

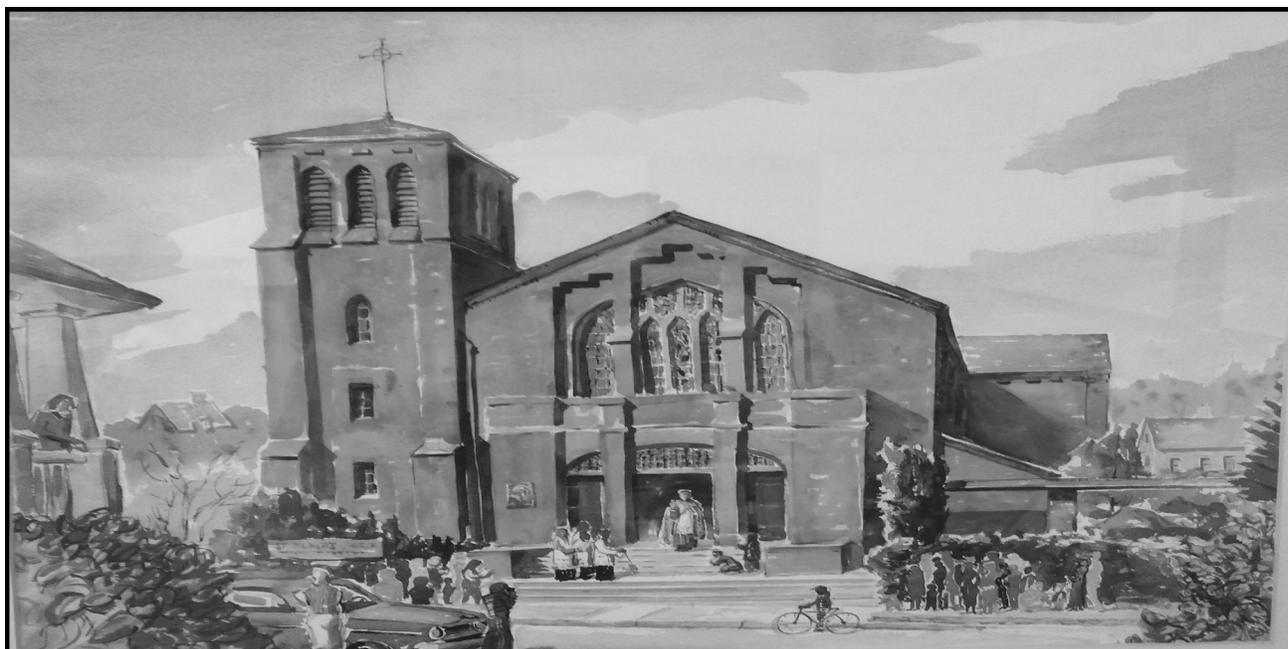
Saint Monica Catholic Church

The Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2022

Our Parish Mission

Our mission here at St. Monica's Catholic Church is to continue to hand on the faith of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church from generation to generation. We hand on our faith by proclaiming the Gospel in the way we pray, the way we believe and the way we live. In this "way", we carry in ourselves the message of Christ.



Sacraments and Liturgies

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday 8:30 am
 First Saturday 10:00 am

Exposition & Holy Hour

Friday's 9:00 am-10:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-4:15 pm
 1st Saturday: 9:30 am
 Or by appointment

Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion, Matrimony, or Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the office
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First Sunday
 9:30am to 11:30am

FAITH FORMATION WITH FATHER JOE ROBINSON

We need to know a little something about the religious politics of Judaism at the time of Jesus in order to make sense of today's gospel. The Sadducees, who feature in today's gospel, were the archconservatives in Jesus' time. They were connected with the aristocracy and the Jewish priesthood. They did not accept any part of the Bible except the first five books. And they did not believe in angels, spirits, and the resurrection of the dead on the last day. What they are trying to do in today's gospel is to prove, with an extreme example, that there can be no resurrection. Their example is based on the law that comes out of the Book of Leviticus (the 3rd book of the Bible which was one they accepted). The law is known as levirate marriage and it stated: if a man died and he had no children, then his brother was suppose to marry the man's widow and through her b ring children into the world. Adding another wife to the family would have required quite an adjustment, but it solved some serious problems-such as seeking to preserve the name and memory of the brother who died, keeping in the family whatever property the brother had, and ensuring that the widow would be provided for. The Sadducees really didn't believe there was life after this life, but even if there were, in their minds it would be very similar to life the way we know it now. Jesus tells them that's where they went wrong in their thinking. Jesus said it would be entirely different. We will not die, we will be like angels, we will be children of God and we will rise.

This gives us a lot to speculate about (especially what being like angels means), but exactly what any of this means is still a mystery. It will always remain a mystery because we have nothing in this world to use as a comparison for what is to come. I do find it interesting however to read about people who have had near death experiences. It helps one's imagination to visualize the next world just a little better than having nothing at all to help us picture what it might be like.

Sometimes today's gospel causes people to be distressed because they think that once they pass into the next life they lose touch with those they have loved in this life. I think we will still be in touch with those we have been close to in this life. Why should we be separated from those who have supported us to attain eternal life? One of the common experiences those who have been clinically dead and who have returned to this life report is that most often the first persons they meet in the next life, are parents, grandparents, relatives and friends.

Perhaps the most important message the gospel gives us today is to assure us that God has created us for eternal life, a life much more wonderful than anything we can imagine. Remember St. Paul's statement: "eye has not seen nor ear heard nor has it entered into our hears what things God has prepared for those who love him."

So in bad times, we must remember there are better times, we must remember there are better times ahead. In good times, we cannot forget about the even greater happiness God has prepared for those who love him and are faithful to him.

Advent Fair—November 20th

For those who can help. . .we appreciate all that you can do. We need your creative input to make this the best Advent Fair EVER!! Do you have a specific activity that you can share with the kids? (young and old of course!) We are looking for new ideas, and keeping some of the old. (Like decorating Sugar Cookies) We could use sugar cookies as well. If you are interested in helping out, please call the office or email Lisa. You can find her email in the front of the bulletin. See you there!

Volunteers needed for Church Fundraiser

On November 20th the Advent Fair is scheduled and at that time we have some women interested in having a bake sale to raise funds for the Church. Whether you bake cookies, pies, or cakes, or maybe you like to make candy. All items are needed for the sale. If interested please give Cecilia Strange a call at 541-888-9556.

Community and Parish Life

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Margarita Osorio 11/6	Evolet Mayreni Perez 11/8
Jeffrey Short 11/6	Crystal Ramirez Garcia
Susan Risley 11/7	Darrell Barker 11/10
Roman Perez Martinez 11/8	Gabriela Bruno 11/12

Weekly Reflection *32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

The rule of law is held before us as a standard of justice and righteousness and yet it can be a stumbling block for those who wish to be disciples. Laws are there to help us lead good lives but they can also place unfair burdens on some people. Jesus was very clear that the one law we must hold above all others is to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the true "rule of the law" that should seek to follow.

Keep me as the apple of your eye, hide me in the shadow of your wings.

Psalms 17:8

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends
 Nov 8 8:30 am Mass for "Our Country and for the Election" with a Rosary after Mass
 Nov 12-13 Blessing all Veterans at all Masses
 Nov 13 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 Nov 15 Deadline for the Women's Advent Retreat
 Nov 16-17 Sign up for K of C Christmas Baskets 9-3 Parish Hall
 Nov 20 Advent Fair after 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass
 Nov 20 Hispanics will be selling breakfast at the fair
 Nov 20 Fundraiser for the Church-Bake Sale
 Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day Mass 10:00 am
 Blessing of the Food-Second Collection K of C

Sign ups for the Knights of Columbus Christmas Food Basket will be

November 16 and 17, 2022
9:00 am-3:00 pm

Enter from lower parking lot off 6th St. and Bennett Ave. or east entry to hall off 6th St.

**You must bring proof of address
One box per household please.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Tuesday November 8th will be a Mass & Rosary for Our country, and for the upcoming election please join us at 8:30 am**
- **The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast on Nov. 13th after 8:30 Mass, for \$6.50 a person, family of 4 eat for \$20.00. Menu includes-pancakes, eggs, sausage fruit, juice and coffee.**
- **Also, St. Monica will honour all Veterans with a special blessing at all the Masses on the 12th and 13th. We will also have a second Collection at these Masses for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**
- **Plans are under way for our Advent Fair, so if you would please take time to pull out those Christmas ornaments you no longer use and bring them to St. Monica's we will use them for the Reuse Repurpose Table at the Fair. If you have an idea for an activity that you would like to share please give a call to the office, or email Lisa. There will also be a Bake Sale Fundraiser, along with the Hispanic Community selling breakfast, so bring your pocket books and check out the gifts available at the "Holy Grounds" gift shop located in the hall.**
- **You are welcome to bring a food item for your table, to be blessed at the Thanksgiving Mass which will be celebrated at 10 am. Please place your items before Mass at the altar. There will be a second collection for the Knights of Columbus Christmas Basket Project.**



Mass Intentions

8:30 am +Doo Won Lee

10:30 am- For the people of Saint Monica

1:00 pm-All the souls in Purgatory



Please keep these people in your prayers:

Sheila Abrahamson, Marlene Allen,
 Kathryn Anthony, Jim Burt, Larry Haug,
 Francis Helland, Steve Jansen, Nicholas Edward Kahl,
 Mike & Lee Kozakiewicz, Fr. Rick LeFaivre, Robert Lavoie,
 Francis Ledwith, R.D. & Denise Lewis, Ed Lewis,
 Holly Odum, Joanna Powley, Theresa Rigg, Sue Risley,
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