



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light." Luke 16:8

These lines conclude the Parable of the Dishonest Steward. At that time, there was a Palastinian custom in which agents acted on behalf of a wealthier master's money, making loans and obtaining them back with interest. It is similar to our modern banking system. The problem presented in this parable was that the steward was dishonest, skimming some of the profits for himself. As a result, the master told the steward to get his financial affairs in order because he was going to fire him. The shrewd steward, acting on the authority he still had for the moment, then went forth and reduced the debt of each of his master's debtors so as to win favor with each of them so that he could do business with them after he was fired by his master.

Obviously, Jesus does not tell this parable because He approves of dishonest and shrewd deception in business practices. Instead, He tells it to illustrate the fact that many people who are motivated by selfishness and worldly goals use the natural gift of prudence with much more zeal than many of the "children of light."

Think about your goals in life. If you were to make a list of your goals, what would it look like? And if you were to order that list according to the importance of those goals, what would be first? Hopefully, on the top of that list, you would have as your primary goal the love, service and glory of God.



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In the end, that is all that matters in life. Every other goal in life will fall into place when that is our central goal.

However, if you were to order your list according to how much time, energy and prudence you put into each endeavor, how would it look? Would it look different? Most likely. Many people go about their lives putting a tremendous amount of time and effort into the passing things of this world. Many make their financial advancement the goal with which they spend the most time and energy. Others devote countless hours to hobbies, entertainment, home improvements, sports, and even wasteful activities such as bingeing on television. When it comes to the practice of the faith, it is a rare person who devotes a significant amount of time and energy to daily prayer, studying the Scriptures, learning the Catechism, and studying the lives of the saints. Many experience Sunday Mass as a burden. Charitable service can become undesirable. Many rarely work at the proclamation of the Gospel.

Though it is true that much of your time might need to be devoted to the ordinary duties of life, such as making a living and caring for the home and family, it is also true that most people need to reorder their priorities by making sure that the will of God is the central mission of their lives. How is this best accomplished? It begins with the virtue of prudence. Prudence is both a natural virtue and a supernatural one. On a natural level, prudence is called the “mother of all virtues” because it is the quality by which every other virtue, all our time and energy, goals and ambitions are directed. Prudence is the act of vigorously using our minds to creatively and zealously work to achieve the most important goals in life. Supernatural prudence is a spiritual gift by which our natural abilities of prudence are infused with the grace of God, and we are better equipped to know how to accomplish God’s will for our lives.

Reflect, today, upon what your list would look like if you were to make it honestly. What do you spend the most time and energy doing? Even if you need to spend most of your time on the ordinary aspects of life, this becomes a holy endeavor when you do it because God is inspiring you to do so. In that case, even the ordinary becomes grace-filled and becomes a way by which you glorify God. The only way for you to know if you are using your time and energies properly is by being open to the gift of supernatural prudence. Pray for that gift today and ask our Lord to more directly order your life so that everything you do is for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ezra 1:1-6; Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 6b-fg-hn, 7-8; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Haggai 2:1-9; Psalm 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Lectors: Robin Richardson, Rose Roos

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Ramonda Doakes

Ushers: Team D

Eucharistic Ministers: Bernadette Cook, Angela Curry, Arimeta Dupree, Mary Graham

Offering Reports

Sunday, September 17, 2025

Regular Offering:	\$7,249.00
Food Pantry:	\$195.00
Miscellaneous:	\$3,000.00
Second Collection:	\$20.00
Total	\$10,464.00

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, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Join Us For A Revival



You are invited to join us for an inspiring Parish Revival starting this evening, September 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, beginning at 6 PM here at St. Monica! We are excited to welcome Father Kareem Smith, revivalist and president of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus from New York. Don't miss this uplifting opportunity to deepen your faith and experience the power of community together!

We Need Your Help



As we continue with our capital campaign we are looking for grant writers. Please notify Elton Lombard, Lawrence Blankinship, Carolyn Greene, Shirley Thaw or Janice Smith if you have that skill. It takes all of our gifts and talents to make this campaign successful.

Join Our Choir

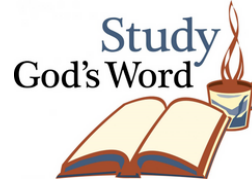


St. Monica Music Ministry has been invited to help build a 100-voice Interfaith/Multi-Cultural choir for an upcoming music video and documentary. If you're interested in singing or would like more information, please see Marilyn Scott or Melvin Kerr. The first rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, November 1, and filming will take place on Saturday, December 6, in the sanctuary. We encourage you to join us! Please note that there will be a maximum of two rehearsals before the filming. To participate, you must sign a release form and attend the rehearsal(s).

Capital Campaign Events

Several dinner parties are scheduled to take place in the homes of parishioners throughout October and November. Additionally, a big free pizza party is planned for November 13th in Donnelly Hall, located next to the downtown Cathedral. The purpose of these events is to share information about the vision for our Church and Ferguson Hall. To be added to the invitation list, please email Peter Callan at callanpo@gmail.com.

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!

Chicken Dinner and Bake Sale



Please join us in supporting the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Peter Claver's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser and Bake Sale! The event will take place on Sunday, October 12th, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Ferguson Hall at St. Monica. Tickets are \$10.00 each and include 2 pieces of chicken, two sides, a roll, and water. Tickets are available for purchase starting today after mass, or you can contact Lady Crystal Marie Miller at 816-665-6753 for more information. We hope to see you there!

Thank You for moving us back to the Sanctuary:

Peter Callan	Elton Lombard
Ann Suellentrop	Ernest Collins
Marilyn Scott	Dawn Collins
Melvin Kerr	Randy Fuller
Donna Murff	Rose Palmer
Lawrence Blankinship	



Church Lets welcome for the 18th successive year!!
"The Hillsboro Kansas High School choir" 9am mass -
Sunday Sept. 28th.

"A CHURCH ALIVE IS WORTH THE DRIVE!"

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), Alvin Brooks, Bettye Young, Don Williams, Deacon Darwin Dupree, Ramonda Doakes, Vincent Alexandria

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

Social Services & Food Pantry Ministry

Rita Womack Director
Donna Murff
Dawn Collins
Dianna Miller
Rita Humphrey

Galatians 6:9

Even when the journey is long, do
not grow weary. God is
strengthening you for every step,
and His grace will carry you
through.

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Dance Rehearsal (S)
10:30 AM GriefShare Group (CH)
6:00 PM Revival

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:00 PM Revival

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:00 PM Revival

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Prayer Service

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27