



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

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Mass Schedule:
9:00 a.m. Sunday Service
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Mass
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service

Main Office Hours:
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Mon, Wed, Thur & Fri
(816) 471-3696
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From our Pastor

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Where Your Treasure Is, There Also Will Your Heart Be"

One powerful theme that echoes through this Sunday's Gospel is the question of treasure—not just what we possess, but what possesses us. Jesus says, "Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven... For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

This is more than a financial teaching. It is a heart teaching. Jesus is not primarily concerned with how much we own, but with where our affections lie. The word treasure here is not about gold or goods, but about our ultimate concern—what we love most, chase after, or even fear losing. Our "treasure" could be anything: financial stability, reputation, career success, personal comfort, even relationships. Jesus asks us to examine what really holds first place in our lives.

In many ways, our treasure guides our entire direction. If your treasure is your career, then your heart—your time, your energy, your joy—will be tied to your job.

If your treasure is your comfort, then every inconvenience will feel like a crisis. But if your treasure is the Kingdom of God—mercy, truth, love, holiness—then your heart will be rooted in something eternal, unshakeable.



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This is why Jesus urges us to build up treasure in heaven. Not because heaven is a distant, future-only place, but because heavenly treasure is the only kind that endures. It's the treasure of a generous heart, a forgiving spirit, a life poured out in service, a soul at peace with God. These are investments that pay eternal dividends.

Let's make it practical:

- When you receive an unexpected blessing, where does your heart turn—gratitude or greed?
- When your plans fall apart, what do you cling to—control or trust in God?
- When faced with the opportunity to serve or give, do you hesitate out of fear of lack, or step forward in faith?

Jesus invites us to reorder our lives—to store up treasure not in bank accounts or social accolades, but in selfless love, faithful stewardship, and daily obedience. In truth, the only treasures we take with us into eternity are the ones we've given away.

St. Lawrence, a third-century martyr, understood this deeply. When Roman officials demanded he turn over the Church's treasures, he brought forward the poor and said, "These are the Church's treasures." He knew what mattered to God.

So this week, take inventory:

What do I treasure most?
Is my heart in heaven or only here below?
Am I investing in what will outlast me?

Jesus says, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom." With that promise, we are free—free to love, free to give, free to live with a heart anchored in heaven. Because when God is our treasure, our hearts will never be lost.

Fr. Leonard Gicheru

Readings for the Week

Monday: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Deuteronomy 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17; Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Psalm 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

Saturday: Joshua 24:14-29; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40:2-3, 4, 18; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Lectors: Robin Richardson, Michele Perez

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Sharon Hardy

Ushers: Team C

Eucharistic Ministers: Ronald Green, Carolyn Greene, Ben Gruber, Sharon Hardy

Offering Reports

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Regular Offering:	\$6,700.05
Building Fund:	\$404.00
Food Pantry:	\$200.00
Total	\$7,304.05

The Prayer of St. Monica

*Cast yourself with confidence
into the arms of God and be
very sure of this, if God wants
anything of you, He will fit
you for your work and give
you the strength to do it.*

Announcements

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

Women's Bible Study



Ladies, please mark your calendars for an amazing opportunity to explore the Word of God together. Our Women's Bible Study group will meet every first and third Saturday from 9:30 to 11:00 am. This is a fantastic chance to grow spiritually and delve into the teachings of the Bible in a supportive and engaging environment. For more information, please contact Paula Nix at (816) 471- 3696 or mspaula.pn@gmail.com.

Golden Anniversary



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, September 28, during the 11:00 AM Mass.

This celebration is for couples and their immediate families celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025. To participate, complete the form at <https://forms.office.com/r/EjvxEJnux0> by September 15, 2025.

Help Update our Records



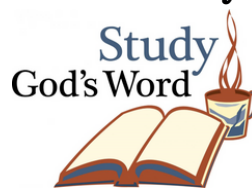
Please help us keep our records accurate by updating your contact information or personal details. Whether you've moved, changed your phone

number or email, or experienced significant life changes, prompt communication ensures we can provide relevant support. Reach out to us at (816) 471-3696 or via email at bradillo@stmonicakc.org. Thank you for your cooperation!

St. Monica Feast Day

We invite you to join us for the St. Monica Feast Day planning meeting on Zoom, taking place on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6 PM. If you would like to participate, please email Kim at urendak@gmail.com to receive the link. Your presence and input would mean so much as we prepare for this special celebration!

Wednesday Prayer Service



Join us every Wednesday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for our uplifting prayer service. We start with an inspiring song, followed by the rosary, and engaging readings.

Together, we will discuss the upcoming Sunday gospel, share our prayer intentions, and conclude with a powerful closing prayer. Come and strengthen your faith with our community!

Summer Social Potluck



Join the Ladies of Charity for a Summer Social Potluck on Wednesday, August 27th, at the Church of the Nativity. Mass is at 5 PM, followed by dinner. Enjoy a 50/50 cash raffle and Retro Music Bingo after dinner. There's no cost to attend! Please RSVP by Monday, August 25th, at signupforlocevents@gmail.com. For more information, visit <https://ladiesofcharitykc.org/>.

LIFE & JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

August 16-17, 2025

The Life & Justice Campaign second collection will take place over the weekend of August 16-17. We invite you to scan the QR code for a 3-minute video featuring our most recent grant recipients who benefit from your generous giving and support.



"A CHURCH ALIVE IS WORTH THE DRIVE!"

Prayer List



Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Beverly Dyer, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald Parson, Elaine Lomax, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyette Mize, Rhea Holloman, Melva McClellan, Velma Jennings, Brenda A. Martin, Marcella Vaughn, Paris Harrington, Maxine Harvey, Michael Lucas, Lola Jacobs, Evalena Davidson (mother of Dan Davidson), Javan Hardy, Frankie Kemp, Carmelita Newman, Conrad McDonald, Opal C. Blankinship, Patrice Williams (daughter of Pat and Don Williams), John James, Barbara Walters, Janee Green (daughter of Pam and Ronald Green), Jublatee O'Neal (New Parishioner), Bonita Akridge, Lawrence Ramirez, Edward H. Franklin, Jr. (Father of Tracey Franklin Bradford), Sean Curry (Son of Angela Curry), Alvin Brooks, Bettye Young, Don Williams, Deacon Darwin Dupree, Ramonda Doakes

Please notify Father Leonard when you or a family member have become homebound or admitted to the hospital. Please call the parish office at (816) 471-3696 or email frleonard@stmonicakc.org.

Office of Child & Youth Protection- Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman at 816.213.6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816.714.2357 ext. 516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Safety Environment Coordinator for St. Monica Parish -
Ramonda Doakes, P-(816) 457- 5538, E- rdoakes@stmonicakc.org

Leadership Corner

Altar & Rosary Society

President	Treasurer	Secretary
Rosetta Palmer	Crystal Marie Miller	Donna Murff
Paula Nix	Jackie Countee	Remona Miller
Mary Pearson	Angela Curry	Elaine Johnson
Keith Peltier	Beverly Dyer	Cheryl Jones
Rose Roose	Pamela Green	Margaret Jones
Carrie Miller	Pat Williams	Michelle Jones
Kim Urenda	Alma Hughes	Naomi Holt
Ronald Green	Linda Hall	Carolyn Greene
Carol Lewis	Shirley Thaw	Katie Steward
Margaret Sams	Diane Bacchus	
Deborah Scott	Burnetta Burtin	
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Vickie Shackelford	Dawn Collins	
Annie Marie Lovett	Jenise Comer	
Robin Richardson	Nellie Thompson	
Carmen Johnson	Yvonne Dillahunty	
Chaunceyette Mize	Sr. Sandra Thibodeaux	

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00 AM Mass

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Prayer Service
6:00 PM Prayer Council Meeting (FH)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 AM Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (STM)

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