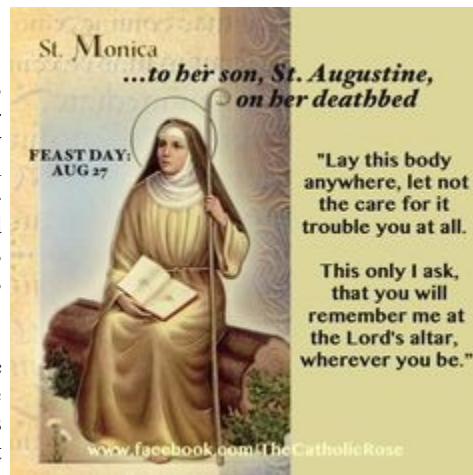


St. Monica

St. Monica's feast day is this Saturday. Her son, Augustine, is the most frequently quoted saint in the Catholic Catechism along with St. Thomas Aquinas. But it is fair to say he would never have been quoted had not Monica interceded to the Lord on his behalf. Thus, she is known as the patroness of wayward children. For many parents in today's world Monica is a tremendous example to follow. Her feast day is this Saturday. This brief biography of Monica below comes from the EWTN website.

Our knowledge of Monica comes almost entirely from the writings of her much-loved son, the great Doctor of the Church, St. Augustine of Hippo. His relationship with his mother was a close one, especially during Monica's last years. In Book IX of St. Augustine's "Confessions" he gives us many details of her life, and expresses his gratitude for her devotion in moving terms. Monica was born about the year 332 in Tagaste, North Africa, of a Christian family of some substance. We are given one episode of her childhood which suggests a possible origin for her firmness of will. She was sometimes sent down to the cellar to draw wine for the family, and fell into the habit of taking secret sips. She developed such a passion for wine that before long she was drinking great draughts of it whenever opportunity offered. One day a family slave who had been spying on the little girl denounced her as a wine-bibber, and Monica, covered with shame, gave up the habit. Soon afterwards she was baptized, and thenceforth seems to have led a life of irreproachable virtue.

As soon as Monica had reached marriageable age, her parents found a husband for her, the pagan Patricius. He was a man of violent temper and their home could scarcely have been a happy one. Monica endured his outbursts with the utmost patience, although he was critical of Christians and their practices. The daily example of her gentleness and kindness finally had its rewards, and a year before his death, which occurred when Augustine was seventeen, Patricius accepted his wife's faith. Monica and Patricius had three children, Navigius, who seems to have been an exemplary son, Augustine, and Perpetua, a daughter, who became a religious. Augustine, the more brilliant of the sons, was sent to Carthage, so that he might develop his talents and become a man of culture. He took to learning naturally but he also spent time in youthful carousing. This caused his mother great anguish, and when he returned to Tagaste, she disapproved so strongly both of his loose living and of his espousal of the popular heresy of Manichaeism that she refused at first to allow him to live at home. She relented only after having seen a vision. One day as she was weeping over his behavior, a figure appeared and asked her the cause of her grief. She answered, and a voice issued from the mysterious figure, telling her to dry her tears; then she heard the words, "Your son is with you." Monica related this story to Augustine, and he replied that they might easily be together if she gave up her faith, for that was the main obstacle keeping them apart. Quickly she retorted, "He did not say I was with you: he said that you were with me." Augustine was impressed by the quick answer and never forgot it. Although his conversion was not to take place for nine long years, Monica did not lose faith. She continually fasted, prayed, and wept on his behalf. She implored the local bishop for help in winning him over, and he counseled her to be patient, saying, "God's time will come." Monica persisted in importuning him, and the bishop uttered the words which have often been quoted: "Go now, I beg you; it is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish."



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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 9:00 am.
Confessions: Saturdays 4:30-5:15 / Sundays 8:15-8:45 / By appointment
Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday 7:00 am

St. James Catholic Church

August 21, 2016

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon. August 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue. August 23 St. Rose of Lima
Wed. August 24 St. Bartholomew
Thu. August 25 St. Louis
Fri. August 26 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Sat. August 27 St. Monica

Mass Intentions

Saturday	August 20	5:30 pm	†Nita Styles
Sunday	August 21	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	August 22	7:00 am	†Msgr. Jim O'Connor
Tuesday	August 23	7:00 am	†Connie Freeman
Wednesday	August 24	7:00 am	†Margaret Morin
Thursday	August 25	7:00 am	†James Newell
Friday	August 26	7:00 am	†Tom McEvoy
Saturday	August 27	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	August 28	9:00 am	†Jim Brazda, Sr.

Minister Assignments

	Saturday, Aug. 27	Sunday Aug. 28
Acolytes	Ron Morrissey	Ed Cherovsky
Readers	Bobbie Feldhaus	Patty Benal
Servers	Colin Morrissey	Nolan Leutkenhaus
	Jacob Feldhaus	Philip Chohon

The next series of Acolyte-Lector-Server assignments is available on the vestibule counter.



August 13-14 Tithe

Adults	\$ 2,659.00
Loose	263.00
Second Collection	105.05
Total:	\$ 3,027.05

Monthly Obligations

St. Wenceslaus School	\$2,016.66
Bishop Neumann	8,007.00
Total Parish Expenses:	\$10,023.66

Go out and teach all nations...

St. James Parish is in need of CCD teachers for the coming school year. Perhaps you are the one who might hear the call of Jesus, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them..." (Mt.19:14) and respond by assisting the grade school catechetical program as a teacher here in St. James Parish. The value of being able to say to the Lord when we meet him, "I did what I could to bring our children to you, Lord" can be measured only in eternity. Even if you don't feel teaching is your gift, you can do many things to assist the program. Contact Fr. Morin or the parish CCD Coordinator, Karie Dunn (402-917-5559), if you would like to volunteer or have more questions.



Property Insurance. Recently Catholic Mutual Group, the Diocesan Self-Insurance Company, performed an evaluation of our parish property. A number of items were found to be in need of care. The parish could hire someone to take care of these projects, though surely a number of parishioners have the ability to volunteer to take care of these issues. If you're one of those parishioners, take a look at this list and notify Fr. Morin if you would like to address one or more. Your tithe of time and talent is appreciated.

- Alternative for the trip hazard of the electrical cord to the piano in church.
- Replace bulbs in emergency lights.
- The exit door behind the piano does not open because the threshold moves with the door.
- Televisions in CCD classrooms, bookshelves in the vestibule, front pews of church & cry room, Infant of Prague statue, and gas cylinder outside the parish hall are not properly secured.
- Sidewalks that are trip hazards need to be repaired.

A Chicken Dinner & Bazaar will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Brainard on August 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The day will begin with Mass at 10:00 a.m. The Bazaar will feature a Bake Sale, Games for Adults and Children, Raffle and Polka Music. The activities will be held in the air-conditioned Church and Klein Center in Brainard and on the Parish grounds.

The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers to donate cookies or bars for the August 23-24 Blood Drive. See the ad in the vestibule for information.

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Plasi will sponsor a Roast Beef Dinner at the Prague Parish Hall on Sunday, August 28. Dinner will be served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Cost: Adults/Jr./Sr. High \$10, Children 10 and under \$5. Festival includes Live Auction, Silent Auction, Cake Walk, Bake Sale featuring Czech specialties, and Raffle.

The Pancake Feed Committee is looking for a volunteer to serve on the steering committee. If you're interested in helping the parish in this way, contact Judy McEvoy 624-5066 or Fr. Morin.

The Newman Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture and the Diocese of Lincoln Liturgical Commission are sponsoring a lecture by guest speaker David Clayton at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 26, 2016, at the Newman Center (320 N. 16th Street) in Lincoln on "The Way of Beauty." David Clayton is an artist, writer, and teacher and a graduate of Oxford University in England. He is Provost of Pontifex University and is Visiting Fellow at Thomas More College of Liberal Arts in New Hampshire. He has published many articles and two books about sacred art and culture and their connection to the liturgy: *The Little Oratory-A Beginner's Guide to Praying in the Home* and *The Way of Beauty: Liturgy, Education and Inspiration for Family, School and College*. His webpage is found at www.thewayofbeauty.org.