM

Ushers: Eddie Dubeck, Tom Hiss  
Eucharistic Minister: Ramona Bodalski  
Lectors: Ansley Hall, Mary Jo Perry  
Altar Server: Daniel Fazio

### Sunday, April 25 @ 11:00 AM

Ushers: Joe Iovino, Betty Poteet  
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Iovino  
Lectors: Arthur Costa, Elizabeth Costa  
Altar Server: Avery Gugal



### Youth Ministry Schedule

Saturday May 1 8:30 AM  
Food Pantry

Saturday May 17 6 PM to 8 PM  
Farewell Party

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