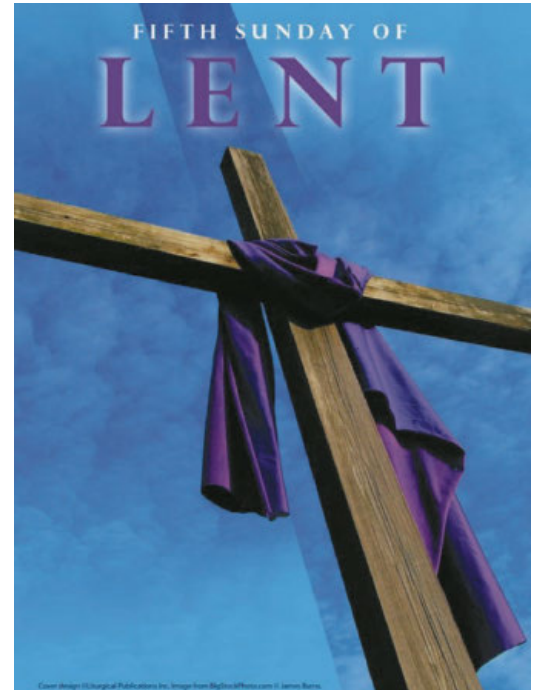
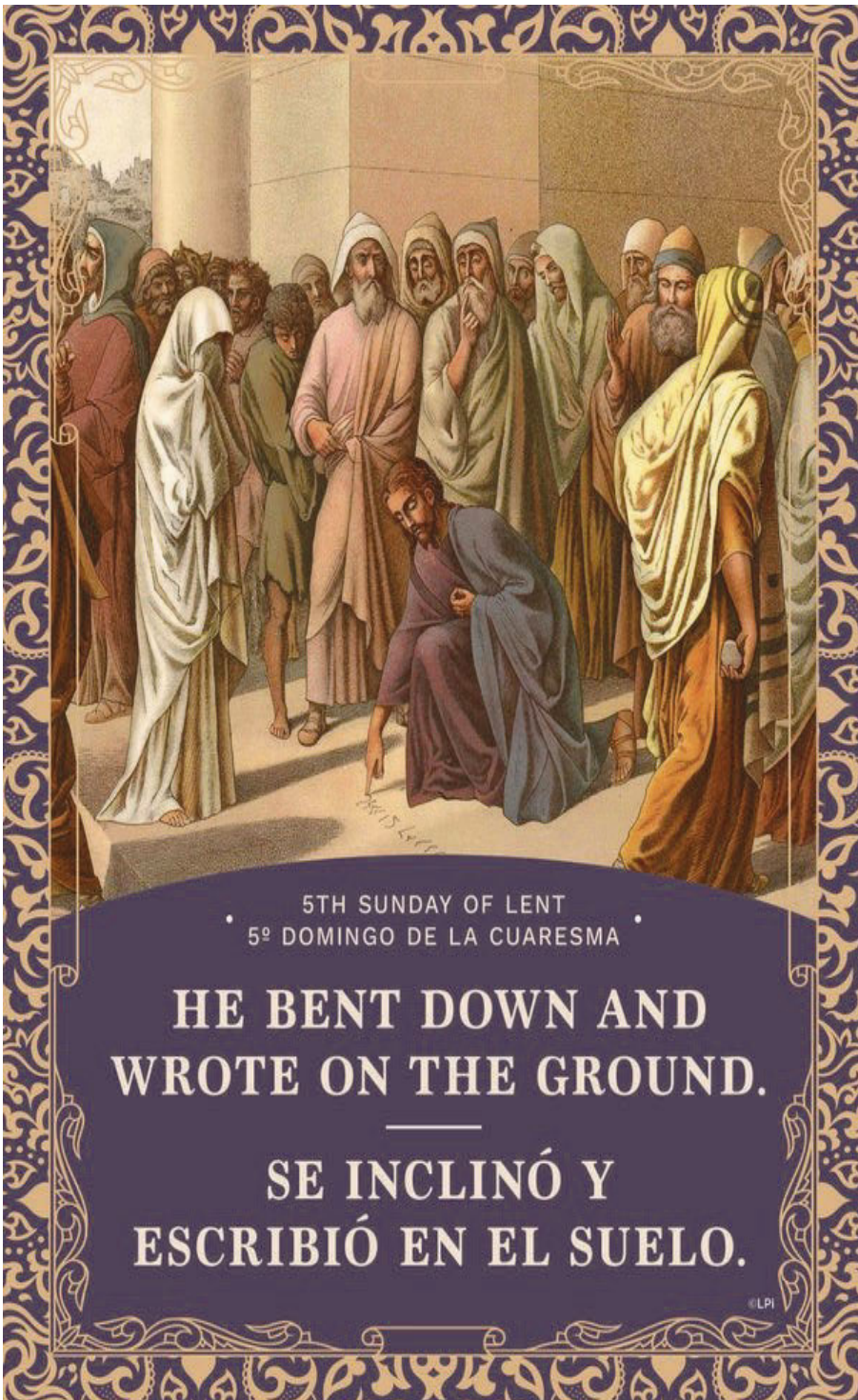


St. Monica Catholic Church

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent



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
Fridays During Lent 5:00-6:30 PM
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

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Parish Email Address: saintmoniacatholic@gmail.com; Fr. Jared's Email: frjared@stmoniacatholicchurch.com

Visit us on the web at: www.stmoniacatholicchurch.com

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

Tuesday	April 8	+ Trey Gilmore	Requested by: Dr. Maria Rivera
Wednesday	April 9	Dede Linzy and Family + Hoyt Muir + Bill Mutchie	Requested by: Hugh and Bridget Costello Requested by: Diane Hawkins Requested by: Dr. Maria Rivera
Thursday	April 10	+ Trey Gilmore	Requested by: Linda Cleveland
Friday	April 11	+ George Crawford + Bill Mutchie + Hoyt Muir	Requested by: Mary Crawford Requested by: Rita Smith Requested by: Bill and Nancy Walwik
Saturday 4:30 PM	April 12	+ Joseph Graff	Requested by: Joe and Mary Iovino
Sunday 8:30 AM	April 13	Living and Deceased Parishioners	
Sunday 11:00 AM	April 13	+ Hoyt Muir	Requested by: The Wallace Family



Birthdays this Week:

Betty Krause Connie Wiesner Justin Brady
Terry Gilmore Nicholas Motl Martha McLerran
Tracie Ivey Mike Langford David Cummings

Week at a Glance

Monday, April 7th:

6 PM: Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, April 8th:

8:00-8:25 AM: Confession

8:30 AM: Mass

9:00 AM: Fransalian Associate Mtg
(Parish Library)

6:00 PM: Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, April 9th:

8:30 AM: Mass

5:30 PM: Bible Study (Library)

6:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, April 10th:

8:00-8:25 AM: Confession

8:30 AM: Mass

9:00 AM-Noon: Food Pantry

Friday, April 11th:

8:30 AM: Mass

9:00 AM: Eucharistic Holy Hour
4:00-7:00 PM: Knights Fish Fry
(Parish Hall)

5:00 PM: Confession

6:00 PM: Stations of the Cross
(Church)

Saturday, April 12th:

3:15-4:15 PM: Confession

4:30 PM: Mass (Beginning in
Parish Hall)

7:00-10:00 PM: Teen Night
(Parish Hall)

Sunday, April 13th: Palm Sunday

8:30 AM: Mass (Beginning in
Parish Hall)

11:00 AM: Mass (Beginning in
Parish Hall)

12:30 PM: Holy Thursday Altar
Server Practice (Church)

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, April 12th at 4:30 PM

Ushers: Ellen Fitzhenry, Sharon Harris

EM (Body of Christ): Cris David

EM (Precious Blood): Ruth Boyette, Shirley Delaney

Lectors: Carol Burridge (1st), Ken Freligh (2nd)

Altar Server: David Aptt

Sunday, April 13th at 8:30 AM

Ushers: Dwain Denoncour, Robert Farmer

EM (Body of Christ): Chuck Romer

EM (Precious Blood): Mary Mundy

Lectors: Pam Mathes (1st), Corrine Munn (2nd)

Altar Server: Carley, Zoey, and James Romer

Sunday, April 13th at 11:00 AM

Ushers: Tina Wilson, Sammy Sharp

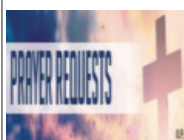
EM (Body of Christ): Aleta Schexnayder

EM (Precious Blood): Linda Cleveland, Jan Schneider

Lectors: Jim Doyle (1st), Sandy Sharp (2nd)

Altar Server: Mallory Bock, Corey & Connor Donnelly

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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	Amy Johns	Larry Beaton	Nicole Smith and Family
Alex de Guzman	Victoria Bradshaw	Fred Lininger	Rick Carr	Joseph Dang	Brandy Delashmutt
Domingo Nguyen	Maria Nguyen	Anna Dang			



An Excerpt from “Bishop Erik Pohlmeier Calls for a Just and Hopeful Response to Immigration” (Part 2/3)

For decades, the Catholic Church in the United States has played a vital role in resettling refugees and assisting migrants through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, a partnership that ensures those fleeing persecution receive thorough vetting, cultural support and an opportunity to rebuild their lives. Since 1980, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has received government funding to carry out this important resettlement work, and Catholic Charities Bureau in the Diocese of St. Augustine has been serving refugees since 1982. Many people do not realize that the refugees we serve are identified and vetted by the U.S. government, a process that has remained consistent across both Democratic and Republican administrations for 45 years.

Catholic Charities is not profiting from this work; rather, it relies on both public and private support to fulfill its mission of serving the vulnerable. Immigration is an issue that stirs strong emotions and concerns, but it also directly affects members of our own parish communities—our true brothers and sisters in faith who now live in fear. As a church, we must acknowledge these realities and offer reassurance to those who are uncertain. The church’s mission is not political but pastoral: to provide guidance, support and care to all who need it.

A Just and Humane Immigration System Must Prioritize

The following principles are drawn from “Catholic Elements of Immigration Reform,” a document from the U.S. bishops' Department of Migration and Refugee Services. These priorities reflect the church’s longstanding commitment to a just and humane immigration system that upholds both security and human dignity:

- **Targeted, proportional and humane enforcement** – Immigration policies should protect national security while respecting human dignity, avoiding excessive detentions and family separations.
- **Due process and humanitarian protections** – Refugees, asylum-seekers and victims of violence must have access to protection and legal pathways to safety.
- **A pathway to citizenship for longtime residents** – Millions of undocumented individuals, including Dreamers and essential workers, contribute to society and deserve the opportunity to seek legal status.
- **Family unity as a cornerstone of immigration policy** – Immigration laws should strengthen families, not separate them.
- **Expanded and reliable legal pathways** – A just immigration system must offer accessible and efficient legal channels for those seeking work, safety and family reunification.
- **Addressing the root causes of forced migration** – The church calls for international cooperation to resolve the economic, political and environmental crises driving migration.

Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



Gardening is good for the soul. Think about it. God's peaceful presence surrounds you in the cathedral of His creation. You spend most of your time on your knees. Like incense, you are filled with the fragrance of rich soil, emerging herbs, and blossoming flowers. In the background, you hear a choir of birds singing. And then there is silence, and it is in the silence that we hear the voice of God. Yes, a garden is a perfect place to pray.

In this season of Lent, we tend to our souls, just like we help our garden return to life after the ravages of winter. We rake up the old leaves of our sins. We prune away the dead wood of our bad habits. And we plant seeds of virtues and charity toward others, hoping they will grow into something beautiful one day.

Soon it will be Easter. We will celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. God will shine His light through His Son for all to see. He will warm the earth with His abiding love. Showers of His grace will fall like rain from Heaven. And the seeds we planted during Lent will make our souls bloom like never before.



Adult Formation News



Our Faith and Fun group recently had an outdoor lunch together at Piesano's restaurant and saw the movie "The Chosen" at Epic Theater afterward. If you would like to know more about attending our outings, please call or text Karen Lee at (386) 972-0316.

If you need a Bible to take to Fr. Jared's prayer class, or for your own personal use, there are plenty to choose from in our Parish Library.



St. Monica Events and Updates



Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed Youth!

Last Sunday, March 30th at the 8:30 AM Mass, four of our young parishioners and two young parishioners from St. John the Evangelist in Interlachen were confirmed by Bishop Pohlmeier: **Kira Carr, Oscar Lopez-Martinez, Eduardo McLerran, and Maria McLerran from St. Monica's and Elizabeth Boosamra and Brittany Raya Carino from St. John the Evangelist.** We congratulate our youth and ask for your prayers - that they will boldly live out the graces of their Confirmation! We thank Erin Fortner, Tyler Harris, Cheryl Carr, and all who worked so hard to prepare our youth for Confirmation, as well as all who planned for and put on the Confirmation Reception. We truly appreciate everyone's help!



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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 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!

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 **this Friday, April 11th.** Thank you so much!



Next Teen Night is This Coming Saturday, April 12th!

All teens (Grades 8-12) in our parish are invited to our next teen night this coming Saturday, April 12th! We will meet in the Hall from 7-10 PM and will have games, activities, and just time to hang out with each other. All teens are welcome!

Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Generosity!

March 29-30, 2025

Offertory	\$6,718.18
Children's Gifts	\$3.00
Building and Restoration	\$530.00
Food Pantry	\$1,108.00
Candles	\$39.00

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?



Prison Ministry

This weekend (April 5-6), John Chick will be speaking about prison ministry at all of the weekend Masses. John is involved with prison ministry in our diocese and will be speaking about this often neglected ministry. If you wish to become involved, please talk to John after Mass this weekend.

Lenten Penance Service: This Sunday, April 6th



Our Lenten Penance Service will take place **this Sunday, April 6th at 2:00 PM in the church.** We hope you can join us for this wonderful opportunity to repent and experience God's mercy during the Lenten Season.



Morning Prayer During Paschal Triduum: Time Correction (8:30 AM)

We invite you to join us this year for a special celebration during the Triduum. This year, we will celebrate morning prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. This ancient prayer of the Church is prayed daily by all the priests, religious sisters, and brothers throughout the world. It's an invitation to dive deeper into Jesus' last days on earth. It will take place on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday at **8:30 AM** in church (the same time we would normally have Daily Mass).

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!



St. Monica Events and Updates



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 Dinner	\$13.00
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Holy Week Schedule



April 12-13: Palm Sunday

All weekend Masses beginning in Parish Hall
For those sensitive to incense: The 4:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass will not have incense; the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses will have incense.

April 17th: Holy Thursday

8:30 AM: Morning Prayer (Church)
9:00 AM: Confessions (Church)
5:00 PM: Soup and Sandwich Dinner (Parish Hall)
7:00 PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church); Livestreamed in Parish Hall Youth Room for Those Sensitive to Incense
8:30 PM-Midnight: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Parish Hall)

April 18th: Good Friday

8:30 AM: Morning Prayer (Church)
9:00 AM: Confessions (Church)
9:00 AM-3:00 PM: Church Open for Prayer
3:00 PM: Good Friday Service (Church)
6:00 PM: Youth Living Stations (Parish Hall)

April 19th: Holy Saturday

8:30 AM: Morning Prayer (Church)
9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Church Open for Prayer
8:30 PM: Easter Vigil (Church) - Will Have Incense

April 20th: Easter Sunday

8:30 AM: Mass - Will Have Incense
10:00 AM: Children's Easter Egg Hunt (Beginning in Parish Hall)
11:00 AM: Mass - No Incense



Larger Bulletin Size

You may notice that this week our bulletin has increased in size! Thanks to our wonderful sponsors, we were able to expand our bulletin. Sponsors are still needed to sustain our larger bulletin! If you as an individual, organization, or small business would be interested in being a sponsor, please contact Rob Kennedy at 804-366-4838 or rkennedy@4lpi.com. Please be sure to support our sponsors listed on the back of the bulletin, as they are supporting our church!

BASA Update

Please be sure to donate to the Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal if you have not already! Our parish participation goal is 47%; so far we are at 9.84%. (This translates to a participation goal of 129 donors and so far we are at 24 donors.) We appreciate your support of this important cause!



United in Generosity as One Global Family

Amid the harsh conditions of the Sahel region's 1976 drought, millions faced hunger. That same year, Catholics worldwide gathered at the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, focusing on "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family." As Lent draws to a close, let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can help ensure no one goes hungry in the middle of today's global food crisis. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-5 to learn more.

Around the Diocese

PILGRIMS OF HOPE Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers – Next Saturday, April 12th

7:30 AM Sunrise Mass, National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios, 101 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.

We commemorate the Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers, honoring the resilience of the sick and the dedication of healthcare professionals. Join us in prayer for healing and strength for the ill, and in gratitude for those who provide compassionate care. The celebration begins with a sunrise Mass at the Rustic Altar of Mission Nombre de Dios, celebrated by Bishop Erik Pohlmeier. A breakfast will follow in the Pilgrim Center, featuring guest speaker Angeli Maun Akey, M.D., who will present "Seeing Jesus in Those Who Are Suffering." A Q&A session with Dr. Akey and Dr. Jason Phillips will follow. This event is coordinated by Ann Varner of Ascension St. Vincent's. For more information, contact ann.varner@ascension.org.

Rite of Election

On March 15th, our four OCIA candidates were a part of the Rite of Election at the Cathedral. Please pray for Sarah Azula, Sally McGhee, Ashleigh Byrd, and Paiton Townsend as they complete their preparation to be received into the Church!



Photo Credit: Fran Ruchalski

Mardi Gras Celebration

On March 4th, our parish celebrated Mardi Gras! A special thank you to Cindy Gilmore, Rita Smith, and all who planned for, put on, made food for the celebration, and all who helped in any other way. All who attended had a wonderful time!



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