

# ST MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Beloved,

Before I left for vacation, I had the incredible privilege of helping to serve at the Food Pantry. It was amazing to see at least three of our youth helping with this most important ministry of our parish. Many of you have been very generous with your gifts to keep this ministry thriving. We could still use help. In the near future we move the Food Pantry to Saturdays in the hope that more young people will volunteer for this most important ministry. I truly wish I had opportunities like this to serve when I was a young teenager. And to those who assist, you are AWESOME.

God will never be outdone in generosity.

This Thursday, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Monica, our Patron Mother. How blessed we are to have our parish named after a woman who said, "I don't care where you bury my body, just please remember me at the altar." And we surely do remember. Monica was only 57 years old when she died, but she is remembered at altars throughout the world this week over 1600 years later. The very next day, we remember her son, Saint Augustine whom our diocese celebrates this year especially. We are merely 150 years old as a diocese. Our parish is almost 162 years old. Pretty impressive, wouldn't you think?

I pray you have a blessed week and stay safe as our children begin to return to school. Through the intercession of St. Monica, Jesus please protect us, your church and faithful beloved.

Because of your great stewardship, we as a parish have been able to send \$1,911 to the Special Missions, including Florida and Latin America, Black and Native Americans. God will not be outdone in generosity. AWESOME!!!

God loves a cheerful giver.

Love, joy, peace,

Father Ron +



## The Ladies Guild Announcement:

The Ladies Guild will not be hosting its Flea Market this upcoming February, and has postponed it until **2022**. Please consider donating to other organizations, as they can not accept donations at this time.

Thank you!



*“Carry one another’s burdens and in this way fulfill the law of Christ.”  
Galatians 6:2*

The Food Pantry is moving from Thursdays to Saturdays beginning September 5th!

We need volunteers help distribute food in our drive thru food giveaway.

The hours are from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

The more people who volunteer, the more rotating weekly teams we can have!  
Please consider this act of community service and love for our neighbors in need.

# Thank You

Thank you for your hard work Connor Phillips, Abel Velez, and David Aptt for mowing and weed eating the grounds of Saint Monica Church and Joe Iovino for supervising! It looks wonderful!

We will need more volunteers in the future!



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Saint Monica's Feast  
day is Thursday,  
August 27th!

### A Prayer to Saint Monica

Dear St. Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet, you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence, and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine; your prayers were answered. Grant me that the same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me dear St. Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea for (mention your intention here) and grant me the grace to accept His will in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

# Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



## The Mystery of God

We cannot see God and yet we believe that He is real. We cannot understand everything there is to know about God, because He is beyond our mere human comprehension. But God, in His great goodness and love for us, desires for us to know Him. And the more we seek Him, the more He reveals Himself to us.

The mystery of God is like a jigsaw puzzle without a picture on the box. We go through life, not only discovering the pieces, but trying to figure out how those pieces fit together. How do we find the pieces? Through prayer, we develop a relationship with God and discover what He is like on a personal level. By reading the Bible, we learn about God's great love for all of us and how He sent His only Son, who willingly gave His life for our redemption. In the Gospels, Jesus himself specifically teaches us about his Father. We also learn about how the Holy Spirit is sent to us to be our advocate and spiritual helper. When we go to Mass, we worship God and through the Eucharist join the Body of Christ on a physical level. And throughout our lives we receive the Sacraments, which continually give us God's mercy and grace. We read spiritual books, reflect on the daily Mass readings, have "Aha!" moments during homilies, meditate, go on retreats, share faith with each other, and do spiritual and corporal works of mercy, which teach us how to love one another as God asks us to. There are so many ways to discover the pieces of who God is.

As we find the pieces of the puzzle of the mystery of God, they begin to come together and reveal parts of the whole picture. In our lifetime, however, we will never totally complete this puzzle. There are always more pieces to find. It is only when our time on earth is through and we reach our heavenly home, that we will finally see and understand the Mystery of God. What a glorious day that will be!

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# Mass Schedule

## Weekend Masses Limit 50

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## Drive Thru Communion

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

## Daily Masses Limit 20

Tuesday - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 8:30 am

## Confessions

Saturday 3:30PM —4:15 PM or by appointment

## Facebook Live Events

Mass Sunday 9:00 AM

**NOTICE!:** Father Ron will be on vacation from August 15th to September 1st. Please keep his travels in your prayers.

## Weekend of August 16

Online Giving	\$ 825.00
Offertory	\$ 3,230.00
Building & Restoration	\$ 1,227.00
Food Pantry	\$ 50.00

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# Ministry Schedules

## Saturday, August 29, 2020 4:30 PM

Ushers: Joe Iovino

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Iovino

Lectors: Helen Muir, Mary Jo Perry

Altar Server: David Aptt

## Sunday, August 30, 2020 9:00 AM

Ushers: Eddie Dubeck, Ricky Webb,  
Frank Fraize

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Mundy

Lectors: Stephanie Husky, Andy Hall

Altar Server: Benjamin Motl

## Sunday, August 30, 2020 11:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Black

Eucharistic Minister:

Lectors: Pam Mathes, Erin Fortner

Altar Server: Andrew Walwik



First Fruits Outreach Ministry  
(formerly known as the 10% committee)

This year St Monica Catholic Church has been able to give to the following organizations:

\$542.00 to Catholic relief Services (Jan. 3)  
\$482.00 to Respect Life (Jan. 17)  
\$153.00 to Eastern European Churches (Feb. 24 / Feb. 28)  
\$450.00 to Operation Rice Bowl (Lent; Feb. 14-Apr. 1)  
\$403.00 to Holy Shrines/ Good Friday Collection (Apr. 2)  
\$325.00 to Catholic Home Missions Appeal (May 2)  
\$150.00 to Peter's Pence (June 27)  
\$500.00 to Spec. Missions, incl. Florida and Latin America (July 4)  
\$1411.00 to Spec. Missions, incl. Black and Native Americans (Aug. 1)



*God will never be out done in generosity!  
Anything we give He is able to abundantly multiply.  
Thank you!*

**The next collection will be on September 19th for the  
Catholic Communications Appeal.**



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**2020-2021 CCF**

Registration Packets have been mailed. If you do not receive your packet, please call the office at (386) 325- 9777. Please return completed packets to the church office.

Parent Meeting to be held August 30th 2020, after the 9:00AM Mass.

First CCF class will be on September 13th, 2020!

**Pope's Intentions for August:**

**The Maritime World**

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

A Journey into the Heart of the Iraq War with Navy Chaplain Father Ron Moses Camarda.



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We are in need of a Confirmation Teacher!  
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# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, August 22**

+John Wheeler

**Sunday, August 23**

Parishioners  
Agnes David

**Tuesday August 25**

+Butch Mathes

**Wednesday, August 26**

+Menita Castillo

**Thursday, August 27**

+Jeff O'Berry

**Friday, August 28**

Alberto G. David

## Prayer Requests

Louise Egan, Sue Wilson, Fred Lininger,  
David Cummings, Frank Comer,  
Mary Jo Vincent, Sandy Freligh, Edna Blandford  
Redonna Futch, Angie Spena, Eric Dobbs,  
Susan Walwik, Laura Hall, Stella Reyes,  
Thomas Szczes

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



Linus Wiesner  
Warner Strong  
Betty Ritch  
Carmen Grasso  
Richard Brusseau  
James Mcmillian  
Elizabeth Laibl  
John Napier  
Lance Watson  
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## This Week's Daily Readings

Monday: Reading 1, *Revelation 21:9-14*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18*  
Gospel, *John 1:45-51*

Tuesday: Reading 1, *Second Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-16*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13*  
Gospel, *Matthew 23:23-26*

Wednesday: Reading 1, *Second Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 128:1-2, 4-5*  
Gospel, *Matthew 23:27-32*

Thursday: Reading 1, *First Corinthians 1:1-9*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7*  
Gospel, *Matthew 24:42-51*

Friday: Reading 1, *First Corinthians 1:17-25*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 10, 11*  
Gospel, *Matthew 25:1-13*

Saturday: Reading 1, *Jeremiah 1:17-19*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17*  
Gospel, *Mark 6:17-29*

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