

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 24, 2025



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21st Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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MASS Intentions

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August 23, Saturday - Sobota

Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena
 5:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
 ❖ For Molly Mano req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Vince & Barb Garrisi req. Friend
 ❖ For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family
 ❖ †Joe Mikhail req. Friends
 ❖ †Heather & Marie Swan req. Mike MacDonald
 ❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family

August 24, Sunday - Nedela

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
 7:30AM For Elise Fuller ❖ For Lisa Withrow & Family
 ❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti
 ❖ For James & Grete Varchetti
 ❖ †Deacon James Gennette req. Sharon Brown & Fam.
 ❖ †Mary Sitto
 ❖ †Victor & Ofelia Dionisio req. Family
 9:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
 11:30AM (Slovak) For Elizabeth Laconi req. Maria
 ❖ †John Juriga Sr. req. Family
 ❖ †Joseph Mihal req. Family
 ❖ †Theresa Mihal Juriga req. Family
 ❖ †John Andrew Juriga Jr. req. Wife
 ❖ †Thomas Starynchak req. Cynthia Martell
 ❖ †Anna Magusin req. Marta Straka
 ❖ †Rodičia Hrkovi, Mária a Rozália
 8:30PM For the Salmo Family req. Sister
 ❖ For Mario & Drita Palushaj & Family
 ❖ For Hala ❖ For Charlene Swob req. Maria Laconi
 ❖ †Afaf Yousif Farjo ❖ †Francis & Catherine Zock
 ❖ †Gerald Sr. & Kay O'Neill req. Family

August 25, Monday - Pondelok

Memorial of Saint Louis

- 9:00AM For James Fulton Parker req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Larry & Mary Hines (46th Wed. Ann.)
 ❖ For Anne Desser (B'Day)
 ❖ For Jonathan & Clara Mansour
 12:00PM For Jan Hand (B'Day)
 ❖ For Lourdes & Bernadette Shamoon
 ❖ For Vicki Babbie ❖ For Noah Dedvukaj

August 26, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Carl & Maureen Varchetti
 ❖ †Paul & Joseph Szwarc ❖ †Mary Sitto
 ❖ †Paul Daudlin req. Langlois Family
 12:00PM For Scott & Jennifer Brady (Wed. Ann.)
 ❖ For Jonathan & Clara Mansour
 ❖ For Melanie Bruss req. Uncle Dan & Aunt Jan
 ❖ †Ben Drozdowski & Denise

August 27, Wednesday - Streda

Memorial of Saint Monica

- 9:00AM (Latin) For Giovanni David Franzese req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Cassie Giroux req. Friends
 ❖ For Nino & Betty Abate
 ❖ †Mildred Hines

- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Members of the
 St. Monica Sodality ❖ For Fallen-Away Catholics
 ❖ For Matthew & Renee Dzieciolowski (Wed. Ann.)
 ❖ †Paul R. Schoener

August 28, Thursday - Štvrtok

Memorial of Saint Augustine,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 6:00AM For Jerry Trancik ❖ For Jack Babbie
 ❖ †George & Helen Emmendorfer
 ❖ †Paul & Helene Szwarc
 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Members of the
 St. Monica Sodality ❖ For Fallen-Away Catholics
 ❖ For Amy Shamoon ❖ For Vickie Babbie
 7:00PM For Toma Gojcaj & Family ❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti
 ❖ For Eman Louis & Family req. Friends
 ❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany

August 29, Friday - Piatok

Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

- 6:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Rachel Hinds req. Langlois Family
 ❖ †Stephanie Varchetti ❖ †Steven Timko
 12:00PM For Ken Keil req. Sharon Brown & Family
 ❖ For Lorraine Drozdowski ❖ For Annette Rudzewicz
 ❖ †Greg & Mary Manning & Family

August 30, Saturday - Sobota

Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00AM For Olyvia Chandler ❖ For Catherine Gott (B'Day)
 ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
 ❖ For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz (Wed. Ann.)
 5:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For the Intentions of the Members of the
 St. Monica Sodality
 ❖ For Stephanie Brady (B'Day) req. Family
 ❖ For Living & Deceased Members of Louis & Anna
 Zelenak Family ❖ For Al & Joanne Traczynski
 ❖ †Joe Mikhail req. Friends
 ❖ †Heather & Marie Swan req. Mike MacDonald

August 31, Sunday - Nedela

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14
 7:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
 ❖ For Asher Sier (B'Day) ❖ For Cyndi Luczak & Family
 ❖ For Wadie Zani ❖ For Wessen Zani req. Family
 ❖ †Deacon Jim Gennette req. Stegner Family
 ❖ †Charles and Isabella Varchetti
 9:30AM For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz (Wed. Ann.)
 ❖ For Crosby Fayad (11th B'Day)
 ❖ For Tony Varchetti req. Dailey Family
 ❖ For the Orlosky Family
 ❖ †John & Allana Iski req. Joe & Sonia Honce
 ❖ †Hildo Mendoza req. Cesar Dubon & Family
 ❖ †Gladys Langlois req. Langlois Family
 11:30AM (Slovak) For the Intentions of All Parishioners
 8:30PM For Sami & Lamia Herfy & Family ❖ For Maria Laconi
 ❖ For Genevieve Jones req. Dailey Family
 ❖ For James Honce req. Mom & Dad
 ❖ †Michele Simovski ❖ †Afaf Yousif Farjo
 ❖ †Francis & Catherine Zock



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Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS REGULAR HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAYS: 9:00AM & 5:30PM (Vigil)
SUNDAYS: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak) & 8:30PM
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 9:00AM & 12:00PM
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 6:00AM & 12:00PM
THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS REGULAR CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 5:30AM-6:00AM & 11:30AM-12:00PM
THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 5:30AM - 6:00AM, 11:30AM - 12:00PM & 6:30PM-7:00PM
SATURDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAYS: 10:00AM - 5:00PM
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11:00AM - 5:00PM
WEDNESDAYS: 11:00AM - 2:00PM
*Office is closed during 12:00PM Holy Mass

OVERNIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS, 1:00PM - FRIDAYS, 12:00PM (until 7PM on 1st Fridays)



Parish Picnic
Saturday, September 13
12:30 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.

**HELPERS
NEEDED!**

An old-fashioned parish picnic is being planned for Saturday, September 13, from 12:30-6:30 p.m. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers with plans for additional food. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to pass.

There will be old-time games and fun, such as sack races, balloon toss, three-legged races, and more, plus games for children and teens. When the Picnic ends, there will be a bon-fire and sports and games for the adults and children to participate.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this parish community get-together. Chairpersons & many volunteers are needed in order to make the Picnic a success. If you would like to help with the Parish Picnic, please attend the Planning Meeting that takes place this Tuesday, August 26, at 6:30PM, in the Overflow Room.



Questions, please contact:
Greg Wolf, (248) 321-6845





Do you know anyone who has questions or doubts about what the Catholic Church teaches or was never baptized, received First Communion, or Confirmation or would like to become Catholic?

This Fall, join a group of passionate Catholics as they study & explore, explain & discuss the treasure and rich of the Catholic Faith, such as: Faith & Reason, The Bible and Sacred Tradition, The Pope & Church Authority, Purgatory, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Angels & Saints, The Sacraments and so much more.

OCIA will not only help you learn the Catholic Faith, but prepare you to receive the Sacraments, and/or enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you, or someone you know, has never been Baptized, Confirmed, or received First Holy Communion, and would like to, or if you would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, we invite you to join our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) classes for study and discussion about the treasures of the Faith. Meetings take place on Tuesday evenings, beginning Tuesday, September 9, at 7:00PM.

If you have any questions, would like more information, or to sign up, please contact the:
Parish Office, (586) 726-6911

Eucharistic Adoration • Heart's Deepest Longing

This week I offer more encouragement for our benefit when it comes to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; different things we can think about as we approach this Sacrament of Divine Mercy. Consider that Jesus Himself came down from heaven to snatch our souls from the jaws of hell. Ponder that all the days of His life He was suffering that we may be happy throughout all eternity. He willingly was condemned to die so that we may be free from everlasting death. All these things He did for us when we were His enemy. What then, will He not do, or what can He refuse us when we love Him? If your sin frightens you, know that His infinite merits are infinitely more powerful to save us if we are willing. If we are afraid of His just judgment call to mind that He, our Savior, intercedes for us at the right hand of our Father, and will be our judge. We must enlarge our hearts in the Holy Spirit, whom we received at the Sacrament of Baptism, This Spirit of Love, the consuming fire, will destroy the remembrance of our sins and cast away any remaining inordinate fear of them. Why be sad, why have we anxiety and worry about them? Is Our Lord a harsh Master who is difficult to satisfy? Do not listen to the lies; He has a Heart that's goodness itself. We ought to know this and I'm sure we have also experienced this as well! We must not dishonor Him by avoiding Confession because we "did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received the spirit of sonship when we cry, 'Abba! Father!' (Rom. 8:15)" - Paul A. Ray

COMMITTED ADORERS NEEDED

If you are able to commit to spend one hour with Our Lord each week, please contact: Annette, (586) 247-7214.



Children's Holy Hour (& Social Hour)
Friday, September 12th
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing: vac@aod.org. In addition the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM) or by email at: aginvestigations@michigan.gov. More information about the AOD's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

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Detroitská Arcidiecéza povzbudzuje jednotlivcov, ktorí by vedeli o prípadoch sexuálneho obťažovania mladistvých zo strany kleru, aby ich ohlásili bez ohľadu na to, kedy sa tieto prípady vyskytli. Jednotlivci môžu kontaktovať orgány činné v trestnom konaní, alebo upovedomiť Detroitškú Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. číse 866-343-8055, alebo emailom [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). Úrad generálneho prokurátora v Michigane možno kontaktovať na bezplatnom telefónnom čísle 844-324-3374 (od pondelka do piatku, od 8:00 do 17:00), alebo emailom [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org)

### Online Giving

Thank you to everyone who financially contributes to our church. To give using your mobile device, simply text: **SSCYRIL to 77977** and a link to the giving page will be sent to you. To give online, simply go to our website: [www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church) and select "GIVE" on the homepage. \*\*If you decide to use online giving and no longer need your envelopes, please send an email to [business@saintcyrils.church](mailto:business@saintcyrils.church) requesting they be canceled.

New Parishioners are cordially invited to  
Ss. Cyril & Methodius'



# Get Together

Friday, August 29th

Parish Hall • 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

New Parishioners who have registered  
September 2024 - August 2025 are welcome  
to come meet with Frs. Libor and Juraj.

We want to make sure you feel welcomed and you belong!

For more info: [hnormile@saintcyrils.church](mailto:hnormile@saintcyrils.church)



## Catholic Services Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed. Thanks to your generosity we are at \$81,914 or 90% of our \$90,729 goal already being pledged. That is ahead of where we were at this same time last year. This is thanks to just a fraction of our 850 registered families contributing so far this year.

If you have not had a chance to contribute yet donations to CSA on behalf of our Parish can be made online using the QR code, or simply write a check to "Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA" and drop it in the collection basket or go to our parish website and select "give" in the top right corner followed by the red "Give to CSA" button.

**Thank you for your donations that support our Parish!**

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# BLOOD DRIVE

**TUESDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**  
**11:00AM - 5:00PM**  
Please sign up today!

## Chill & Grill • September 19

Young Adults (ages 21-35) are invited to enjoy a relaxed evening with Fr. Libor and Fr. Juraj for a "Chill & Grill" on Friday, September 19, from 6:00PM—9:00PM. Bring a side dish and drinks while Fr. Libor and Fr. Juraj man the grill!

Questions, please contact:

Fr. Libor Marek, [lmarek@saintcyrils.church](mailto:lmarek@saintcyrils.church)

Fr. Juraj Nuota, [jnuota@saintcyrils.church](mailto:jnuota@saintcyrils.church)

## Flag Retirement Ceremony • September 19

The Knights of Columbus Blessed Virgin Mary Assembly #1839 will hold its Annual "Flag Retirement Ceremony" on Friday, September 19! The ceremony will be held in the back parking lot at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church. The Ceremony will start at 6:30PM.

The Knights will provide hot dogs, chips, apple pie and light refreshments after the ceremony.

A bin for your retired flag(s) is located in the vestibule. Feel free to either drop off your retired flag(s) before September 19 in the bin in the vestibule or bring them to the ceremony.

For more info, please contact: Rob Houbeck, (586) 742-2518

## Can You Help Serve Your Church?

Anyone who consistently attends a weekend Holy Mass, please consider that you could help your Church as a Lector or Usher!

**LECTORS:** If you would like to read the Word of God, lectors are needed at each Holy Mass. Please talk to a lector at the Mass you attend or call the Parish Office at (586) 726-6911.

**USHERS:** Gentlemen who would like to meet and greet parishioners and/or help with collections during the Holy Mass, your assistance is needed and appreciated.

Please talk to an usher at Mass or call:

Frank Moran, (586) 254-6534, Lou Persichetti, (248) 561-1240

or the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911

**HELP NEEDED TO WASH ALBS & CASSOCKS:** We are in great need of volunteers to help wash Altar Boy Albs & Cassocks once every four weeks. If you would like information on how you can help, please contact:

Patricia Suda, (586) 214-5088

## EDGE and NOW Registration

Sign up today!

- Access to the Sacraments
- Catholic Formation
- Prayer
- Sports
- Food
- Fun

ENROLL NOW







## Catechism Corner - Registration (Grades K-8th): Are your Children Registered?

August is here, the catechism books have been ordered, and the teachers are in place anxiously awaiting the first week of class. Mark your calendars as Catechism Classes will begin Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 6:15PM - 7:30PM.

If we have your paperwork, you will receive a packet later this month with your child's teacher, room assignment, calendar, and program notes. Parents that haven't sent in their child's paperwork, please do as soon as possible or we will not be able to promise that your child will have a book or classroom assignment the first week of class. The cutoff for registration is August 31st.

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| <b>*Parishioner:</b>    | \$125 per Student             |
| <b>Family Maximum:</b>  | \$300                         |
| <b>Non-Parishioner:</b> | \$175 per Student             |
| <b>Family Maximum:</b>  | \$400 Non-Parishioner         |
| <b>Home School Fee:</b> | \$30 (during Sacrament Years) |
| <b>Kindergarten:</b>    | \$30                          |

♦ **Only those who are home schooled for other academics may home school for Religious Education.**

- ♦ Home School students making the Sacrament of Communion in 2026 must enroll at this time.
- ♦ Home School students making the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2026 (8th grade) and 2027 (7th grade) must enroll at this time. The Confirmation Program is a two-year program. You must be enrolled both years to be eligible.

Confirmation Packets were mailed to registered 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Families several weeks ago. If you did not receive a packet of information, we do not have your registration forms.

Any questions, please contact *Paul or Carroll Schuller* at: [cschuller@saintcyrils.church](mailto:cschuller@saintcyrils.church) or (586) 726-6911

## AHG Troop MI 0214 – Annual Welcome Night

- When: Tuesday, August 26 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Where: the Fr. Mikus Hall – South
- More Info:
  - Linktree: (scan qr code)
  - email: [ahgmi0214@gmail.com](mailto:ahgmi0214@gmail.com)

Scan me!



## Trail Life Troop Annual Join the Trail • August 26 • Gearing up for the Next Year of Trail Life Adventure

We will be holding our annual Join the Trail on Tuesday, August 26, from 7:00PM—8:30 PM outside on the hill if weather permits and inside the Fr. Mikus North Hall if it does not. This information session is for new families and those not quite sure what Trail Life is all about as well as ice cream and games for the kids.

The TRAIL LIFE USA motto “... is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure.”

Come join us for a year of adventure and excitement as we learn about God, leadership, serving others, and the outdoors. We are looking for boys from 5-18 years of age to join. We have specific programming that is age appropriate for all. We meet most Tuesday's at 7:00PM—8:30PM at Ss. Cyril & Methodius.

Questions: *Chris Delaney - Troopmaster*, [chris@delaneyfamily.info](mailto:chris@delaneyfamily.info), (248) 270-8940

## St. Monica Sodality Masses • August 27th - 30th

The St. Monica Sodality has several Mass intentions this month - we hope you can join us for some or all of them. We begin with Masses scheduled on Wednesday, August 27 (Memorial of St. Monica) at 12:00PM and Thursday, August 28 (Memorial of St. Augustine) at 12:00PM. The regular monthly Mass takes place on Saturday, August 30, at 5:30PM. Please stay and join us for prayers after all three Masses (Divine Mercy Chaplet, St. Monica Sodality Prayer and the Triduum Prayer in Honor of St. Monica) - the prayer location will be announced each day. Please see this week's church bulletin for copies of the two powerful and moving St. Monica prayers.

Note - The St. Monica petition slips submitted between August 2024 and July 2025 are in the process of being delivered to Rome. More info on this will be provided next month. Newly submitted petition slips will go into the covered album placed in front of the altar during the Masses.

St. Monica, pray for us! For more information, please contact: Anne Marie, (586) 873-2004

### ST. MONICA SODALITY PRAYER

*Recite this prayer DAILY for your intentions and in union with all those also praying this prayer.*

**E**ternal and merciful Father, I give You thanks for the gift of Your Divine Son who suffered, died and rose for all mankind. I thank You also for my Catholic Faith and ask Your help that I may grow in fidelity by prayer, by works of charity and penance, by reflection on Your Word, and by regular participation in the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. You gave Saint Monica a spirit of selfless love manifested in her constant prayer for the conversion of her son Augustine. Inspired by boundless confidence in Your power to move hearts, and by the success of her prayer, I ask the grace to imitate her constancy in my prayer for [name(s)] who no longer share in the intimate life of Your Catholic family. Grant through my prayer and witness that (he/she/they) may be open to the promptings of Your Holy Spirit, and return to loving union with Your Church. Grant also that my prayer be ever hopeful and that I may never judge another, for You alone can read hearts. I ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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### TRIDUUM PRAYER in HONOR of ST. MONICA

#### FIRST DAY: Prayer for Faith (August 27th - Feast Day/Memorial of St. Monica)

**O** glorious St. Monica, transfixed with sorrow when you saw your beloved child Augustine living in the dark and gloomy abyss of error and vice, and straying far from the right path which leads to true felicity in the possession of God and His holy grace, hear our prayer, O afflicted mother. By that cruel sorrow, which with so much patience you did bear, and by those earnest sighs and bitter tears with which you did appeal to God to change the heart of your prodigal son, and by your wondrous confidence in God, which was never shaken, O grant to us, your children, that we may, like you, place all our trust in God, and in our trials and troubles be ever resigned to His holy will. While we ask you, O glorious mother St. Monica, to supply for us our special needs, we here earnestly ask you to pray for the erring children of Jesus, so many Augustines, straying from God and hurrying to ruin. Let that earnest prayer of yours go forth once more for us and for sinners, that we may live in the light of divine grace and be united again thereafter to bless the bounty of a loving God for eternity. Amen.

**LET US PRAY.** O God, look graciously down upon your children who sigh in this valley of tears. With hope we pray for our daily bread, for the forgiveness of our sins, for the never-failing help of Your grace, and for the faithful fulfillment of Your promises; to find life everlasting and a happy abode with You in heaven, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. May God, through the merits and intercession of Saint Monica, increase our faith, strengthen our hope, and enkindle the fire of charity in our hearts. Amen.

***Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Saint Monica, pray for us.***

#### SECOND DAY: Prayer for Hope (August 28th - Feast Day/Memorial of St. Augustine)

**O** glorious mother, St. Monica, although the many means you employed to accomplish the conversion of your son Augustine seemed fruitless, and for a long time God Himself appeared deaf to your earnest prayer and unmoved by your ever-flowing tears, you never lost confidence in obtaining the long-sought grace for Augustine. You lovingly and tenderly admonished your erring son; you watched over him ever with all a mother's love, and fearless of danger and heedless of fatigue, followed him from place to place in his weary and wayward wanderings. In a word, all that a mother's tender love could suggest, all that a mother's anxious solicitude could inspire, all that a wondrous prudence and true wisdom could dictate, you, O great St. Monica, cheerfully did to effect the return to God of your firstborn and darling child. By all these generous efforts, so happily crowned in the end, hear, O mother, the petitions we make to you. Pray for us, too, and pray especially for those who are unmindful of and ungrateful to God. To you, O dearest mother, we are especially dedicated; look upon us, then, as your children, and win for us the grace we need. Regard mercifully the most destitute among us, that sin being diminished, the number of the faithful may increase, and greater glory may be given to Him who is the best of friends, the truest of benefactors, our first beginning and last end, the source of all our hope, our Savior, our God. Amen.

***LET US PRAY... Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Saint Monica, pray for us.***

#### THIRD DAY: Prayer for Charity (August 30th)

**O** glorious mother St. Monica who can conceive the consolation that abounded in your heart, so long the home of brooding sorrow, when you saw your child Augustine rising in the light of grace and giving himself generously to God. When you folded your converted son in your arms and tears of every joy streamed forth to tell the glowing jubilee of your heart, Oh, how in that moment God in his mercy recompensed your years of sorrow and anxiety, your long and weary days of racking suspense. It was impossible that a child of tears like yours should perish and when your son Augustine heard the call of God he obeyed it, and his life and his deeds flung a luster all their own on you, St. Monica. O fortunate mother, twice mother of your child, deign to listen to our prayers and present our petitions to God. Look lovingly, and with all a mother's interest on us assembled here, under your protection, to honor you. We love you and let us become, as St. Augustine of old, the objects of your maternal love. Pray that we, too, like St. Augustine, may have strength to cling to God, and triumph over sin and temptation. By your prayers break the fetters of sin that hold in cruel bondage the souls of your sinful children in this world. O mother, pray that the miracle of grace in the heart of Augustine may again and again be repeated in these days of universal sin, and that the erring children of Jesus may be led back to the fold so that united here on earth, we may securely go through the dangers of life and be united with you, our mother, in heaven forever. Amen.

***LET US PRAY... Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Saint Monica, pray for us.***



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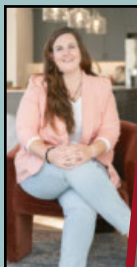
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