

# St Monica Catholic Church

November 7, 2021

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pictures from field trip  
on 10/26 to  
the Shrine of Our Lady  
of Le Leche in  
St Augustine, FL!



## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

## \*Weekday Masses\*

Wednesday-Friday 8:30 AM

## Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM  
Or by appointment

## Adoration

Friday 9:00AM—12:00PM

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

Beloved,

In this month of November, we are remembering our loved ones in heaven. What we do here on earth matters greatly. We remember how we are already living in heaven if we love like Jesus. I am reminded of the Prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14:

Thus says the Lord God: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the Lord. I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord.

Here I am in quarantine... thrilled that I was invited to the Certificate Program in Catholic Social Teaching. I was immersed in the preferential option for the poor, solidarity and subsidiarity. Our teachers shook hands with the last three popes. Pope Francis says it beautifully in his book Let Us Dream: the path to a better future:

Jesus gave us a set of key words with which he summed up the grammar of the Kingdom of God: the Beatitudes. They begin in the hope of the poor for fullness of life, for peace and fraternity, for equity and justice. It is an order of existence in which values are not negotiated but sacrosanct. Reflecting on the Kingdom of God in response to the way we live in the modern world, the Church has developed a series of principles for reflection, together with criteria for judgement that also offer directives for action. It is known as Catholic Social Teaching (CST). While they are drawn from reflection on the Gospel, its principles are accessible to all, seeking to translate and set in motion the Good News in the here and now.

**As Church, we reflect on three concepts in  
Catholic Social Teaching:**

**Human Dignity** (*God loves all from womb to tomb...and beyond*)

**Solidarity**

**Subsidiarity**



I will share with you what I learned in the weeks and months to come. I spent last week in the Washington Retreat House next door to the Shrine of Saint John Paul II where the chapel of the Mysteries of Illumination with the relic of John Paul II. It was a life changing week learning, meditating and contemplating the teaching of the Popes since Saint Peter.

Let us pray and invite the Holy Spirit to open our hearts, minds and souls to God's unconditional love.

Father Ron Moses +

*The poor are not the objects of our good intentions but the subjects of change. We do not just act for the poor but with them, as Benedict XVI so well explained in the second part of this 2007 encyclical letter 'Deus Caritas Est' ("God is Love").*



# Grow Strong in Your Faith



With Karen Lee



My friend, Ansley, has many friends. Thirty of them are his BEST friends! If you ask him, he will tell you all their names and a little about them. He says he would do anything for them. Friends are people who come along throughout our lives enriching our existence with love, compassion, companionship, and help when needed. Although we might not often think about it, the saints are our friends, too. They not only give us inspiration by the lives they led, but they can also intercede for us, pray for us, guide us, and walk with us on our journey of life.

Like Ansley, I am friends with many saints, and I have 20 best friends among them who have helped me in different ways throughout my life. The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph were my first saints. Through the Christmas story, I learned about them and their baby Jesus. The Holy Family are like my own family. I love them the most and they have always been there for me. Since St. Anthony of Padua was my mom's favorite saint (she called him Tony), I heard about him often and loved him ever since she taught me about saints. My middle name is Ann, so St. Ann, being Mary's mother, always seemed like a grandmother to me. Now that I am a grandmother, I ask St. Ann and her husband, St. Joachim, to help me be the best grandmother I can be. As a child, I loved St. Therese of Lisieux for her "little ways". Today, she is a shining example for me, along with St. Theresa of Calcutta, who followed in her footsteps of love. Just like St. Francis of Assisi, I love animals. I share in his stewardship of all living things. St. Patrick was the name of my childhood parish. I first loved St. Patrick because he was Irish and so was I. As an adult, I want to be like him, bringing others to God. Agnes is my mother's name and my confirmation name. St. Agnes reminds me to try to be pure of heart. Of course, St. Monica and St. Augustine are my very dear friends, helping me daily by interceding for my family to embrace God's love for them. St. Ignatius of Loyola's spirituality inspired Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, doing all for the glory of God. And one of his followers, St. Francis de Sales, helped me to give my life 100% to God. It is his spirituality that has made the greatest impact on my life. Saints Martha and Mary have challenged me to try to find a balance between work and prayer. And St. Mary Magdalene, one of Jesus's closest friends, inspires me to try to follow Him with her same intensity of devotion. Saints Peregrine and Jude are constantly there for me, interceding for my friends who are in distress. And finally, St. Michael the Archangel is always at my side to protect me from evil. At some point, I have come to think of all of them as my "team." I don't know what I would do without them.

Which saints are on your team? On this beautiful day of sacred rest, sit down and think about the saints you have encountered in your life. Make a list. If your list is short, get to know some saints and invite them to be your friends. I think you will agree with me and Ansley, life is always better with friends! (If you would like to share your list with me, please send it to [adultformation@stmonicacatholicchurch.com](mailto:adultformation@stmonicacatholicchurch.com))

## A Note from the Editor:

The Holidays are just around the corner!

Please feel free to send in pictures you may take during the special events and goings on here at St Monica to [bulletin@stmonicacatholicchurch.com](mailto:bulletin@stmonicacatholicchurch.com).

Thank you and God Bless,  
Kelsi Lowell

SAVE THE DATES!

## St. Monica U

A Series of Mini-Retreats  
On Catholic Things to  
Know

*Starting in  
January 2022!*

Catholic Social Teachings  
(CST)  
Love of God & Neighbor

History of the Church  
A Lively Romp through Time

Prayers, Praises, & Petitions  
Understanding & Improving our Prayer Life

2-3 Hour Sessions

**Welcoming All Parishioners &  
Those Becoming Catholic**

## LADIES GUILD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ladies Guild Christmas Party!

The Guild will start our year with a  
Christmas Luncheon at Shrimp-R-Us &  
More located at 765 Third Avenue,  
Welaka, Ave.

On December 7th at 11:30AM.

Cost is \$5.00

**Please call or text Mary Iovino at  
# 904-806-2832 by December 1st if you  
would like to attend.**

*Our first meeting will be on January 4th  
at 11:00 AM. It will be a pot luck, so  
bring your favorite dish.*

*Blessed Christmas to all!*

## St. Joseph Renewal Center

# November Programs



Sister Carolyn Tucker spent the first half of her religious life in the field of education, both as a teacher and principal. Her second half has been devoted to the field of counseling, as a Licensed

Marriage and Family Therapist.

Sister earned her Bachelor's degree in Math and then furthered her studies by completing her Masters in Administration followed by a Masters in Counseling.

Sister served on the Leadership Team for the Congregation for 8 years while serving as the Congregational Treasurer.

### *The Jesse Tree—Enriching the Advent Season*

with Sister Jane Stoecker, SSJ

**Saturday, November 20th**

10:00-3:00 p.m.

\$30 includes lunch and materials

### *Spirituality and Creativity*

with Sister Carolyn Tucker, SSJ

**Saturday, November 6th**

9:00-3:00 p.m.

\$30 includes lunch and materials

### **TO REGISTER:**

Call: Sister Jane at (904) 824-5894 or Email: [stjosephrenewal@ssjfl.org](mailto:stjosephrenewal@ssjfl.org)

Provide name, contact information and program title.

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**October 30 & 31**

Offertory:	\$ 4,366.00
Outreach to Poor:	\$ 185.00
Building & Restoration	\$ 190.00
All Saints	\$ 300.00

**Thank you for supporting St Monica  
Mass Attendance**

Saturday Vigil : 58  
Sunday 9:00 AM: 103  
Sunday 11:00 AM: 45

## First Fruits Donations for October



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CEMETERY?**



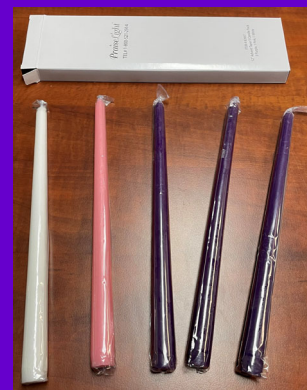
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Office)

**We now have Advent  
candles!!**

**\$5.00**



# Eternal Rest



## Grant Unto Them O Lord

Carl Beck  
Brandon James (Bo) Dickerson  
Tom Doyle  
Louise Egan  
William Frazel  
Bill Gaines  
Albino Gaw  
Andy Hall  
Harold Hummel  
Thomas Kynard  
John Maimone  
Katie Martinez  
Alex McCreery  
Rob Moore  
David Peck  
Rebecca Prudencio  
Stella Reyes  
Angie Spina  
Frank Spina  
Roy Bailey Trotman, Jr.



### Donations are needed for Thanksgiving Baskets:

Canned green beans & corn, stuffing,  
cranberry sauce, gravy, mashed potatoes,  
sweet potatoes & dessert mixes

**Please drop off donations at the office  
by November 19**

If you have already either sent in a picture or had one taken, thank you very much.

There is still time to be added to our new directory.

You can send in a picture to [saintmonicacatholic@gmail.com](mailto:saintmonicacatholic@gmail.com) or call the office to set up a time to have one taken

Please include what information you would like printed (Address, Phone, Email).

Also please include your wedding anniversary so that we can celebrate your glorious day.

**Final Day for submissions  
will be November 17.**



**WE NEED  
YOU**  
to make our new  
family directory  
complete

## **The St Monica Food Pantry**

**Open every Thursday  
from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

*Due to Thanksgiving the food pantry  
will give out food on Tuesday  
November 23 instead of Thursday.*

*The food pantry will not give out food  
on December 2 due to the hall being  
tented.*

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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## Saturday, November 13 @ 4:30 PM

**Ushers:** George Schiffbauer, Mary Shackelford  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Joyce Fitzsimmons  
**Lectors:** Mary Jo Perry, Cris David  
**Altar Server:** David Aptt

## Sunday, November 14 @ 9:00 AM

**Ushers:** Bill Black, Gerald Donnelly  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Jan Schneider  
**Lectors:** Jerry Rash, Pam Mathes  
**Altar Server:** Benjamin Motl

## Sunday, November 14 @ 11:00 AM

**Ushers:** Diana Phillips  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Linda Cleveland  
**Lectors:** Jim Doyle, Pam Mathes  
**Altar Server:**

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 Department of Children and Families  
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Reta Harris  
 Joan Zoranski  
 Cathy Maus  
 Richard Bowie

### This Weeks Daily Readings

Mon: *Wisdom 1:1-7, Psalms 139:1-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10, Luke 17:1-6*  
 Tues: *Genesis 28:11-18, Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6, 8, 11, Luke 19:1-10, First Corinthians 3:9-13, 16-17*  
 Wed: *Wisdom 6:2-11, Psalms 82:3-4, 6-7, Luke 17:11-19*  
 Thur: *Wisdom 7:22-8:1, Psalms 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175, Luke 17:20-25*  
 Fri: *Wisdom 13:1-9, Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5, Luke 17:26-37*  
 Sat: *Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9, Psalms 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43, Luke 18:1-8*  
 Sun: *Daniel 12:1-3, Psalms 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11, Mark 13:24-32, Hebrews 10:11-14, 18*

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, Nov. 6**  
 4:30 PM + Frank and Jeanie Lininger

**Sunday, Nov. 7**  
 9:00 AM +Parishioners  
 11:00 AM +Chris and Libby Roundtree

**Tuesday, Nov. 9** + John Maimone  
**Wednesday, Nov. 10** + Alex McCreery  
**Thursday, Nov. 11** + Alex McCreery  
**Friday, Nov. 12** + Tom and Dot Riddle  
**Saturday, Nov. 13** +Frank and Jeanie Lininger



Sue Wilson, Branda Kay Mangum, Barbara Wisniewska  
 Fred Lininger, Carrie Brubaker, Edna Blandford, Gary Rummel,  
 Adrienne Fennell, Larry Beaton, Quinn Soucey, Sandy Nichols  
 Hoyt Muir, Bernice Rich, Dave Green, Kitty Crews, Diane Kinnon,  
 Dorothy Burmester, Tony Wheeler, Frank Fraize, Nancy Jones,  
 Andrew Nanakowski, Connie Wiesner, Cooper Newman,  
 Matilda Aloia, Kimball Murray, Sandra Scranton, Mary Graham,  
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