

St. Monica Catholic Church

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent



From the
Journal of
Fr. Jared

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The priest, in persona Christi, lifts up the paten (gold dish) with the unconsecrated host on it and while bowing says, “TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.” The priest then elevates the now consecrated host as bells are rung. This is meant to be a moment of adoration, where we look at Jesus present in the Eucharist, rather than avert our eyes out of a sense of unworthiness. Out of respect for Jesus now present on the altar, the priest then genuflects or takes a knee on his right leg and stands back up after placing the paten back on the altar.

Then the priest takes the chalice filled with altar wine, and bowing slightly says, “TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD. THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.” The priest then elevates the chalice filled with Precious Blood for a moment of adoration as the bells ring. He then places the chalice back on the altar and genuflects in reverence.

Jesus establishes a new covenant with humanity through the Eucharist by His passion and sacrifice on the cross. Notice the sacrificial language of Jesus’ blood being poured out like the blood of animals poured out in the Temple. The phrase “for many” rather than “for all” points to two realities: 1. the many refers to the many nations of the world, and 2. it refers to the fact that not all will be saved based on how they live their lives.



Rely on Our Redeemer,

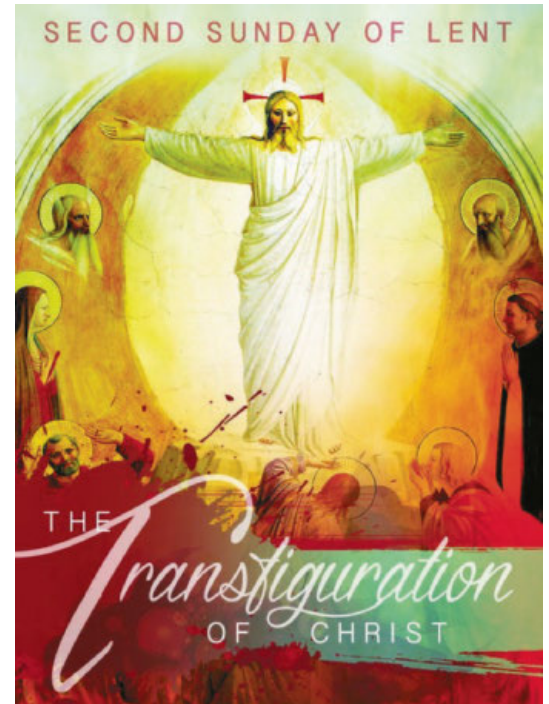
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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM—4:30 PM; Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Daily Mass Times

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM

1st Saturday of the Month 8:30 AM

Reconciliation

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00-8:25 AM

Saturdays 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM

Or by appointment

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Fridays 9:00-10:00 AM

Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary

Every Friday During Lent 8:00 AM



Ladies Guild Breakfast Fundraiser This Sunday, March 16th!

All are welcome to join us for our breakfast fundraiser in the Parish Hall following the 8:30 AM Mass **this Sunday, March 16th**, put on by our parish's Ladies Guild! The menu will include: French Toast Casserole, sausage, roasted potatoes, fruit, coffee, and orange juice. We ask for \$7 for adults & teens and \$2 for kids under 12. The funds collected at the breakfast will go towards the worthy causes in our parish and community that the Ladies Guild contributes to. We hope to see you there!

Second Collection This Weekend (March 15-16) for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe



This weekend our second collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now grappling with the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the second collection today. For more info, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.



Stations of the Cross

On Fridays during Lent, we have Stations of the Cross in the church at 6 PM. Fr. Jared will hear Confessions each Friday during Stations **beginning at 5 PM** except on March 28th and Good Friday (April 18th). **Our youth will put on our Living Stations Shadow Play on Good Friday in the Parish Hall at 6 PM.** All are welcome!

Catholic Young Adult Event This Friday the 21st!



All Catholic young adults are invited to join St. Augustine Catholic Young Adults for faith formation and social events! It is a group of both single and married Catholic young adults in the greater St. Augustine area growing in faith and fellowship. Sign up for the email newsletter using the QR code and connect on social media to receive reminders for monthly Mass and brunch, Adoration & potlucks, and social events. Plan to attend Mass, Adoration, and potluck on March 21st at St. Benedict the Moor at 7 PM!



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Weekly Offering

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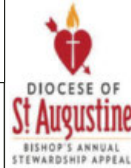
March 8-9, 2025

Offertory	\$6,356.38
Children's Gifts	\$14.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,366.50
Food Pantry	\$580.00
Building and Restoration	\$95.00
CCF/Youth Luminary Fundraiser	\$328.00

Easter Candy Needed for Children's Easter Egg Hunt!



We are in need of Easter Candy for our Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt! Please be sure that any candy donations are individually wrapped and can fit inside a plastic Easter Egg. You can drop off any candy donations to the Parish Office by **Friday, April 11th**. Thank you so much!



Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal

If you have not returned your Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal pledge form, please do so now. If you prefer to donate online, you can use the QR Code. Envelopes are available in the pew. It is our goal to have every family participate to the best of their ability. We ask that you answer the call to support through your prayerful generosity to this year's Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Please, help our Parish meet our goal of 25% participation. Thank you!



Lenten Penance Service: Sunday, April 6th

Our Lenten Penance Service will take place on **Sunday, April 6th at 2:00 PM in the church**. Please join us for this prayer service with individual Confessions following. This is a wonderful opportunity to repent and experience God's mercy during the Lenten Season.

Paying It Forward as a Lead Mother in Nigeria



In Nigeria, over 25 million people are experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty, and conflict. Because of violence in their hometown, Amina and her family were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina's participation in a Catholic Relief Services program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope.

If you would like to sign up for the Traveling Vocations Crucifix, please call the Parish Office or scan the QR code to the right!



Tuesday	Mar 18	+ Hoyt Muir	Requested by: Sammy and Sandy Sharp
Wednesday	Mar 19	+ Bill Mutchie + Jake Whitmire + Hoyt Muir	Requested by: Mary and Jess Shackelford Requested by: Rita Lambert Requested by: Shirley Delaney
Thursday	Mar 20	Rita Smith (Birthday) Nancy Jones & Lisa Bianculli (Birthdays)	Requested by: Charlene and Daniel Shepard Requested by: Rita Smith
Friday	Mar 21	Daniel & Charlene Shepard (Anniversary) Karen Lee + Doris Power	Requested by: Rita Smith Requested by: Cris David Requested by: Karen Lee
Saturday 4:30 PM	Mar 22	Mike and Jane White and Family + Hoyt Muir	Requested by: Elizabeth Riley Requested by: Bob and Judy Newman
Sunday 8:30 AM	Mar 23	Living and Deceased Parishioners	
Sunday 11:00 AM	Mar 23	+ Dorothy Holton	Requested by: Sammy and Sandy Sharp

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, March 22nd at 4:30 PM

Ushers: Bill Black, Tina Wilson

EM (Body of Christ): Nanette Rund

EM (Precious Blood): Lina Majesky, Joyce Fitzsimmons

Lectors: Ken Freligh (1st), Cheryl Meis (2nd)

Altar Server: Tom Porwoll

Sunday, March 23rd at 8:30 AM

Ushers: Dwain Denoncour, Eddie Dubeck

EM (Body of Christ): Kevin Donnelly

EM (Precious Blood): Karen Lee, Megan Romer

Lectors: Carley Romer (1st), Lynne Gray (2nd)

Altar Server: Mallory Bock, Kira Carr

Sunday, March 23rd at 11:00 AM

Ushers: Terry Gilmore, Ellen Fitzhenry

EM (Body of Christ): Aleta Schexnayder

EM (Precious Blood): Linda Cleveland, Jan Schneider

Lectors: Dr. Marcia Parker (1st), Jim Doyle (2nd)

Altar Server: Walt Egan

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Birthdays this Week:



Hector Pipa	Connor Donnelly	Nancy Jones
Shaun Ragg	Patrick Pieters	Rita Smith
Thanh Dang	Todd Foster	Lisa Bianculli
Mary Crawford	William King	Duane Krause
Dr. Maria Rivera-Gaw		



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fish Fry

Every Friday During Lent
March 7– April 11
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
St Monica Catholic Church
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Fish & Shrimp Dinner	\$15.00
Shrimp Dinner	\$16.00

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Please call the office if you or someone you know needs to be added to the prayer list. Please note that all prayer list requests will be left on the list for 6 weeks, unless the person has a chronic illness, is undergoing treatment for cancer, or has another serious condition. If this is the case, please let the Parish Office know: 386-325-9777. Prayer requests can also be written in our Parish Book of Intentions at the ramp entrance.

Joseph Dame	Buzzy Wiseman	Doug Scott	John Skalnik	Camryn Aldridge	Diana & Tommy Downey
Marilynn Gauthier	William Parker	Darlene Sweat	Christine Taylor	James Nicholas	Jane Twardowski-Otton
Greg Bodalski	Diane Kinnon	Joy Williams	Buddy Perry	Amy Johns	Nicole Smith and Family
Alex de Guzman	Victoria Bradshaw	Larry Beaton			Brandy Delashmutt

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