



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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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

*Solemnity Of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King Of The Universe*

A Heart of Thanksgiving

As we gather around our tables this Thursday, surrounded by family, friends, and the warmth of shared gratitude, we are reminded of the profound purpose behind Thanksgiving. While the holiday has its roots in early American history, it became a day of national observance through the proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. In the midst of the Civil War, a time of great division and sorrow, Lincoln called the nation to pause and acknowledge the blessings bestowed by the "Most High God," recognizing that even in times of trial, His mercy remains steadfast.

Lincoln's words resonate deeply: "No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered us in his mercy." His humility and trust in God's providence remind us of the source of all our blessings, both great and small.

Thanksgiving calls us to lift our eyes above our circumstances and acknowledge God's goodness. Whether we find ourselves in seasons of abundance or facing challenges, the Bible reminds us to give thanks. Psalm 107:1 declares, "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever."



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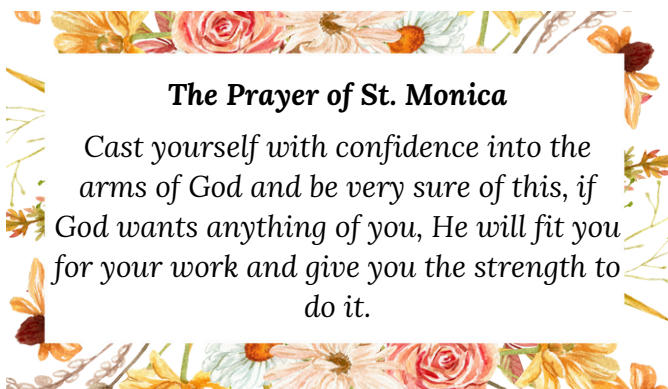
This verse is a powerful reminder that our thanksgiving is not dependent on our situation but rooted in God’s unchanging character. His love and faithfulness sustain us in every season of life.

Similarly, 1 Thessalonians 5:18 encourages us: “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” Gratitude is not an option for the believer—it is a command, a practice of faith that aligns our hearts with God’s will. When we choose thanksgiving, we declare our trust in God’s sovereignty and invite His peace to reign in our lives.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us take a moment to reflect not only on the blessings we can see but also on the countless unseen ways God sustains us. Let us be mindful of those who may be grieving, struggling, or lonely during this season, and reach out with the love and compassion that God so generously gives to us.

This Thanksgiving, as you bow your head in prayer, may your heart overflow with gratitude—not just for what you have, but for who God is. His love endures forever, and His mercy never fails. In every season, let us be a people of thanksgiving, pointing to the faithfulness of the God who gives us life, hope, and grace.

Fr. Leonard Gicheru



Readings for the Week

Monday: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday: Revelation 14:14-19; Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13; Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday: Revelation 15:1-4; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Luke 21:12-19

Thursday: 1 Kings 8:55-61; Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 1:39-55

Friday: Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday: Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4:18-22

Sunday: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Lectors: Contact Office

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Caleb Johnson

Ushers: Contact Office

Eucharistic Ministers: Kirk Thaw, Shirley Thaw, Pat Williams, Rita Womack, Stephanie Broils, Gerald Buckman

Offering Reports

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Regular Offering:	\$5,270.00
Food Pantry:	\$400.00
Second Collection:	\$0.00
Miscellaneous:	\$220.00
Total	\$5,890.00

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 mstpaula.pn@gmail.com.

Legion of Mary Meeting



Please join us for the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Kibeho/Our Lady of Sorrows Praesidium meeting on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the St. Monica building. Your presence will be greatly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Message from the Parish Office

Please be informed that our office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from Wednesday, November 27th, through Monday, December 2nd. To ensure that all announcements are processed in a timely manner, we kindly request that you submit any bulletin announcements by noon on Tuesday, November 26th. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

Thank You

We are truly grateful to our Church Family for your generous support of the Food Pantry this Thanksgiving. Because of your donations, we have been able to provide assistance to 50 families in need this season. Thank you for your kindness!

The Food Pantry



"A CHURCH ALIVE IS WORTH THE DRIVE!"

St. Monica Catholic Church

Focus Plan for the Future



Focus #1

Ongoing Campus Improvement



Focus #2

Youth and Young Adult



Focus #3

Strong Evangelization

Join us for an important strategic planning town hall meeting on December 8th, immediately after mass. Your voice matters, and we encourage all parishioners to attend and share your insights!



Holiday Mass Hours

Thanksgiving Day Mass
November 28th at 9am

Immaculate Conception Mass
December 9th at 9am

Christmas Eve Mass
December 24th at 8pm

Christmas Day Mass
December 25th at 10am

Prayer List



Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Beverly Dyer, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald Parson, Sergio Mendoza, 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, Greta Nash, Opal C. Blankinship, Patrice Williams (daughter of Pat and Don Williams), Louie Jones, John James, Barbara Walters, Janee Green (daughter of Pam and Ronald Green), Jublatee O'Neal (New Parishioner), Bonita Akridge, Deacon Kenneth Greene, Lawrence Ramirez, Roland Miller (Husband of Diana Miller), Mary Ann Grayson, Edward H. Franklin, Jr. (Father of Tracey Franklin Bradford)

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 suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline, at 1-800-392-3728 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local Law Enforcement Agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, crayon@ombudsmankc.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City- St. Joseph.
4. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing healing and resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

Safety Environment Coordinator for St. Monica Parish -

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Leadership Corner

Parish Council Members

Carolyn Greene	Chairperson
Duane Murff	Vice-Chairperson
Kim Urenda	Secretary
Father Leonard Gicheru	
Brad Geist	
Robin Richardson	
Vincent Alexander	
Patricia Gray	



Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 AM	Mass
10:30 AM	Dance Rehearsal (S)
11:30 AM	RCIA Classes (CR)
2:00 PM	4th Degree KPC Ladies (STM)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 AM	Mass
6:00 PM	Prayer Service

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

*If you do not see your event listed, please contact the parish office at (816) 471-3696