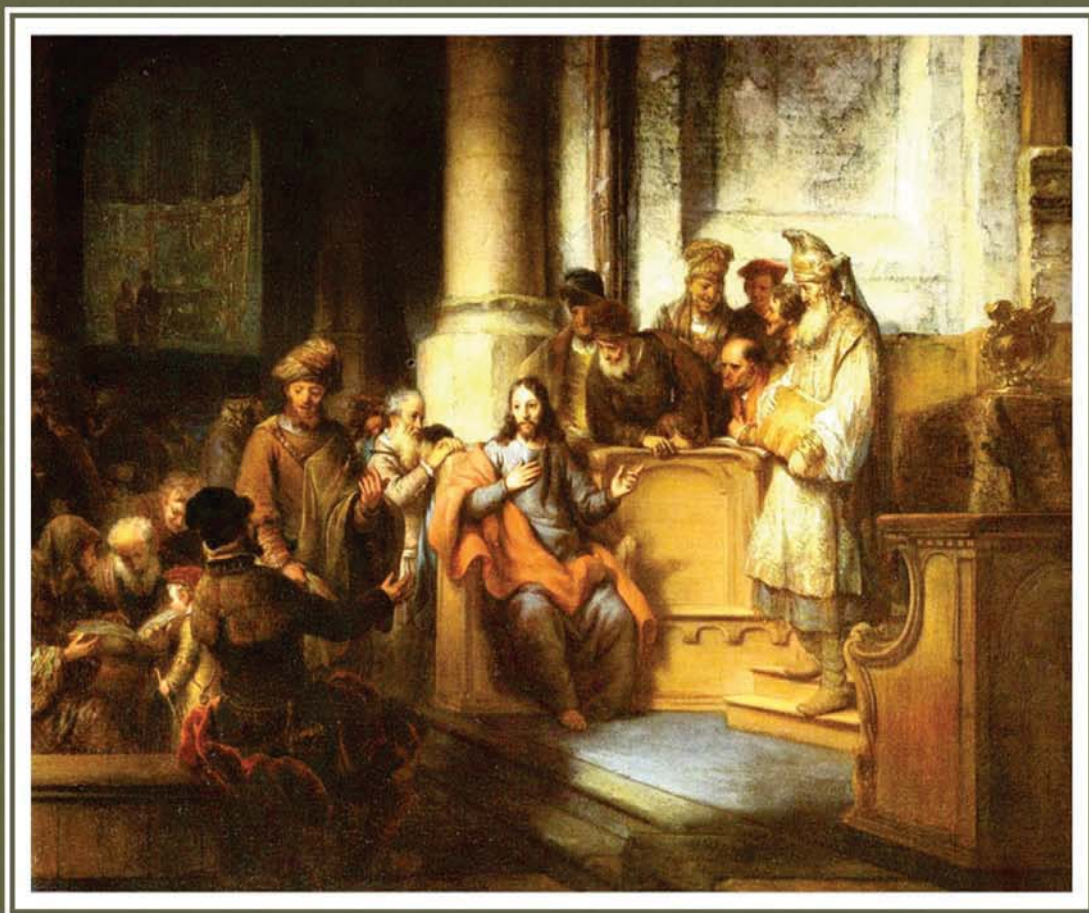


METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

JAN 26
2025



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them,
“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Luke 4:21

Celebrating 67 Years of Faith, Education, and Community at St. Monica School

As we embark on the joyous occasion of Catholic Schools Week, we have an extraordinary milestone to celebrate: St. Monica School's 67th year of serving the Methuen community. This achievement is not just a reflection of our school's longevity, but a testament to the enduring partnership between our parish, school families, and the broader community. Together, we continue to grow in faith, knowledge, and service, living out the core values of Catholic education.

A Legacy of Excellence

Since its founding in 1958, St. Monica School has been a beacon of hope and faith in Methuen. Rooted in the teachings of Christ, we have provided generations of students with a strong academic foundation, a nurturing environment, and a commitment to moral and spiritual growth. Our alumni have gone on to make meaningful contributions in their professions and communities, embodying the values instilled during their formative years at St. Monica.

Sustaining Our Mission

The success and sustainability of our school are deeply tied to the unwavering support of our parish community. It is through the prayers, talents, and generosity of our parishioners that St. Monica School thrives. Your ongoing support and contributions help ensure that we can continue to provide high-quality, faith-based education for the children of Methuen and beyond.

This Catholic Schools Week, we take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has played a role in sustaining our mission. Whether through volunteering your time, sharing your expertise, attending a school sponsored event, or supporting our various fundraisers, your dedication ensures that our school remains a vital part of our parish and city.

The Impact of Catholic Schools

Catholic schools hold a unique and vital place in communities, especially in cities like Methuen. They not only educate minds but also nurture hearts and souls, fostering a sense of responsibility, compassion, and service to others. St. Monica School's presence in Methuen exemplifies this impact, as we strive to form students who are not only academically prepared but also morally grounded and spiritually enriched.

Looking to the Future

As we celebrate this milestone, we are also looking forward with hope and determination. St. Monica School remains committed to our mission of educating the whole child—mind, body, and spirit—in a faith-filled environment. With continued prayers, support, and collaboration, we are confident that we will sustain and grow our legacy for generations to come. During this Catholic Schools Week, we invite everyone to join us in celebrating 67 years of St. Monica School. Let us give thanks for the blessings we have received and renew our commitment to the mission of Catholic education. Together, we will continue to shine as a light of faith and learning in Methuen and beyond.

Here's to six plus decades of excellence—and to many more!



**SECOND COLLECTION
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index/cfm for more information.



CHOIR NEWS

Our new Music Director Joe Lundin is looking for singers to join our choirs!

St. Monica's Choir will sing at the 9:00am Mass on Sundays.

St. Lucy's Choir will sing at the 10:30am Mass Sundays.

We will hold joint practices on Tuesday evenings.

To join up or find out more information, please reach out to Joe at JosephLundin@gmail.com

ST. MONICA SCHOOL

**OPEN HOUSE
JANUARY 28TH
6:00PM**

Currently accepting applications for Fall 2025



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Please call to set up a tour and learn about our application process.
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All are welcome!

**Tuesday, January 28th
St. Lucy Church Hall
7-8:30pm**

Ultreya Invite!

A Catholic gathering with prayer, music and sharing about our faith journey walking with Jesus.

There will be a featured speaker and small group confidential sharing & light refreshments.

SAVE THE DATE

**St Patrick's Dinner
Saturday March 15th
5:30-9:00pm**

St Lucy's Lower Church Hall

K of C will be selling tickets after all masses at St. Monica & St. Lucy on Feb 23/24 and Mar 2/3

Tickets are \$35 ea. Tables of 10 can be reserved. Please contact Kevin Quinn at 978-618-3499 with questions.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

To keep the First Saturday Devotion, attend Mass, pray rosary, meditate on the mysteries for 15 minutes. Go to confession within eight days.

9am Mass
 Saturday, February 1st | St. Monica Church
 Rosary to follow in Gethsemane Chapel

GENTLY USED SECOND HAND ITEMS

A parishioner has volunteered to collect gently used second hand items and sell them at his flea market with all proceeds going to our parishes. This gentleman has a history of success in this area and has done this type of ongoing fundraiser for other organizations and churches in the past. If you are interested in getting rid of some old furniture or other items, please consider reaching out to Jim to arrange for pick up. Call 978-360-8796. Please no broken or damaged items. Thank you to all who have already donated!



Jesus is longing for your presence.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Wednesday Evenings
 6-7pm
 St. Lucy Church

Saturdays
 9:30am-2:30pm
 Gethsemane Chapel
 at St. Monica Church

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PUZZLE

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT	FREEDOM	LORD
CHOSEN	SIGHT	JESUS
POOR	SUFFERS	TRUE

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**St. Lucy's
Lower Church Hall**

Saint Monica School
WINTER CALENDAR RAFFLE
February 2025
(If your name is picked on the day, you win that amount)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1. \$150
2. \$100	3. \$50	4. \$50	5. \$50	6. \$50	7. \$50	8. \$100
9. \$100	10. \$50	11. \$50	12. \$50	13. \$50	14. \$50	15. \$100
16. \$100	17. \$50	18. \$50	19. \$50	20. \$50	21. \$50	22. \$100
23. \$100	24. \$50	25. \$50	26. \$50	27. \$50	28. \$150	

We must sell 200 tickets. If we do not sell 200 tickets, we will have a 50/50 raffle and one winner will be drawn and the winner will receive 50% of the monies collected and the school will receive the other 50%.

(This raffle has always sold enough tickets to be held!)

All payments will be sent to winner/winners mid-March.

Please return this portion of the ticket with payment to the School Office.

St. Monica School Calendar Raffle
\$10 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$50
Checks made out to St. Monica School by 1/30/25

Name _____ Phone (REQUIRED) _____

Address (REQUIRED) _____

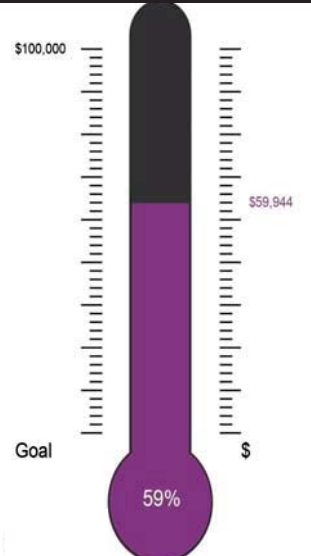
St. Monica Student who sold ticket: _____ (if purchased through a school child)

Names of St. Monica School children who sell winning tickets will be put in a raffle for a prize. If there is only one winner due to 50/50, that child will win a prize (if a St. Monica Child sold ticket).

Grand Annual

St. Monica Parish





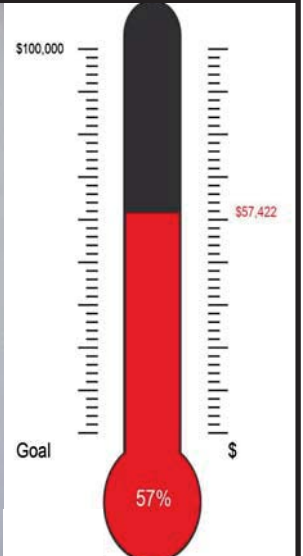
Goal \$100,000

\$59,944

59%

St. Lucy Parish





Goal \$100,000

\$57,422

57%

JANUARY 11 & 12

St. Monica - \$7,806.00 St. Lucy - \$4,126.00

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

Thank you for your continued generous contribution to the mission of our parishes.



Yes, I CAN... We are in need of Hamburger Helper, Jelly, Rice, Rice Sides, Canned Fruit & Canned Baked Beans. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to parishoffice.stlm@gmail.com.

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Please call the Parish Offices at least 2 months in advance to schedule.

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

MASS SCHEDULE SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes
SUN 9 am & 12 pm St. Monica
10:30 am St. Lucy
MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy
SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica

CONFESSIONS
SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHONPsalm 96:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth

ENTRANCE HYMNOur God Is Here**"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"****We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"****Amen, we do believe our God is here****Our God is here**

Here in this time, here in this place
 Here we are standing face to face
 Here in our hearts, here in our lives
 Our God is here
 Here for the broken, here for the strong
 Here in this temple, we belong
 Here in our hearts, here in our lives
 Our God is here
 And we cry

Here in the Word, God is revealed
 Here where the wounded can be healed
 Here in our hearts, here in our lives
 Our God is here
 Here we become what we receive
 Here in this Eucharistic feast
 We are his body, living as one;
 Our God is here
 And we cry

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIARefer to pew cardFIRST READINGNehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it – for he was standing higher up than any of the people –; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"— for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALMPsalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
 The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
 The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye. **R.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
 The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just. **R.**

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you,
 O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. **R.**

SECOND READING1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body,"

it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONCf. Luke 4:18**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
and to proclaim liberty to captives.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.GOSPELLuke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

CREED

Refer to pew card

OFFERTORY HYMN

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

SANCTUS - MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION - AGNUS DEI

Refer to pew card

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 34:6

Turn to the Lord, shine with light, and you will never blush for shame

COMMUNION HYMN

Beautiful Is Your Love

Oh how beautiful is your love for me
Oh what joy is mine in this mystery
I will not fear the dark
Here in the presence of your heart
Oh how beautiful is your love

Oh how wonderful is your offering
Lamb laid down for me on compassion's tree
How could I turn away from the mercy of your face
Oh how wonderful is your love

Jesus, Jesus
Oh how beautiful is your love
Jesus, Jesus
Oh how beautiful is your love

So miraculous is your sacrifice
Body broken here that I might have life
Take everything I hold
Let me be yours alone
So miraculous is your love

RECESSIONAL HYMN

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, January 25

9:00am Frank Wholley
4:00pm Richy Gallagher

Sunday, January 26

9:00am For the Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica
12:00pm Richard, Nicole, Faith, Hope & Alyssa Pantaleo

Saturday, February 1

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY
4:00pm Ron Barg

Sunday, February 2

9:00am Ann Murray
Charlie & Rose Hanafin
Alice Indoccio
Gloria Royer
Angela Ciocca
12:00pm For the Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica



ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, January 25

4:00pm Geraldine Miele

Sunday, January 26

10:30am Manuel Leal
Wayne & Michael Walworth
Eileen Joyce

Monday, January 27

9:00am St. Ophelia for favors received

Tuesday, January 28

9:00am Alice Beverley

Wednesday, January 29

9:00am Gail Taschereau

Thursday, January 30

9:00am Judith Silva

Friday, January 31

9:00am Charles and Mary Lamarche
Carole and Cecile Locke

Saturday, February 1

4:00pm Richard P. Giles

Sunday, February 2

10:30am Diane L. Farelli
Alfio Fichera
Franca & Salvatore Calvagno
Francis R. Covey, Sr.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	01/26/25	Fr. Timothy Harrison	Br. Isaiah Klena OCD
Mon	01/27/25	Fr. Stephen Linehan	Deacon Mateus Martin RMS Boston
Tues	01/28/25	Fr. Thomas DiLorenzo	Deacon Thuy Nguyễn SJS Boston
Wed	01/29/25	Fr. Matthew Harrington	Br. Andrew Olson, OMV
Thurs	01/30/25	Msgr. Timothy Moran	Deacon Dong Pham SJS Boston
Fri	01/31/25	All Salesians	Deacon Zach Sullivan SJS Worcester
Sat	02/01/25	Fr. Gerard Petringa	Br. Moses Urlakis OCD



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Jeff H., Brian V., Mike B., Louie C., Sarah W., Eileen F., Robert L., Madelyn, Buddy B., Maria P., Phyllis T. & Patrice K.

Please pray for those whose funerals we recently offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



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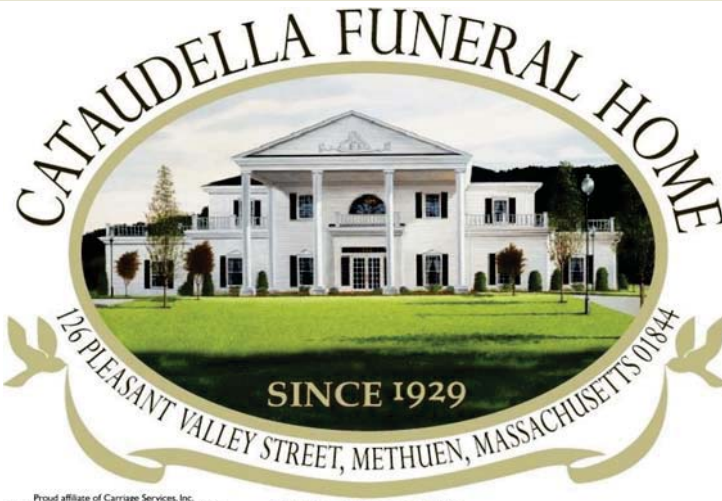
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