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New to our community? We're so happy you joined us this weekend and we'd love to have you worship with us regularly. Come discover the peace that comes from following our Lord Jesus. Contact us at the parish offices so we can get to know each other better. (978) 683-1193 or (978) 686-3311.



Program for Adults desiring to receive the Sacraments

Sessions will be offered for any adults interested in our Catholic faith and in becoming a member of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation, a program commonly known as RCIA.

Sessions will begin in the Fall at the St. Lucy Parish Schoolhouse. Any questions please contact Kevin Fitzgerald, at 978-686-3311 or Bonnie Bonanno at 978-609-7307.



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

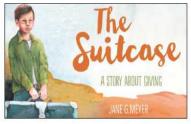
The Suitcase

A Story About Giving

A Beautiful Tale for the Whole Family

Christ said: "unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3). In this animated storybook narration, young Thomas's pure heart helps him to see the path to heaven and inspires his family to join him on the journey.







"This is an absolutely delightful story, with a much deeper meaning than what appears on the surface! I loved it for many reasons, but especially because it reminded me of several incidents with some of my own grandchildren..."

-Deborah M, Laconia, NH





If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Doherty at (978) 270 - 3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com.

To quickly register for Formed please go to methuencatholic.formed.org. We encourage you to extend an invitation to family and friends. Access Code for our parishes: 9772VM

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY "YES I CAN" PROGRAM

WE CAN USE... canned fruits, Hamburger Helper, rice sides, canned spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, mashed potatoes, and grape jelly.

Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



As of July 1, the new Officers of Saint Monica Council 14725 for the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year are:

Grand Knight Jay Sparks
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Treasurer Kevin Quinn
Recorder Michael Walsh
Advocate Robert Nolan
Lecturer William Wallace
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Outside Guard Chad Dube
Trustee Joseph Abdallah
Trustee Walter Andrews
Trustee Kevin Corey

Eagle Scout John Redman receiving a Commendation by Grand Knight Michael Walsh from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council for his Eagle Scout Project and Achievement. The Knights worked with John to put up the Saint Monica School Playground Fence.



2017-2018 Knight of the Year, Charlie Carrozza receiving the award from Grand Knight Michael Walsh



BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WEEK

Listening to Edith Stein, Wisdom for a New Century (A Collection of **Essays) edited by Kathleen Haney**

The last essay analyzes the thought of the two writers who were foundational for New Feminism. Edith Stein and St. John Paul II. Their thought transcends Genesis by moving beyond its structures of domination, given as punishment for sin. Their nuanced understanding of feminism stresses the integral complementarity of woman and man rather than positions of inferiority and superiority that make some persons into objects to be used. Persons each have their own unique value as well as their value as women and men. St. John Paul II shares Edith Stein's conviction that love is the common vocation of both men and women.edited by Kathleen Haney, p. xxxix, An excerpt from Listening to Edith Stein, Wisdom for a New Century (Publisher: ICS Publications, Institute of Carmelite Studies, Washington, D.C., www.icspublications.org)

It seems that Jesus is always facing some kind of opposition. Today, those from his native place amaze him because of their lack of faith. We oppose Jesus as well. It is not easy to be challenged and realize our great need to change. We grow comfortable with ourselves and our surroundings and resist change. We become defensive when the wisdom Jesus utters asks us to leave ourselves and our concerns and think more about others. We lack faith in God, faith in ourselves, and faith in one another. We are asked to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord and allow ourselves to be stretched. Jesus knows what he is talking about. Do we really believe this?



Our Pilgrimage to THE HOLY LAND

November 1st to November 13th, 2018 We still have openings. Join us for this amazing experience.

To register or for more information, please contact Mr. Claude Langlois, Group Leader at (978) 682 - 6012.

FAITH AND FITNESS

SATURDAYS 7:30-8:30AM



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July 8, 2018 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you have been closely following the Sunday readings, today's Gospel could sound a bit like a broken record. Four weeks ago, the Gospel told of Jesus visiting his home of Nazareth and being poorly received by his family members. Jesus had attracted a large crowd as he preached, and his concerned relatives came to bring him home. Jesus, they thought, was out of his league.

Today Jesus takes things further. He returns to Nazareth. Rather than preaching from his house, he enters the synagogue. He speaks eloquently. The listeners acknowledge that "wisdom has been given him" and recognize the "mighty deeds wrought by his hands," but it is too much for them to bear. "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" The listeners know his whole clan, his male and female relatives. Jesus as carpenter was acceptable. Even Jesus as fringe preacher was interesting enough to draw a crowd. But Jesus as authoritative teacher is too much. "They took offense at him."

As Christians, we have known the truth of Jesus' identity since we were first introduced to him. He is fully human and fully divine. He is the second person of the Trinity. It could be easy to look down on these 1st century listeners for their lack of faith. But where do we expect to learn our own lessons? The more we age, the easier it is to believe we understand the world and how it works. We have experience with people, with the Church, with politics, and with the affairs of daily living. We have developed criteria for first impressions. We categorize. Today we remember that the Christian life requires humility. Jesus' listeners have an expectation of how things should be, and their lack of faith causes doubt in others. "He was not able to perform any mighty deeds there." Do your assumptions limit your perspective? Who can you learn from that you did not expect?

Need to Declutter - Here's Your Chance
Corpus Christi Parish Center
34 Common Street, Lawrence, MA
Mondays only from 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Starting July 9 through August 13

Healing After Loss

An ongoing bereavement support group for adults who have experienced the loss of a parent or parent figure will meet twice monthly starting Tuesday, August 7, 2018, from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at 290 Merrimack Street, Suite 242, Lawrence, MA. Registration is required.

Please call Jacquie Marchand at 978-837-3333 or email her at Jacquie.marchand@amedisys.com for further details. The group is offered as a free service to the community.

HOPE of the NATIONS

September 15, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Lowell Memorial Auditorium

A Catholic Conference for all adults, ages 20 through 120, focused on the gift of Holy Hope! Come and join with almost 2000 other Catholic men and women for a full day filled with five powerful talks, incredible Christian Music, and the fellowship of thousands who unite their hearts in Holy Hope. Holy Mass, Confessions and Adoration will all be included in this amazing day of grace. Go to www.HopeConferences.com to get more information and register.

Please pray for Thomas Cusack
Jr., Joseph Boyden, Mitchell C.
Bertowski, John A. Carney,
Maria Meneses, and Carol Ann
Felides whose Funeral Masses
were recently celebrated at our
parishes. May their soul and the souls of all
our faithful departed rest in peace.



Saturday, July 7

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

4:00 pm Yvonne Soucy

Sunday, July 8

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Lucy

and St. Monica Parishes

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

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Genowefa Doda Patricia Leslie

James and Mary McCarthy

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11:30 am Patricia Leslie

Thursday, July 12

7:00 am

Friday, July 13

7:00 am William Collins

Saturday, July 14

8:00 am (multiple intentions)

Benjamin Begin (Living)

Michael Coughlan

4:00 pm Efren Juarez

Sunday, July 15

7:30 am In honor of St. Anthony,

St. Jude, and Padre Pio

9:30 am (multiple intentions)

Michael and Helen Silva and

Family

Anthony & Anna Campagnone

and Family

Robert and Dolores Demars Albert and David Burokas

Eulalia Aguiar

11:30 am Patrick M. Lannan



Roses for Life have been donated in loving memory of

Theresa A. Rickley
Michael and Linda Giarrusso
Cecile and Peter Checovich
William and Mary T. Mullaney

If you would like to honor a loved one and support our activities, for a donation of \$10, we'll purchase a rose and place it in the vase before the statue of the Blessed Mother for a week. Please contact the parish office at (978) 683-1193.

OFFERTORY

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our regular Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parish.



The Sanctuary Candle for the month of *June* is given in loving memory **Thomas & Peggy**

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For a donation of \$15, we will place the Sanctuary Candle in loving memory of your loved one. Please contact the parish office for more information.

ST. LUCY PARISH JULY 8, 2018



Saturday, July 7

4:00 pm Elaine Bonanno

Sunday, July 8

9:00 am Parishioners of St. Lucy

and St. Monica Parishes

11:00 am James (Jimmy) Melnick

Lino Brosco Pedro Puentes

Pasquale & Carmela

DiLorenzo

In honor of St. Lucy

Monday, July 9

8:00 am Gerardo and Vincenzo

Marzullo

Tuesday, July 10

8:00 am Vincent Mesiti

Wednesday, July 11

8:00 am Karen Tardugno

Saturday, July 14

4:00 pm Gloria Baker

Sunday, July 15

9:00 am Fred, Irene, and Dennis

Leocata

11:00 am Gennaro, Filomena,

and Alfonzo Buco

Walter & Carole Charles

In Honor of St. Lucy Concetta Privitera



You are cordially invited to attend the

60th Anniversary Celebration of St. Lucy Parish

Saturday, October 20, 2018

- 4:00 p.m. HOLY MASS with Bishop Hennessey in the church.
- 5:30 PM Social Hour | 6:30 PM Dinner Michael's Function Hall
 12 Alpha St., Haverhill, MA

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The committee is seeking any pictures or memorabilia from past years.

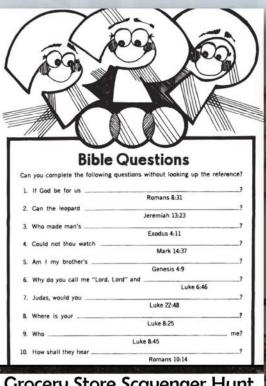
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We hope all of our families are enjoying the summer break. Looking for some fun and challenging activities to keep minds busy? Check out our "Summer Fun" page on the school website. All activities are listed by age appropriate group. None of the activities are mandatory, but we would love to see them in action!! We also encourage any student who wants to complete them from any level, to do so. Anyone who wishes to share pictures of the children completing them can send them to Kristen Snay at kristensnay@gmail.com. They will be used in such places as the website, bulletin, and facebook. If you prefer they not be on any of those sites, please indicate that when submitting. Please see website for more details about each activity! You can also get copies of summer reading, supply list, and so much more. Most important, relax, have fun, and keep on learning. We look forward to seeing you at mass this summer! https://www.methuencatholic.org/ school



Grocery Store Scavenger Hunt

Find the following items in your grocery store. Write down the cost of each item. Put a check ✓ in the box if this item was on sale.

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Chilo	\$ 	Sala	\$
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Summer Bingo

Have a picnic	Go to the zoo	Run through sprinklers	Blow bubbles	Build a sand castle
Draw with sidewalk chalk	Build a blanket fort	Make ice cream in a bag	Go to the park	Help an adult make cookies
Help an adult wash the car	Have a sleepover		Go camping	Make snow cones
Go to the beach	Make s'mores!	Find an ice cream truck!	Go on a scavenger hunt	Help an adult make lemonade
Play hopscotch outside	Help an adult make juice popsicles	Swim in a pool	Help an adult make playdough	Go to the library for story time

Something square	Acircle	Something shorter than 6 inches (see ruler below)	The number	A double-digit odd number 21, 23, 25, 27, 29.
A dime	Something that comes in twos (pairs)	A rectangular prism	An even number 0, 2, 4, 6, 8	A pattern ★♥★♥★
Something twice as long as your foot	Something in between 2 and 4 inches long (see ruler below)	Something spherical	Something that tells time	A rectangular array
Something that has symmetry	Something longer than 6 inches (see ruler below)	A number in the teens 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19	Something about the size of an apple	Perpendicular lines
A number greater than 20 but less than 50 >20 <50	Parallel lines	Something triangular	Something with an area between 10 and 30 square inches (see square inch below)	A number who's tens place is even 21



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Read a book by Eric Carle	Read a book by Anna Dewdney	Read a fairy tale	Read a book by Mo Willems	Read a book by Ezra Jack Keats
Read a book by Margaret Wise Brown	Read a book by Dr. Seuss	Read a book by Don Freeman	Read a book by Herve Tullet	Read a book by Jan Brett
Read a book by Karma Wilson	Read a book by Kevin Henkes		Read a nursery rhyme	Read a book by H.A. Rey
Read a book by Audrey Wood	Read a book by Denise Fleming	Read a book by Lois Ehlert	Read a book by Donald Crews	Read a book by Mem Fox
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Summer Bingo

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays at 10 a.m. Please email all bulletin notices to methuencatholicnews@gmail.com

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

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St. Lucy Parish

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm (for Sunday) Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

8:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 7:00 pm

St. Monica Parish

Daily Mass Schedule:

Thursday and Friday 7:00 am, Saturday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 pm (for Sunday) Sunday: 7:30 am/9:30 am/11:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

4:00pm (prior eve)/7:00 am and 10:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Monica Parish St. Lucy Parish

Friday 6:30-7:30 pm Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

and any time by appointment

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 4:30 pm St. Lucy Church Fridays: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

For more information on Adoration at St. Monica's, please contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com or (978) 270 - 3366
For St. Lucy's, please contact Ellen Wholley at (978) 682 - 8459. If school is cancelled due to weather, Adoration is also cancelled.

BAPTISMS. Please call the parish office.

St. Monica's Parish: 1st full weekend of the month Saturday 12:30 pm/Sunday 1:00pm

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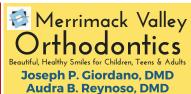
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