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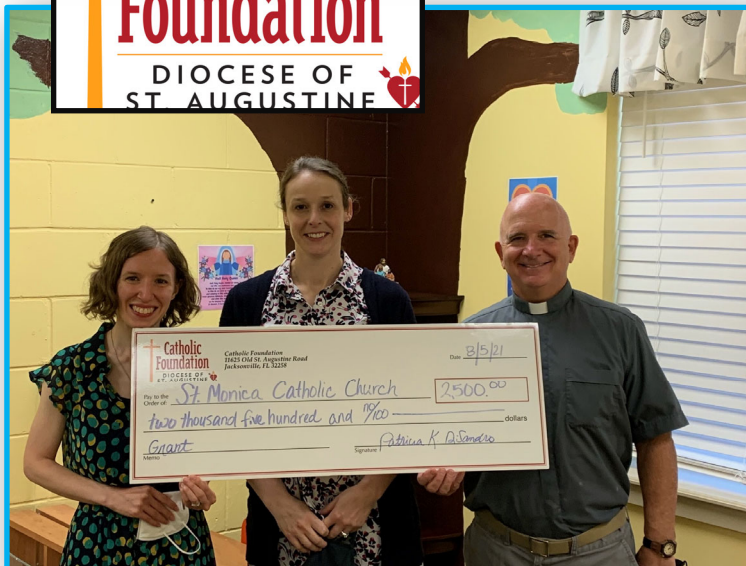
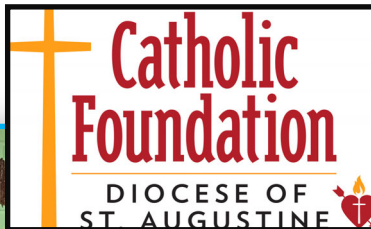
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September 19, 2021

"Whoever receives me, receives not me,

but the One who sent me"



St Monica Catholic Church was granted \$2,500.00 for the Religious Education Technology Project by the Catholic Foundation Board of Directors and the Grants Review Board, approved of by Bishop Estevez.

Congratulations!

Weekend Masses

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

Summer Weekday Masses

Wednesday-Friday 8:30 AM

Confessions

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

Healing Mass

Saturday October 2
10:00 AM

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Beloved of Saint Monica,

Welcome to the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time. There are 34 weeks in Ordinary time. As we journey through the Gospel according to Mark we seem to go out further into deep water to lower our nets.

Jesus reminds us again that he will be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise. The disciples did not understand. When we don't understand, life can be pretty scary and miserable. I pray you hear Jesus whisper to each of you,

"Do not be afraid. I am with you. I love you and will never abandon you."

This last Friday I had the honor and privilege to lead the prayers for the dedication of a Fallen Soldiers Monument at Keystone Heights High School. Staff Sergeant Dick Lee, a 2000 graduate, died on April 26, 2012 in Afghanistan. Only 31 years old, he was a husband to Katherine, father of David (4) and Joshua (2). He was a Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and Purple Heart recipient. Let us continue to remember the 1% who serve us in the military and those who love them. The war has ended, but the wounds and healing continue.

Please keep Kaleigh Sekel, a kind and gentle soul of 30 years, who passed over to Eternal Life. She was an altar server here at St. Monica's with her brother Andy. Please keep her mother Valerie and family in your prayers.

As a combat veteran, I especially love the letter from Saint James (3:16) this week:

Beloved:

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,
then peaceable, gentle, compliant,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without inconstancy of insincerity.

And the fruit of righteousness is own in peace
for those who cultivate peace.



Let us truly concentrate and becoming true instruments of peace this week. Have a most wonderful week.

Love, joy, peace,

Father Ron Moses +



Grow Strong in Your Faith



With Karen Lee

Secrets of Praying the Rosary



Years ago, a friend told me she gave up praying the rosary. When I asked her why, she said because she couldn't get through it. She said she would pray a few Hail Marys and get distracted and have to start all over again. In the end, she never really got too far without giving up. It was just too frustrating! Well, while we were being honest with each other, I told her I was a rosary failure, too. I would start the rosary just fine, then my mind would think of other things and before I knew it the rosary was over and I couldn't remember actually praying at all.

I felt so badly about it that one day I went to confession and told the priest that I loved the Blessed Mother, but I didn't enjoy praying the rosary. I was sure that must be a sin. He asked me why I didn't enjoy it, and I told him about my mind wandering all over the place. He explained to me that it was actually OK not to pray each and every Hail Mary attentively. The repetition of the rosary helps us meditate and put us in a holy state of mind. It gives us the opportunity, with the help of the Holy Spirit and the Blessed Mother, to think of things that may help us grow closer to God or solve problems in our lives. Of course, if you start thinking about what you are going to have for dinner, it is time to bring your mind back to your prayers again. St. Francis de Sales said, "If the heart wanders or is distracted (during prayer), bring it back to the point quite gently." Your efforts will please God.

Another benefit of praying the rosary is that it has the wonderful effect of reducing anxiety. I remember the day my father died. I had to leave home in a hurry and drive to Tampa alone in the dark. My first instinct was to grab my rosary. I prayed it over and over again until I made it to my parents' house. Praying the rosary not only held me together emotionally during the long drive, but it put me in a peaceful state when I needed to comfort family members when I first arrived. Mother Mary had wrapped me protectively in her mantle and got me through a most difficult time.

To get the most out of praying the rosary, don't forget to meditate on the mysteries. If you pray the rosary every day for a week (using the daily mystery guidelines), you will have meditated on all of the important events in the lives of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. And each week that you pray the rosary, you will go deeper and deeper into those mysteries. Best of all, if you take the time to pray a scriptural rosary, you will be able to not only delve deepest into the mysteries, but also become familiar with the beauty of scripture in the process.

Discovering these secrets helped me go from rosary failure to rosary pray-er. You can too!

Please don't forget to turn in your Spiritual Bouquet form by September 26, so your offerings to Our Lady of La Leche can be included at the Canonical Coronation in St. Augustine on October 10. Also, if you would like to participate in our parish celebration of this special occasion, sign up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, October 1. The signup sheet is in the Adult Formation Center.

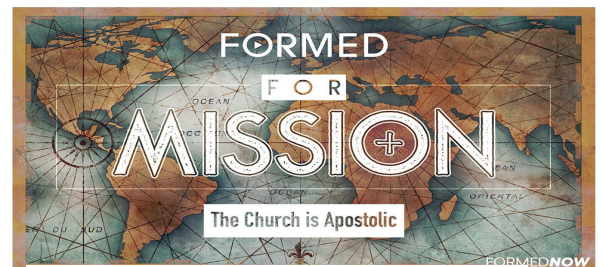
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PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 19, 2021

FORMED FOR MISSION EPISODE 20: AN APOSTOLIC SPIRITUALITY

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down for a weekly show on evangelization and mission. "Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize" (EN, 14). We pray that these discussions may help all the faithful be further conformed to Christ and become powerful evangelists in the world today.



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386 -325-9777

Leave your name, phone number,
and e-mail if you have one.
I will contact you ASAP!
(Note that I may be calling from a 404-area code)

Prayerfully,
Cheryl Meis
RCIA Coordinator

SAVE THE DATES!

St. Monica U

A Series of Mini-Retreats
On Catholic Things to Know

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

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Pope Francis'
Monthly Prayer
Intentions for **September:**

*An environmentally
sustainable lifestyle*

We pray that we all will make
courageous choices for a simple
and environmentally sustainable
lifestyle, rejoicing in our young
people who are resolutely
committed to this.



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WEEKLY OFFERING

September 11 & 12

Offertory:	\$ 5,010.00
Outreach to Poor:	\$ 28.00
Building Fund:	\$ 225.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 22.00

Thank you for supporting St Monica

Mass Attendance

Saturday Vigil :	58
Sunday 9:00 AM:	97
Sunday 11:00 AM:	47

First Fruits Donations for August



\$500.00 to help with the Food 4 Kids Program which provides weekend meals to children in need.



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CHURCH DIRECTORY

SIGN UP TODAY



We are asking that parishioners email in a current family or individual picture to use in our new directory by September 30. Please include what info (address, phone number, email) that you would like included with your picture. Please send to: saintmonicacatholic@gmail.com.

We are prayerful that everyone will consider participating.
Thank you & God Bless.

Father Ron will be on vacation from 9/22 through 9/28.



Father Jim O'Neal will be with us while he is away!

Join the St. Francis Gardeners' Ministry!
Help by using your time and talents to keep St. Monica looking beautiful. Meet on October 4, St. Francis's feast day, at the St. Francis Garden (in Father Ron's back yard) at 9:00 a.m. for a brief prayer and a morning of gardening.

See you then!



Volunteers are needed to spend a couple of minutes after Saturday evening and Sunday Masses to monitor the cleanliness of the restrooms.



Please let the front office know if you are willing to help.

The St Monica Food Pantry

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

Next Food Truck Giveaway
Thursday October 7, 2021





WEEKEND

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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Saturday, September 25 @ 4:30 PM

Ushers: George Schiffbauer, Shirley Dealney
Eucharistic Minister: Ken Freligh
Lectors: Cheryl Meis, Mary Jo Perry
Altar Server: Bill Maus

Sunday, September 26 @ 9:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Black, Jim McMillan
Eucharistic Minister: Jan Schneider
Lectors: Ramona Bodalski, Jerry Rash
Altar Server: Robert Farmer

Sunday, September 26 @ 11:00 AM

Ushers: Joe Iovino
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Iovino
Lectors: Pam Mathes, Jim Doyle
Altar Server:

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 Fred Lininger, Pam Mathes, Carrie Brubaker, Curtis Watson
 Edna Blandford, Gary Rummel, Lance Watson
 Adrienne Fennell, Larry Beaton, Quinn Soucey, Erica Watson
 Hoyt Muir, Bernice Rich, Dave Green, Kitty Crews,
 Diane Kinnon, Ken Lininger, Dorothy Burmester,
 Tony Wheeler, Frank Fraize, Nancy Jones,
 Stella Reyes, Connie Wiesner, Cooper Newman,
 Matilda Aloia, Kimball Murray, Sandra Nichols,
 Sandra Scranton, Lance Watson, Mary Graham, Ron Levesque
 Theresa Gayle Whitley, Frank Comer, Thomas Szczes
 Millie Sellers, Billy Watson, Yvon Theriault, Cecil

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Loretta Malhoit
 Mikenzie Brabson
 Peter Welch
 Walter Egan
 Carlos Reichard

Cindy Gilmore
 Ruth Boyette
 Cathy Dobbs
 Janae Donnelly
 Joyce Fitzsimmons



This Week's Daily Readings

Mon: *Ezra 1:1-6, Psalms 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6, Luke 8:16-18*
Tue: *Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13, Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5, Matthew 9:9-13*
Wed: *Ezra 9:5-9, Tobit 13:2, 3-4, 6, 7-8, 6, Lk 9:1-6*
Thur: *Galatians 2:19-20, Psalms 127:1-5, Matthew 16:24-27*
Fri: *Haggai 1:15-2:9, Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4, Luke 9:18-22*
Sat: *Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15, Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12, 13, Luke 9:43-45*
Sun: *Numbers 11:25-29, Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14, Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, James 5:1-6*



Saturday, September 18
 + Ann Lininger

Sunday, September 19
 9:00 AM -Parishioners
 11:00 AM- +Alberto M. David

Tuesday, September 21 Mike Jones
 Wednesday, September 22 +Susan Walwik
 Thursday, September 23 Lauren Reid
 Friday, September 24 +Tom Doyle

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