

READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 14 Jos 5:9a,10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
 Lk 15:1-3,11-32
 8:00 a.m. +Ann Parsons Stabler (by Sessa family)
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 1 p.m. Español

Monday, March 15 Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 16 Ez 47:109,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 5:30 p.m. +Grace Vessier (by Robert Vessier family)

Wednesday, March 17 Is 49:8-15; Ps 145: 8-9,13c-14,17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 5:30 p.m. +Fern Miller (by Shirley Larios)

Thursday, March 18 Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory (by Virginia Hogue)

Friday, March 19 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Ps 89:2-5,27,29;
 Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24a
 7:30 a.m. +Kevin O'Connor (by family)

Saturday, March 20 Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3,9b-12; Jn 7:40-53
 5:00 p.m. Gilbert family (by Steve & Kathy DiRusso)

Sunday, March 21 Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. +Dan Schilling (by the Parish)
 1 p.m. Español

Please contact the Church Office to schedule a Mass Intention for the deceased or for someone who is ill.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

No Religious Education - Spring Break
 9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast - Parish Hall
 2:00 p.m. Hows Your Life House Meeting - Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee - St. Patrick Rm.
 7:00 p.m. Women's Society - Birth Choice-Edmond

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

No Religious Education - Spring Break
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Parish Hall
 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee - St. Michael Rm.
 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent dePaul Society - Mother Teresa

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

No Religious Education - Spring Break
 11:00 a.m. Hows Your Life House Mtg-Mother Teresa
 7:00 p.m. Bell/Adult Choir - Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

4:00 p.m. Medjugorje Prayer Group - St. Anthony
 6:30 p.m. Growing Faith Team - St. Anthony Rm.
 7:00 p.m. Breaking Open the Word - St. Michael

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

6:00 p.m. Hows Your Life House Mtg - St. Michael
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner - Parish Hall
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church
 7:30 p.m. Hows Your Life House Mtg - St. Michael

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

7:30 a.m. Lay Missionaries of Charity - St. John's
 8:30 a.m. Cleaners - Church/Parish Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

No Religious Education - Spring Break
 9:00 a.m. Sunday Donuts - Parish Hall
 11:30 a.m. RCIA - St. Anthony Rm.
 11:30 a.m. Liturgy Committee - St. Michael Rm.
 2:00 p.m. Hows Your Life House Meeting - Hall
 6:30 p.m. Camp Fire Group - Mother Teresa Rm.
 7:00 p.m. High School Youth - Youth Rm.

Questions about the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults enter into the Catholic faith. It is a wonderful journey which combines the participant's spiritual growth with the education in the Faith through weekly reflection on God's word and the teachings of Catholic Doctrine and traditions. RCIA Inquiry is available by appointment only until further notice.



For more information about RCIA, call Jaimee or Chuck Zorio at 751-3748 or email: allparz@cox.net.

Stewardship of Treasure
March 6, 7

Sunday Offering	\$28,678.67
Electronic Funds Offering.....	\$8,894.36
Total Offering.....	\$37,573.03
Less Charity 10%	\$3,757.30
Parish Offering	\$33,815.73
Weekly Budget	\$29,000.00
Over/(Under) Budget.....	\$4,815.73
Church Loan Balance	\$336,420.00

St. Monica is a total Stewardship tithing parish, therefore there are rarely second collections, a building fund or capital campaign drives. There are no fundraisers and no money is charged for pancake breakfasts, Sunday donuts, Religious Education, etc. 10% is taken off the top of your tithing to go into St. Monica's Stewardship (charity) account. Of this amount 25% goes to each of these organizations: St. Vincent de Paul, Sacred Heart Catholic Church (sister parish); local assistance and third world donations.

Because of your generosity in **February 2010**, we were able to provide the following assistance from the Stewardship account:

Charity Collections -	\$11,852.55
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$3,098.58
Sacred Heart -	\$2,550.92
Local Assistance -	\$9,828.40
Third World Assistance -	\$1,278.18

Fourth Sunday in
Lent

Stations of the Cross - Attend the ancient prayer of the Church called the *Way of the Cross* or *Stations of the Cross*. We will gather on the Fridays of Lent at 7 p.m. in the Church to make the *Way of the Cross*. Prayers usually last approximately 30 minutes.

Lenten Dinners are served by the Knights of Columbus on Fridays of Lent at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Menu: baked fish and side dish.

Women's Society to Meet at Birth Choice

St. Monica's Women's Society will meet at the Edmond branch of Birth Choice of Oklahoma on Monday, March 15, at 7 p.m. Pat Edwards, Director and St. Monica parishioner, will give a tour of the facility which is located at 11 A. Burton Place (intersection of Broadway, & Burton, across from Academy).

Those attending are asked to bring an item suitable for an infant. Also those needing transportation should contact the Parish Office at 359-2700. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Jeanne Ferguson at 341-4396.

Liturgical Ministers -- Communion Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Usher Greeters are needed for Holy Week and Easter services. Please sign up on the book located on the ministers table.

Very Marrieds

The Very Marrieds will meet Saturday, March 27, at 6 p.m. (after 5 p.m. Mass) in the home of Steve and Kathy DiRusso, 1918 Winding Ridge Rd., Edmond. RSVP to 216-8983. The nursery is provided until 10 p.m. if there at least five children who need it. Call the Parish Office at 359-2700 to reserve the nursery.

Communion to the Homebound -- If you or someone you know is ill, in the hospital, homebound or not able to get to Mass because of circumstances beyond their control, call the church office at 359-2700 so a Communion Minister may bring them Communion.

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Thursday, April 1

Holy Thursday Mass - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 2

Stations of the Cross - 3 p.m.
Good Friday Service - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 3

Easter Vigil Mass - 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 4 - Easter

Mass Times: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Español - 1 p.m.

Do You Know a Parish in Memphis?

St. Monica's Catholic Heart Work Campers will need a Catholic parish to stay at in Memphis, Tenn., on June 26. Does anyone have a parish to suggest with the name of a contact person? Call Katie Gordy at 359-2700.

YOUTH GROUPS

HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, March 14 - No Youth - Spring Break.

Wednesday, March 17, 9 a.m. - Bagels with your Best Buds at Old School Bagel Café, 755 W. Covell Rd. Sleep in a little during Spring Break and join us for breakfast.

Friday, March 19, 7 p.m. - Youth group leads Stations of the Cross in the Church. Arrive by 6:30 p.m. to help or 6 p.m. if you want to eat the Lenten dinner.

Saturday, May 1, 7-10 p.m. - Youth Fest at St. John's. Required for ALL work campers who are not involved with St. Monica's Confirmation that evening.

Steubenville Conference - Mark your calendars for July 16-18 to travel to Springfield, MO for three days of worship, workshops and fun. Cost is \$150 and \$50 deposit is due March 1. Sign up today, space is limited.

JUNIOR HIGH

Friday, March 19, 7 p.m. - Several junior high youth members said they would be interested in assisting with Stations of the Cross. Contact Holly if interested.

Sunday, March 21, 4:30-6 p.m. - Jr High Youth-Youth Rm. Bring your Catholic knowledge.

Youth Ministry Coordinator - Holly Barron, 509-1552 (cell), email: hollykathleenbarron@gmail.com.

Catholics Living Justice Day

A citizen legislative advocacy day will be held at the State Capitol on Tuesday, March 16, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Invite your legislator to breakfast, learn about the role of your faith in politics, hear Catholic speakers regarding the social ministry of the Church. RSVP for yourself and your legislator at 523-3003. Sponsored by the Commission for Justice and Human Development.

The St. Monica Library Needs Your Help

Spring cleaning is here and Sue Hamman, Library Director, asks those who have checked out items that are overdue, to please bring them back to be checked into the Library. There are many, many books and DVDs that have been checked out six months and longer and there is no way to contact these folks as they didn't leave a phone number on the library checkout card.

So, as spring cleaning takes place, please check bookshelves, entertainment centers, DVD players and children's rooms for library items that need to be returned. Let's give others a chance to check out these items. For more information, contact Hamman, at 340-7512.

Growing in Faith

Programs & Activities to help all of us to grow in our faith, from the young to seniors

One activity the whole parish can participate in to help us Grow in our Faith is through a reflection on the Scripture readings from our Sunday Mass during the week. Each week, a 'Question of the Week' will be listed in the bulletin and online. Persons are encouraged to take time during the week to answer the questions and share the answers within one's family and at any parish meetings which occur during the week.

4th Sunday of Lent Week of March 14

God wants us to come back. Now is the time to reconcile

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing:

Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word. As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Who is the one person you most need to say, "I'm sorry" to in your family?

Question for Youth: Is it difficult for you to say "I'm sorry" when you hurt another or get off track in your own life? Why or why not?

Question for Adults: How have you or your family welcomed a family member who has been distant and/or absent from you?



Catholic Bishops Urge Participation in 2010 Census

Through the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to encourage participation in the Census 2010, in order to reach hard-to-count communities.

Archbishop Jose Gomez of San Antonio, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Cultural Diversity, urged parishes and dioceses to encourage local people to participate. "The Church commends to bishops, priests and their many co-workers the care of all Catholics in their parishes and dioceses. The U.S. Census is a useful tool for learning about God's people, who and where they are, and many other facts that shed light on their lives, possibilities and struggles. A Church that seeks to evangelize is characterized by outreach. The U.S. Census gives us important information to do that," Archbishop Gomez said.

The questionnaire is short and easy. It asks: name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only 10 minutes for the average household to complete. The information gathered by the Census is confidential and only shared in aggregate numbers (statistics) once the surveys are completed.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Scott Myers, Zoe Jeffcoat, Carmen Snow, Jennifer Billy, Paul Verble family, Havi Dennis, Mike Filippo, Belinda Lopez, Jack Holland, Brock Hart, Brad Kroencke, Laura O'Hara, Brett Lang, Alicia Aguilar, Carol Murray, Roseann Dennis, Beth Aderhold, Fisher Killins, Judy Kinney, Joey Tamez, Tom Merklin, Jackie Smith, Carol Ross, Tom Morgan, Mike and Teresa Kastl, Bobbie Filippo, Anise Filippo, Robert McGuire, Bill Mahon, Fayelene O'Connell, Joseph Filippo, Audie and Claire Perkins, Pat Lenhart, Shaun Coker, Jessica Hatcher, Ruth Saunders, Doug and Marla Robinson, Katelyn Nielsen, Sue Healy, Ted Kinney, Theresa Hild, Cayden Whalen, Mike Kenny, Diana Caporale, Shena Layn, Chester Crocker, Jodi Russell, Jess Thomas, Greg Barnas, Mary Cobb, Vernie Warren.

Military Overseas: David Jeffcoat, Alex Morton, Grady Epperly, Daniel Broda, David Gelnar, James Higgins, Jacob Seibold, Jeremy Easley.

Fourth Sunday of Lent -- The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

Used Book Sale - Sequoyah Middle School, 1125 E. Danforth, Edmond, Friday, March 26, 3-8 p.m. and Saturday, March 27, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free admission.

Lay Missionaries of Charity

The Lay Missionaries of Charity (LMC) meet at St. John the Baptist in Edmond on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. The group attends 7:30 a.m. Mass followed by the meeting. The LMC's are spiritually affiliated to the family of the Missionaries of Charity, founded by Mother Teresa of

Calcutta. As an international Association of lay persons, both married and single, their lives are marked by prayer and joyful sacrifice within their own families and in the heart of the world. For more information, contact Toni Harrelson, at 341-2199 or lmc-oklahoma@sbcglobal.net.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Carmen en la oficina

Estaré fuera de la oficina hasta el Lunes 29 de marzo.

Horario de Ministerios 21 de Marzo, 2010

Proclamadores de la Palabra: Berenice Esparza, Silvia Jiménez

Ministros de Eucaristía: Rockie Yardley, Karen Hunt

Abriendo y compartiendo la Palabra

Texto sugerido para compartir la fe: El Evangelio de hoy
3° domingo de cuaresma -
Semana del 14 de marzo de 2010

Primer Paso: Escuchar la Palabra

Al escuchar esta lectura, ¿qué palabras o frases los impactó?
¿Qué parte de esta lectura tocó sus corazones? ¿Qué se quedó en sus memorias?

Tema: Dios quiere que regresemos. Ahora es el momento de la reconciliación.

Paso dos: Ver Tu Vida

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Cuál es la persona de su familia a quien más necesitan decirle: "Lo siento"?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿Te resulta difícil decir "Me arrepiento" cuando lastimas a alguien o te desvías del camino correcto? ¿Por qué?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Cómo ustedes y sus familias han recibido a un familiar que se había distanciado y/o ausentado de ustedes?

Normas de Abstinencia y Ayuno durante la Cuaresma

La obligación durante la Cuaresma, determinada para los católicos en Estados Unidos por nuestros obispos, requiere el ayuno el Miércoles de Ceniza y Viernes Santo. La ley de abstinencia de carne debe ser observada todos los Viernes durante la Cuaresma.

¿Quiénes deben ayunar?

Todos los Católicos entre 18 y 59 años. La obligación termina cuando la persona cumple 60 años.

¿Quiénes deben abstenerse?

Todos los católicos mayores de 14 años.

¿Qué significa ayuno?

El ayuno consiste en comer una comida completa, y dos comidas pequeñas si son necesarias para mantener las fuerzas, de acuerdo a las necesidades individuales, pero no se permite alimento sólido entre comidas.

¿Qué significa abstinencia?

La ley de abstinencia prohíbe comer carne. La abstinencia voluntaria se refiere a abstenerse de placeres legales en espíritu de penitencia.

¿Alguien puede estar exceptuado (disculpado) del ayuno y la abstinencia?

Aquellas personas quienes tengan una causa justa y la dispensa de un sacerdote. Al igual que aquellas personas quienes están enfermas.

La conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos nos encomienda: "Los días entre semana de la Cuaresma, recomendamos vigorosamente la participación en la misa diaria y un ayuno por su propia cuenta. Debido a las graves necesidades humanas que pesan a la conciencia cristiana en todas las temporadas, les urgimos, particularmente durante la Cuaresma, generosidad a los programas locales, nacionales, y mundiales de compartir bienes materiales. Es necesario para traducir nuestro deber de hacer penitencia a un modo de implementar el derecho de los pobres a su debida parte de nuestra abundancia" (Declaración de los Obispos Estadounidenses sobre las prácticas penitenciales, 1966.)

"REUNIONES DE CASA" Todos los Domingos de Marzo después de la Santa Misa. Los esperamos.

Cena de Cuaresma— Todos los viernes de Cuaresma a las 6:00 pm en el salón parroquial. Acompañenos y compartamos una cena de pescado ofrecida por los Caballeros de Colón.

Via Crucis— Todos los viernes a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia.

Directorio de la Parroquia

El directorio está listo para distribuir (gratis) a las familias quienes se retrataron. Si usted no se retrató y desea una copia, el costo es de \$10.00.

SEMANA SANTA

Jueves, 1° de Abril

Misa de Jueves Santo - 6:30 p.m.

Viernes, 2 de Abril

Via Crucis -3 p.m.

Sábado, 3 de Abril

Misa de la Vigilia Pascual - 8 p.m.

Domingo, 4 de Abril

Pascua de Resurrección

Misa - 1 p.m.

Silence is God's Music

Come away for a women's weekend silent retreat where you can develop your creativity, work on a project, discern your path, get closer to God or just rest.

The silence will be broken three times to talk about the book "The War of Art," should you wish to join the discussion.

The dates are Friday, April 16, at 9 a.m. through Sunday, April 18, at Noon. The retreat is at Mount St. Mary's convent at 2801 S. Western. Meals, lodging and the book are provided as part of the cost. Retreat Master is Katie Gordy. To register or to ask questions, call Katie at 405-627-6954. Only 11 places are available so sign up soon.

Women of Achievement to be Honored

All are invited to attend a luncheon in honor of Helen O'Connor, St. Monica's 2010 Woman of Achievement, along with other Women of Achievement from the Oklahoma City area on Saturday, April 10, at St. James Parish, 4201 S. McKinley, OKC.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. followed by the luncheon and is sponsored by the Central Region, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Woman (ACCW). Archbishop Beltran will be the speaker. The cost for the lunch is \$15 per person and reservations and payments must be received by Wednesday, March 17. Payments for the luncheon may be made at the Parish Office. For more information, contact Jeanne Ferguson at 341-4396.

Bell Choir

St. Monica's Bell Choir needs players. The group practices on Wednesdays from 7-8:20 p.m. (perfect time for a parent of an RE student). They play in April and May and then take off for the summer then resume in the fall.

Those who like to make music, consider joining the Bell Choir. Contact Renee Gruntmeir at 833-6646 for more information.

Martha and Mary Meal Ministry -- There are two Martha and Mary meal ministry teams who need some new members. If you can help prepare a meal two-four times a year, please call Katie Gordy at 359-2700.

Upcoming Dates ...

First Communion

Tuesday Class - Saturday, April 24, 5 p.m.
Wednesday Class - Sunday, April 25, 8 a.m.
Sunday Class - Sunday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation

Saturday, May 1, during 5 p.m. Mass

High School & College Senior Recognition Mass

Sunday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.

2010 Summer Dates

Vacation Bible School - PS4 - 3rd Grade

Monday-Friday, June 14-18, 9-11:30 a.m.

Summer Religious Education - 4th-9th Grade

Monday-Friday, July 12-23 (two weeks), 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Music Camp - 2nd Grade - 12th Grade

Monday-Friday, Aug. 2-6, 8:30 a.m.-Noon

Life of the Party - A Birth Choice Fundraiser

Birth Choice of Oklahoma, Inc. will host its annual *Life of the Party* Gala event on Saturday, April 10, at Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. The evening will include dinner, auction and dancing with the band, The Mystery Dates. A sampling of auction items ... weekend getaway at Grand Lake, Sonoma Valley trip, gourmet dinners, a Marian theme quilt, and a romantic getaway for two including a sailboat ride.

Birth Choice is also pleased to announce as guest speaker, Leo Severino, writer and producer of the pro-life movie *Bella*. Seats may be reserved for \$100 each, and corporate tables are available. Seating is limited. For more information on the Birth Choice *Life of the Party* or to make reservations for this evening, please contact Jan O'Neill at 606-8426 or email at joneill@birthchoice.org.

Perpetual Adoration

Our Lord is available to you every hour of every day – and night! If you want to thank Him for His presence in your life and develop a closer relationship with Him, why not consider an hour of Eucharistic Adoration? To sign up for a regular hour or to be a substitute, please call Robert Schaefer at 396-6592.



Parish Picture Directory

The directories are available in the Parish Hall after all Masses this weekend. Those who had their pictures taken will receive a free copy. If you would like a directory and didn't have your picture taken, the cost is \$10. The \$10 copies will be made available at a later date.

Want a Free Meal

While Supporting Birth Choice?

Birth Choice will hold its annual fundraiser, a dinner and auction on Saturday, April 10, at Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. St. Monica has a table that evening that seats eight. We need people willing to attend to sit at our table. The guest speaker is Leo Severino, the writer and producer of the beautiful pro-life movie, *Bella*. It will be a marvelous evening. To claim one of the places, call Stacy Sample at 359-2700.