

Feast of St. Monica—August 27 On August 27, one day before the feast of her son St. Augustine, the Catholic Church honors St. Monica, whose holy example and fervent intercession led to one of the most dramatic conversions in Church history.

Monica was born into a Catholic family in 332, in the North African city of Tagaste located in present-day Algeria. She was raised by a maidservant who taught her the virtues of obedience and temperance. While still relatively young, she married Patricius, a Roman civil servant with a bad temper and a disdain for his wife's religion.

Patricius' wife dealt patiently with his distressing behavior, which included infidelity to their marriage vows. But she experienced a greater grief when he would not allow their three children – Augustine, Nagivius, and Perpetua – to receive Baptism. When Augustine, the oldest, became sick and was in danger of death, Patricius gave consent for his Baptism, but withdrew it when he recovered.

Monica's long-suffering patience and prayers eventually helped Patricius to see the error of his ways, and he was baptized into the Church one year before his death in 371. Her oldest son, however, soon embraced a way of life that brought her further grief, as he fathered a child out of wedlock in 372. One year later, he began to practice the occult religion of Manichaeism.

In her distress and grief, Monica initially shunned her oldest son. However, she experienced a mysterious dream that strengthened her hope for Augustine's soul, in which a messenger assured her: "Your son is with you." After this experience, which took place around 377, she allowed him back into her home, and continued to beg God for his conversion.

But this would not take place for another nine years. In the meantime, Monica sought the advice of local clergy, wondering what they might do to persuade her son away from the Manichean heresy. One bishop, who had once belonged to that sect himself, assured Monica that it was "impossible that the son of such tears should perish."

These tears and prayers intensified when Augustine, at age 29, abandoned Monica without warning as she passed the night praying in a chapel. Without saying goodbye to his mother, Augustine boarded a ship bound for Rome. Yet even this painful event would serve God's greater purpose, as Augustine left to become a teacher in the place where he was destined to become a Catholic.

Under the influence of the bishop St. Ambrose of Milan, Augustine renounced the teaching of the Manichees around 384. Monica followed her son to Milan, and drew encouragement from her son's growing interest in the saintly bishop's preaching. After three years of struggle against his own desires and perplexities, Augustine succumbed to God's grace and was baptized in 387.

Shortly before her death, Monica shared a profound mystical experience of God with Augustine, who chronicled the event in his "Confessions." Finally, she told him: "Son, for myself I have no longer any pleasure in anything in this life. Now that my hopes in this world are satisfied, I do not know what more I want here or why I am here."

"The only thing I ask of you both," she told Augustine and his brother Nagivius, "is that you make remembrance of me at the altar of the Lord wherever you are."

St. Monica died at age 56, in the year 387. In modern times, she has become the inspiration for the St. Monica Sodality, which encourages prayer and penance among Catholics whose children have left the faith.

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August 25, 2024
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours

Monday 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday:

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday (no Holy Mass)

Holy Days:

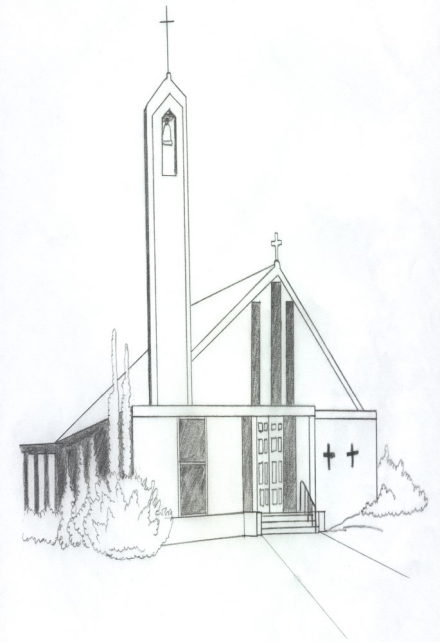
Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.
Holy Day Mass 8:00 a.m.

Adoration/Divine Mercy

Wednesday 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.



Sacrament of Reconciliation: -
30 minutes before each Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact
Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Six
months prior to wedding notice.
Obligatory preparation program.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the
Sick:** - By appointment.

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers

Music Ministry Carolyn Snapka
Organists Mary Helpert
Women's Circle Carol Kocurek

Violet Historical Society Sam Morris

**St. Anthony's Cemetery
Association** Sam Morris

Visiting Homebound: Once a month
on First Friday. Please call the parish
office to request a visit.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **AUGUST 24, 2024**
 6:00 p.m. **PRO POPULO**

SUNDAY **AUGUST 25, 2024**
 9:00 a.m. **+ JEROME HOELSCHER**
 Marguerite Hoelscher & Family

11:00 a.m. **+ MERRIDAN SUMMERS**
 Jerry & Charmaine Wade

MONDAY **AUGUST 26, 2024**
 8:00 a.m. **+ GILBERT & PAT HOELSCHER** - Carolyn Hoelscher

TUESDAY **AUGUST 27, 2024**
 No Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY **AUGUST 28, 2024**
 6:00 p.m. **+ FLOY LEE & ROSA LEE HOELSCHER**
 Thomas & Patsy Busenlenher

THURSDAY **AUGUST 29, 2024**
 8:00 a.m. **+ TOM BERNSEN** - Family & Friends

FRIDAY **AUGUST 30, 2024**
 8:00 a.m. **+ MARY HUMPLIK** - Estate

SATURDAY **AUGUST 31, 2024**
 8:00 a.m. **Immaculate Heart of Mary**
 6:00 p.m. **+ NAOMI TISCHLER** - Gordon & Cathy Sims

SUNDAY **SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**
 9:00 a.m. **+ SHIRLEY VICKERY** - Larry & Carolyn Snapka

11:00 a.m. **+ GINA SALEM** - Jerry & Charmaine Wade

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SUNDAY COLLECTION

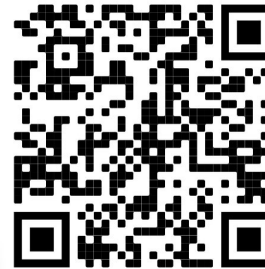
August 18, 2024

Loose	\$ 937.00
Envelope	\$ 610.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 25.00
Feast/Assumption	\$ 395.00
Spring Fundraiser	\$ 20.00
Total	\$1,987.00

8/16/24 - 8/30/24
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 \$1,180.00

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Bible Readings for the Week

Monday, August 26

2 Thes 1: 1-5, 11-12/ Mt 23: 13-22

Tuesday, August 27

2 Thes 2: 1-3a, 14-17/ Mt 23: 23-26

Wednesday, August 28

2 Thes 3: 6-10, 16-18/ Mt 23: 27-32

Thursday, August 29

1 Cor 1: 1-9/ Mk 6: 17-29

Friday, August 30

1 Cor 1: 17-25/ Mt 25: 1-13

AS FOR ME
 AND MY
family,
 WE WILL SERVE
 THE
Lord.

JOSHUA 24:15. NLT

PRAYER LIST: Bianca Apusen, Norine Bernsen, Linda Bonner, Sharon Cox, Jerry Cox, John Fredette, Margaret Garza, Dylan Gill, Wilma Grupe, M Briana Gutierrez, Matt Havelka, Ava Henson, Marie Hoelscher, Marguerite Hoelscher, Valerie Hoelscher, Gwendy Jacobi, Smokey Jacobi, Sarah Jalufka, Mary Kuhn, Bernard Najvar, Goretta O'Daniel, Mrs. Leonard May, Frank McCumber, Pat Ordner, Lola Putvin, Jaime Rodriguez, Roy Rodriguez, Grace Scheipe, Miller Schomburg, Norbert Schroeder, Eddie Skorabcek, Elie Stone, Joseph Torroes, Vicki Torres, Susan Umphres, Patricia Vaughn, Maya Vera, Joan Vinson, Ravi Walker, Holden Weaver, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarborough.

Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians: Jim Caig, Luis Lozano, Jr., Stephen Beadle, Javier Ebertowski.