

St Monica Catholic Church

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 5th, 2021

Weekend Masses

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

Summer Weekday Masses

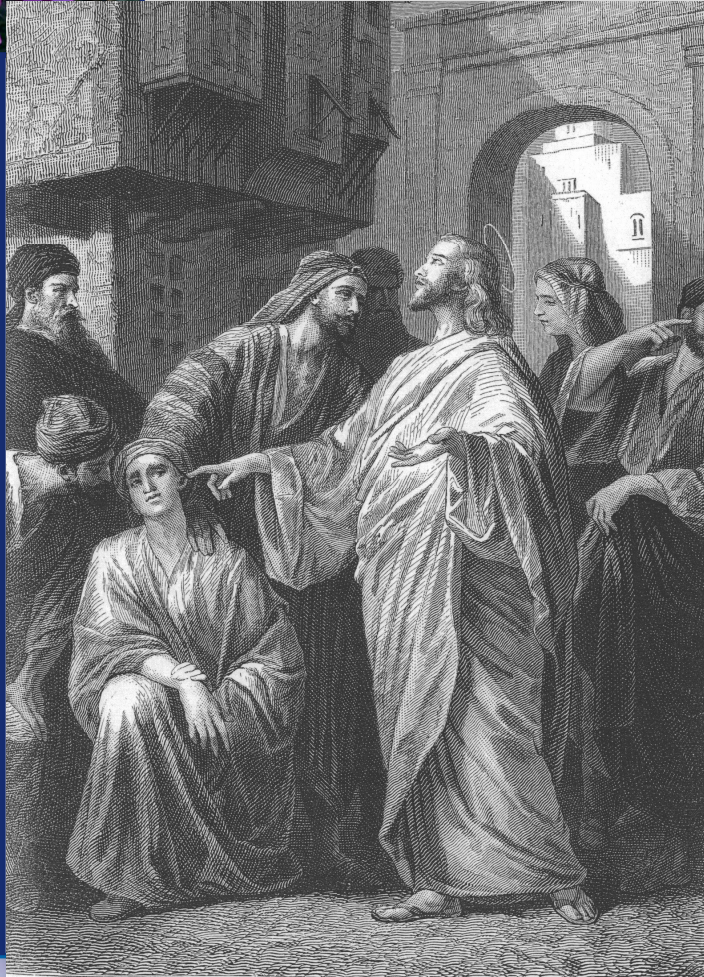
Wednesday-Friday 8:30 AM

Confessions

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

Healing Mass

Saturday October 2
10:00 AM



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Stmonicacatholicchurch.com

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



Beloved of St. Monica,

It has been such a roller coaster of emotions as we have journeyed through good times and bad, sickness and health, death and resurrection.

I am writing this bulletin page on the Feast of Saint Monica. It was a lovely Mass and “remembering of Monica, mother of Augustin, at the altar”. I was so grateful for Cindy who offered her beautiful and soulful music to the celebration.

From the book, *The St Monica Club* by Maggie Green, “It’s easy to see how someone else is not cooperating with God; it’s much harder to see how we ourselves are not. Trusting God’s grace to act in our lives and in the lives of those we hold dear—that’s surrendering control to God. It remains a daily offering we must make. We must diminish.” (p. 10-11)

“We must make room for God to work, pulling away at the roof of our souls and trusting always that God acts and that He longs for this reunion, always and everywhere, infinitely more than we do. Repeat as often as needed: ***I am not in charge. I am here to love and to cooperate with God’s will, to assist in teaching the rest of the world about God’s great, infinite, merciful love by my own obedience and my own witness to that same gift.***”

Our Bishop wrote to me today a note I would like to share with you:

*Fr Ron, I am about to celebrate mass. I will bring with me your intentions, needs of your parish community...may St Monica intercede for you and your parish as she did for her son Augustin.
Bishop Felipe de Jesus*

Let’s get out of the way of the Holy Spirit. Hand everyone who displeases us over to Jesus, our merciful and loving God. Then God can help each of us to be the man or woman God has called us to be for all eternity.

With all of the passover deaths we have experienced lately, please remember what Jesus said to Martha: ***“Whoever believes in me and dies will live. And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”***

Don’t forget to say, “Happy Birthday” to the Mother of God, and Our Mother. She is so awesome.
Love, joy, peace,
Father Ron Moses +



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At your baptism, through the Holy Spirit, you became a beloved child of God. Did you know you also became a disciple of Jesus Christ? And at your Confirmation, you were gifted by the Holy Spirit with Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. These gifts were given to you to help you follow Jesus. As his disciples, he tells us, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” (*Mark 16:15*) So how do we do what Jesus has asked of us?

St. Francis of Assisi said it well. “Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.” We preach the Gospel by our words and deeds. Everything we say or do is a witness to what it means to be Christian. When someone looks at you, they should see Jesus shining through. When they encounter you, they should feel the warmth of his love reflected in the love you share with others.

A modern-day example of a disciple is St. Teresa of Calcutta. Her feast day is being celebrated today. She was an ordinary person, just like us, who chose to go out into the world and live the Gospel, sharing God’s love with everyone. You might be thinking to yourself, “I’m no Mother Teresa!” Well, before she went to heaven, she left us some very wise and easy-to-follow advice.

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

If you can’t feed a hundred people, then just feed one.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

There are no great things, only small things done with great love.

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.

If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.

Words that do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.

Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.

You see? It’s not really that hard. Let us begin!

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 5, 2021

Don’t forget to use our code **R87GP3**

NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



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BECOMING CATHOLIC!

**Do you hear the call?
It could be the RCIA calling...**

If you are not Catholic and are interested in knowing what we are about –

If you attend with a loved one, but have never taken the Sacraments –

If you are fully Catholic and are interested in a ‘Catholic Refresher’ –

Call Us Back!

Gatherings Beginning Soon

E-mail rcia@stmonicacatholicchurch.com
or call the parish office
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

The St Monica Food Pantry

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

**Next Food Truck Giveaway
Thursday September 2, 2021**



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.



Update to the COVID-19 Safety Plan for Diocese of St. Augustine Effective August 16, 2021

Due to the alarming increase of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations – the following guidelines are to be implemented for the Diocese of St. Augustine by August 16, 2021.

We encourage everyone who is eligible and with the consultation of their medical doctor to receive a vaccination. Those who are ill or have severe underlying health conditions are encouraged to participate in the Mass via live stream from the safety of their homes. To read the complete letter please visit our website: stmonicacatholicchurch.com or call the office for a copy.

We strongly encourage everyone to wear masks while attending Mass.

We are grateful for the children’s stewardship. In keeping with safe practices, we are temporarily suspending having the children come forward. Please encourage your children to share their prayers, treasures and smiles with Jesus.

Father Ron prefers that we mask up to protect others. Let us work together to heal during this trying time of pandemic. Liturgical Ministers and Gift Bearers are strongly encouraged to wear masks.

We are temporarily stopping coffee and donuts between the Sunday Masses.

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



Stewardship
A WAY OF LIFE

WEEKLY OFFERING

August 28 & August 29

Offertory:	\$ 3,004.00
Outreach to Poor:	\$ 198.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1,140.00

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Visit: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st114191> to get started.

Thank you for supporting St Monica

Mass Attendance

Saturday Vigil :	58
Sunday 9:00 AM:	68
Sunday 11:00 AM:	51

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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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 will also be taking photos after the weekend Masses by appointment the month of September for those who do not have a photo or the means to have one taken. Please contact the office at 386-325-9777 to set up your appointment.

If you would like to volunteer to take photos or to organize the information, your help would be greatly appreciated.



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

SAVE THE DATES!

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**A Series of Mini-Retreats
On Catholic Things to Know**

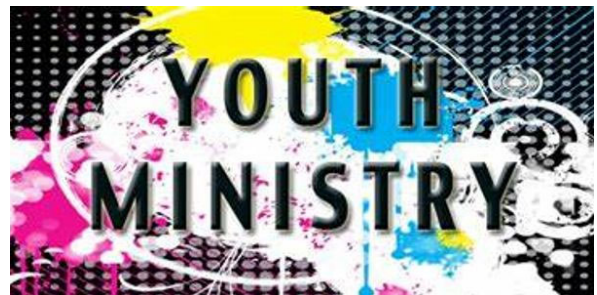
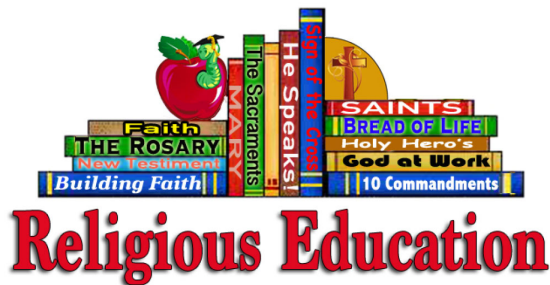
**Catholic Social Teachings (CST)
Love of God & Neighbor**
September 25, 2021

**History of the Church
A Lively Romp through Time**
October 30, 2021

**Prayers, Praises, & Petitions
Understanding & Improving our Prayer Life**
December 4, 2021

2-3 Hour Sessions
**Welcoming All Parishioners &
Those Becoming Catholic**

Please consider joining us
More Information to Follow



Registration is open for 2021/2022.
Please visit our website : stmonicacatholicchurch.com to register today
To help us plan please register as soon as possible. Thank you

WEEKEND
MINISTRY SCHEDULE
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Saturday, September 11 @ 4:30 PM

Ushers: Hoyt Muir, Joe Iovino
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Iovino
Lectors: Mary Lawnicki, Helen Muir
Altar Server: Bill Maus

Sunday, September 12 @ 9:00 AM

Ushers: Eddie Dubeck, Jim Wigand
Eucharistic Minister: Joe Grasso
Lectors: Perla Lopez-Martinez, Pam Mathes
Altar Server: Benjamin Motl

Sunday, September 12 @ 11:00 AM

Ushers: Ted Bianculli
Eucharistic Minister: Jan Schneider
Lectors: Mary Mundy, Jim Doyle
Altar Server:

**ST. MONICA RELIGIOUS ARTICLES AND GIFT
 SHOP (Located in the Parish Office)
 Open Sundays from 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

Attention—The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner.

To Report Abuse, call:
 Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
 904-262-3200, ext. 129, or the
 Department of Children and Families
 at 1-800-96-Abuse (800-962-2873).



Louise Egan, Sue Wilson, Branda Kay Mangum, Amber Lininger
 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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



**Faye Welch
 Carol Brusseau
 Stephen Saucier
 Janet Driggers
 Kyle Hall**

**Michael Brabson
 Kaitlyn Grace
 Thomas Hiss
 Kathy Streeter
 Karen Slevin**

Mary Connor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Col 1:24-2:3, Ps 62:6-7, 9, Lk 6:6-11
Tue: Col 2:6-15, Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, Lk 6:12-19
Wed: Micah 5:1-4, Ps 13:6, 6, Matt 1:1-16, 18-23
Thurs: Isaiah 58:6-11, Ps 1:1-4, 6, Matt 25:31-40
Fri: 1st Tim 1:1-2, 12-14, Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11
 Lk 6:39-42
Sat: 1st Tim 1:15-17, Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6-7, Lk 6:43-49
Sun: Isaiah 50:4-9, Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, Mk 8:27-35, James 2:14-18



Saturday, September 4
 +Alex McCreery

Sunday, September 5
 9:00 AM -Parishioners
 11:00 AM- + Jim Lowry

Tuesday, September 7 + Robert Van Arsdale Sr
 Wednesday, September 8 Wilder Lee
 Thursday, September 9 +Alberto M. David
 Friday, September 10 +Daniel & Janosh Purackal

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