



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

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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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gift and Mission of Fatherhood

This weekend, as we celebrate Father's Day, we pause to thank God for the gift of fathers and all men who exercise spiritual fatherhood in our families, parishes, and communities. Fatherhood is not simply a biological reality; it is a sacred vocation and a participation in the very fatherhood of God Himself.

Every father is called to reflect something of God's love: to protect, guide, provide, forgive, and nurture life. Children often learn their first lessons about God's love through the love they receive from their fathers. A loving father gives his children security. A wise father offers direction. A faithful father teaches by example that love is more about sacrifice than about comfort.

Yet we also recognize that fatherhood today faces many challenges. Fathers carry heavy burdens: providing for their families in uncertain economic times, balancing work and family life, raising children in a rapidly changing culture, and passing on values in a world often confused about truth and morality. Many fathers feel overwhelmed, inadequate, or discouraged. Some carry wounds from their own childhood and strive to become the fathers they themselves never had.



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We also remember with compassion those who experience Father's Day with sadness: those who have lost their fathers, fathers who mourn children, men longing to become fathers, and families marked by absence or broken relationships. May God's healing grace bring comfort and hope to every heart.

In the midst of these challenges, the Church presents to us a powerful model of fatherhood: St. Joseph.

The Gospel records no spoken words of St. Joseph, yet his life speaks volumes. He was a man of quiet strength, deep faith, and unwavering obedience to God. When faced with uncertainty, he listened to the voice of the Lord. When danger threatened the Holy Family, he acted courageously. When entrusted with Jesus and Mary, he embraced his mission with humility and love.

St. Joseph teaches us that true fatherhood is not measured by power, wealth, or prestige, but by faithful presence. He reminds fathers that their greatest gift to their families is not perfection but fidelity—to God, to their spouse, and to their children.

Our world does not need perfect fathers; it needs holy fathers. Fathers who pray. Fathers who forgive. Fathers who lead by example. Fathers who are present. Fathers who teach their children not only how to succeed in life, but how to live with faith, integrity, and compassion.

On this Father's Day, let us give thanks for all fathers and father figures who have shaped our lives. Let us pray for those who struggle, those who sacrifice quietly, and those who continue to guide their families with love.

May St. Joseph, Patron of Fathers and Protector of the Universal Church, intercede for all fathers. May he teach them courage in difficulties, wisdom in decisions, and steadfast faith in God's providence.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers. May God bless you abundantly in your sacred vocation.

Fr. Leonard Gicheru

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Psalm 60:3, 4-5, 12-13; Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Psalm 48:2-3Ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab and 17; 1 Peter 1:8-12; Luke 1:5-17

Thursday: 2 Kings 24:8-17; Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Matthew 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kings 25:1-12; Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday: Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Psalm 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Lectors: Rita Womack, Bernadette Cook

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Margaret Mendy

Ushers: Team D

Eucharistic Ministers: Gerald Buckman, Diane Charity, Dawn Collins, Bernadette Cook, Angela Curry, Arimeta Dupree

Offering Reports

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Regular Offering:	\$2,632.00
Fundraising Campaign:	\$534.00
Food Pantry:	\$235.00
Father's Day:	\$20.00
Funeral:	\$300.00
Total	\$3,721.00

Fundraising Campaign

Weekly Update

Goal	\$2,500,000
Total Amount Pledged	\$425,872
Percentage of Goal Pledged	17.03%
Actual Cash Received to Date	\$103,394

Legion of Mary Meeting



Please join us for the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Kibeho/Our Lady of Sorrows Praesidium meetings every Monday at 4 PM at Our Lady of Sorrows, except on the last Monday of the month, when we meet at 4 PM here at St. Monica in the St. Monica building. Your presence will be greatly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you there!

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.

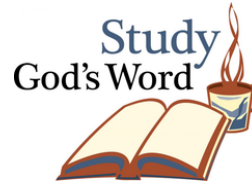
Fundraising Campaign



Thank you to all who have already submitted a pledge card for our parish fundraising campaign. If you have not yet participated, pledge

cards are available at the back of the church. Please return your completed card in the red collection box. Every gift helps move our parish forward.

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!

\$100,000 Milestone Reached!

Thanks be to God and to all who have supported our fundraising campaign! We are grateful to announce that we have surpassed \$100,000 in gifts and pledges. Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to our parish. As we celebrate this milestone, we ask for your continued support as we work toward our campaign goal. Together, we can accomplish great things for the future of our parish.

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.

Prayer List



Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald Parson, Elaine Lomax, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta Mize, Rhea Holloman, Melva McClellan, Velma Jennings, Brenda A. Martin, Marcella Vaughn, Paris Harrington, 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), Bettye Young, Don Williams, Deacon Darwin Dupree, Yesheka Alexander (daughter of James and Mary Alexander), Carolyn Turner

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@ombudsmankcsj.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 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

**Safety Environment Coordinator for St. Monica Parish -
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Leadership Corner

Evangelization Ministry

Vickie Shackelford	Chairperson
Alvin Brooks	Marsha Willis
Carrie Miller	Jenise Comer
Crystal Miller	Carolyn Greene
Peter Callan	



Heavenly Father,
You entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

- 9:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Youth Recognition (FH)

MONDAY, JUNE 22

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

- 9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Prayer (S)

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

SATURDAY, JUNE 27