



Weekly Bulletin for Sacred Heart & Saint Monica

Sunday, October 18, 2026 | The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to our Parish Family! United as Partners in the Gospel and guided by the Holy Spirit, the Parishes of Saint Monica and Sacred Heart will become one new canonical parish. The image above is an artistic representation of our collective parish geography and some of our patron saints. We strive to be a welcoming and faith-filled community, praying for and encouraging all souls, especially those residing within our parish boundaries, to seek a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are glad you are here and invite you to journey with us in prayer, fellowship, and service. Below are schedules for Mass, Confession, and Adoration, organized by our church locations. We encourage you to make full use of these opportunities to encounter Christ in the Sacraments!



Saint Monica Catholic Church

4301 88th Ave SE Mercer Island, WA 98040

Parish Office: (206) 232-2900 | Website: stmonicami.org

Mass Schedule

Monday–Thursday & Saturday: 7:45 AM

Friday: 8:30 AM *during the School Year*

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, & 1:00 PM *in Chinese*

Confession Schedule

Monday–Saturday: 7:15 AM–7:35 AM

Friday: 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

Saturday: 3:30 PM–4:30 PM

Sunday: *In Chinese only* 12:30 PM–12:50 PM

Adoration Schedule

Friday: 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

Daily: In Adoration Chapel (*contact office for code*)



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

9460 NE 14th St Bellevue, WA 98004

Parish Office: (425) 454-9536 | Website: sacredheart.org

Mass Schedule

Monday & Wednesday–Friday: 8:45 AM

First Friday of the Month: 7:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, & 5:00 PM

Confession Schedule

Wednesday: 8:15 AM–8:35 AM

Saturday: 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Appointments for the Sacrament of Reconciliation can also be made by contacting the parish office.

Adoration Schedule

First Friday of the Month: After the 8:45 AM Mass

Thursday: 2:00 PM–4:00 PM

Liturgy & Spiritual Life

Mass Intentions Schedule

Each Holy Mass can be offered for a specific intention. The intentions for the upcoming week of Masses in our Parish Family are listed below. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact or stop by one of the parish offices.

Sunday—October 18

- 9:00 AM (SH): Ronnie Lucotch (RIP)
- 9:00 AM (SM): Presiding Priest Private Intention
- 11:00 AM (SH): Lilia Santos (RIP)
- 11:00 AM (SM): Presiding Priest Private Intention
- 1:00 PM (SM): Presiding Priest Private Intention
- 5:00 PM (SH): Presiding Priest Private Intention

Monday—October 19

- 7:45 AM (SM): Charles Kaminski (RIP)
- 8:45 AM (SH): Robin Gordon (RIP)

Tuesday—October 20

- 7:45 AM (SM): Bob & Roberta Kessler

Wednesday—October 21

- 7:45 AM (SM): Josephine Filippini Overholser
- 8:45 AM (SH): Arthur Geisler (RIP)

Thursday—October 22

- 7:45 AM (SM): Leah Hinton
- 8:45 AM (SH): Robbin Sullivan (RIP)

Friday—October 23

- 7:45 AM (SM): Stephen Gest Family
- 8:45 AM (SH): Audrey Pratt-Barlow (RIP)

Saturday—October 24

- 7:45 AM (SM): All Souls Novena
- 5:00 PM (SH): Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- 5:00 PM (SM): Parishioners of St. Monica

Sunday—October 25

- 9:00 AM (SH): Rubin Melchor (RIP)
- 9:00 AM (SM): All Souls Novena
- 11:00 AM (SH): Ricardo Terrazas Luna (RIP)
- 11:00 AM (SM): Presiding Priest Private Intention
- 1:00 PM (SM): Presiding Priest Private Intention
- 5:00 PM (SH): Presiding Priest Private Intention

Mass Readings

Readings for each Mass are available on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website: bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading. We invite you to reflect on the Mass readings each day.

Behold *the* Lamb



Behold the Lamb: Sanctifying Seasons

Each week, Phoebe Kwan, PA for Liturgy at Sacred Heart, writes a brief lesson for our parish family to learn more about the Liturgical Seasons.

In addition to commemorating the life of Christ through the liturgical seasons, the Church also honors with especial love the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints who have won the crown of victory through Christ and have become for us great models and intercessors. Each of these celebrations holds a particular ranking as they relate to each other and to the particular liturgical season they fall in. The highest rank among these celebrations is “solemnity”. Solemnities are celebrated with great “solemnity” and mark celebrations of greatest importance. These celebrations begin the evening before, have 2 readings preceding the Gospel, and, most often, the Gloria and the Creed are recited. Some examples of solemnities are major celebrations of the Lord (like Christmas and Easter), all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, those celebrations important to a specific church, entity or place (like the dedication of one’s church), and the celebrations of some saints (like Sts. Peter and Paul).

Pray for the Sick in our Parish Family

Pray for the Deceased in our Parish Family

James Kauth

Bruce Yates

Marian Middleton

Peter Noon

Upcoming Funerals

Robert & Janis Valluzzo: Fri. Oct. 23, 11:00 AM (SH)

Connie Van Bruwaene: Fri. Nov 20, 11:00 AM (SM)

Administration & News

Sacred Heart & Saint Monica Leadership

Pastor—Fr. Kurt Nagel

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A full list of the parish staff at **Sacred Heart**, and their contact information, is available at

parish.sacredheart.org/about-us/our-staff.

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A full list of the parish staff at **Saint Monica**, and their contact information, is available at

stmonicami.org/contact.

Sacred Heart Catholic School

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Saint Monica Catholic School

School Office: 4320 87th Ave. SE Mercer Island, WA 98040

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Reminder: Scam Email Alert

Please be aware that Scam emails impersonating Fr. Nagel and parish staff continue to circulate. If you receive an email requesting gift cards, help with an errand, or a response regarding a "sensitive matter," do not reply, click links, or share personal information. Delete it immediately. Authentic parish emails come only from addresses ending in in@sacredheart.org or @stmonicami.org.

Parish Family Communications

Welcome to the first edition of our Parish Family Bulletin! As St. Monica and Sacred Heart continue to grow together as one Parish Family, this bulletin will serve as a shared resource for news, faith formation, stewardship, ministries, events and opportunities to deepen our faith.

This inaugural Parish Family bulletin is the result of the collaborative efforts of Tony Brooks(SM) and Annette Seats(SH), who worked together to develop and launch this new publication. As Tony transitions to overseeing Liturgy at St. Monica, Annette will serve as the primary contact for future bulletin and Parish Family communications.

As this publication evolves, we welcome your suggestions and feedback. Our goal is to create a bulletin that keeps our Parish Family informed and connected. Please share your feedback or submit content for consideration by contacting Communications at:

Communications@sacredheart.org or

Communication@stmonicami.org

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday at 10:00 AM for consideration in the upcoming weekend's bulletin.

Job Opportunity at St. Monica Church

St. Monica Office Manager: Oversees parish office administrative functions and serves as personal assistant to the pastor and is his Assistant for Pastoral Care of the parish and school. Provides administrative support to the parish administrator and assists with planning and coordination for parish-wide events. For more information, please scan the QR code or contact the parish office.



Anyone who has any concerns or allegations related to the safety and well-being of our children regarding clergy or lay leaders in the Archdiocese of Seattle should contact the special hotline at 1-800-446-7762.

Faith Formation & Schools



**St. Monica School
Fall Open House
Thursday, October 29th
6:00–7:30 PM**

**Rite of Acceptance and Welcome
November 8 at St. Monica
November 15 at Sacred Heart**

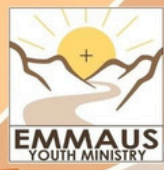
Please join us at the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Monica on **Sunday, November 8**, or the 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart on **Sunday, November 15**, to celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome for our OCIA participants! Come show your support and pray for them as they continue their journey of faith and grow closer to Christ. This is a beautiful way to welcome and encourage them as they take this important step in their faith journey.

Register today!
school.sacredheart.org/admissions/open-houses



 **FALL OPEN HOUSE**
November 5th 6:00-7:30pm
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Middle School
Youth Group
@ St. Monica
This Wednesday
OCTOBER 21 4-5PM



It's Not Too Late to Register your Middle and High School Youth for the Emmaus Youth Ministry 2026-2027 Program Year!

Emmaus is the joint Youth Ministry Program for our Parish Family of Sacred Heart and St. Monica. Eucharist-centered, with the Blessed Virgin Mary as our intercessor and guide, Emmaus leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Register your Middle and High School youth for the 2026-2027 program year! Register at archseattle.ccbchurch.com/form_detail.php?form_id=5820

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
HALLOWEEN party
GAMES, FOOD, COSTUMES, AND MORE!
OCT 30TH
6:00-7:30PM
SACRED HEART SCHOOL GYM



RSVP HERE!
QUESTIONS? CONTACT KELSEY HEINTZ:
[KELSEY@STMONICAMI.ORG](mailto:kelsey@stmonicami.org) OR [KHEINTZ@SACREDHEART.ORG](mailto:kheintz@sacredheart.org)

Stewardship & Giving



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY **OCTOBER 18** @ SH & SM Churches

World Mission Sunday—This Sunday “One in Christ, United in Mission.”

World Mission Day was first established by Pope Pius XI, beginning in October 1927. This year the Church celebrates the 100th World Mission Day on Sunday, October 18, 2026. As the Church prepares to celebrate this day, Pope Leo XIV calls us to unity in Christ, love, and renewed missionary commitment "with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit." Learn more about WMS and the Pontifical Mission Societies by visiting pontificalmissions.org/wms-2026.

Thank You

Sacred Heart St. Vincent De Paul Conference thanks our parishioners for their generous support during the summer months. These are usually our low-income months, but this year your generosity has been very beneficial, as the needs of our neighbors have been great—particularly for rent and utilities. Thank you and God bless.

Hallow

Sacred Heart & Saint Monica + Hallow

Sacred Heart and St. Monica is excited about our Parish Family partnership with Hallow, the #1 prayer app! Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace, every day.

All parishioners—subscribers and those on the free version are invited to be a part of our Parish Family page. There, you're able to create a profile, share prayer requests and take part in prayer challenges together.

Already a Hallow user?

On the Hallow app, join our Parish Family page on the Church tab at the bottom right. Begin praying and engaging with our community!

New to Hallow?

Download the Hallow app. Rather than following the prompts to create your account, begin at the church icon in the top right corner. Search for our Parish Family (use zip code if needed) & Join. Continue creating your account by following the prompts. Begin praying and engaging with our community! For more assistance, please visit Hallow's Help Center at help.hallow.com/en.



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Community Outreach & Ministries



Baby Supplies Collection at St. Monica

Throughout October, St. Monica will be collecting baby supplies to support families in need through Sacred Heart's PREPARES ministry and Next Step Pregnancy Services. Donations may be placed in the collection box located in the St. Monica church foyer. Items such as diapers (especially size 6), wipes, baby clothing, blankets, and other infant essentials are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity in supporting mothers, babies, and families in our local community during Respect Life Month.

Are You Unable To Attend Mass?

If you are unable to attend Mass in person due to poor health, advanced age, or recovering from surgery and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Linda Geere in the Sacred Heart parish office at 425-454-9536.

Reminder: St. Vincent de Paul Brown Bag Sunday at Sacred Heart—This Sunday, October 18

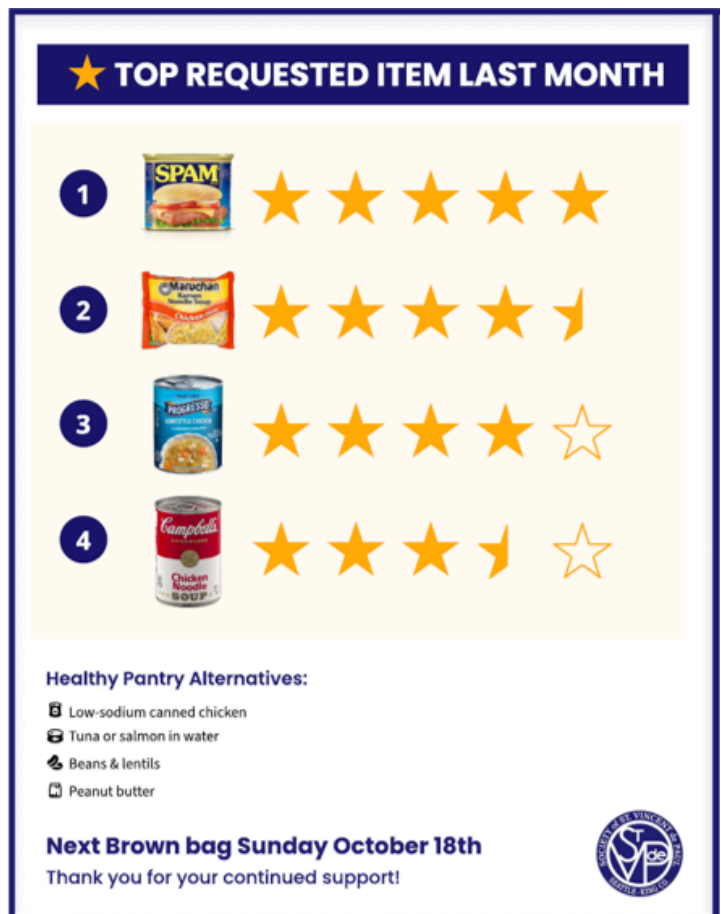
St. Vincent de Paul requests that you please return your brown grocery bags this weekend or by Monday, October 19. Fill them with the non-perishable food items listed on the bag and place them in the collection bin in Sacred Heart's Narthex. Your donations support *Hopelink* and help provide food for neighbors in our local community who are in need. Thank you for your generosity!

October Food Drive at Sacred Heart

Our October Parish Food Drive, will benefit Hopelink and Jubilee Reach. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted in the Sacred Heart Narthex between October 17 and October 25. Monetary donations may also be made through the Sacred Heart Parish Venmo account with the note "Food Drive." All donations will be distributed to our charity partners following the 5:00 PM Mass on October 25.

ACC Bulb Sale at Sacred Heart

The Fr. Pat Ritter Advocacy and Caring for Children (ACC) is selling tulip and daffodil bulbs, generously donated by the Washington Bulb Company of Mt. Vernon. All proceeds benefit Catholic Community Services agencies and other nonprofits that serve children and families. The Fr. Pat Circle will be selling beautiful bulbs on **October 25th** after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses at Sacred Heart in the Narthex. Brighten your garden while making a meaningful difference for children in need!



Events & Family Life

The Great Leaf Roundup at St. Monica!

All adults and youth are invited! Earn school or Confirmation service hours while helping care for our St. Monica parish grounds. Youth ages 10 and under, need to be accompanied by an adult. Join us for phase 1 on Saturday, **October 24**, or Saturday, November **21**, at 9:00 AM. Bring a rake, leaf blower, gloves and a friend! Come serve, have fun and make a difference one leaf at a time.

Announcing Carpe Diem's 50yrs+



Halloween Luncheon

Friday, Oct. 30th
11:30am in the Narthex
\$25 advance sales only:
Oct. 10-11, 17-18 & 24-25
Costumes optional
Info: Linda Geere 425-450-3908

Carpe Diem's 50yrs+ Halloween Luncheon

The Carpe Diem group warmly welcomes St. Monica and Sacred Heart parishioners age 50 and older to its Halloween Luncheon on Friday, October 30 at 11:30 AM. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy fellowship across our Parish Family.

Tickets will be sold in the Narthex at Sacred Heart after Masses this weekend, October 17-18, (except the Sunday, 5:00 PM Mass). For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Linda Geere at 425-450-3908.

Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



All proceeds from this breakfast go directly to help Matthew Livingston on his USAFA missionary!

October 18th, 10AM - 1:00PM

Donate directly to help him!

THIS SUNDAY



Want to join Council #8136 Knights of Columbus? Ask any Knight for details.

ANNUAL ALL SOULS NOVENA OF NINE MASSES

Annual All Souls Novena of Masses

Our All Souls Novena of Masses begins on Saturday, October 24 and will continue through Sunday, November 1. **Please have all intentions submitted by Friday, October 23.** Masses will be offered each day of the Novena for those whose names have been submitted. These Masses will be said at St. Monica Church, but this novena is open to Sacred Heart parishioners and all others associated with our parish family.

Submit the names of your deceased loved ones for inclusion online by scanning the QR code, or fill out an envelope in the St. Monica vestibule.





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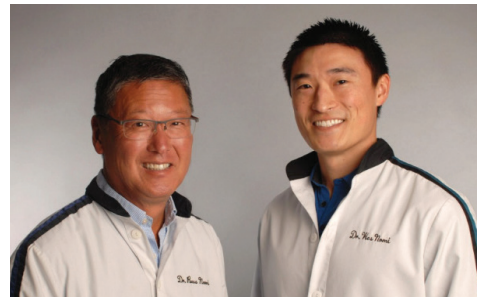
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