



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 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

The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

God is a Community of Love—So Are We

This Sunday, we celebrate one of the most beautiful and mysterious truths of our faith: **Trinity Sunday**. It's the only Sunday in the Church year dedicated to a doctrine—not a specific event. But it's not just theology for theologians. The Trinity is the beating heart of our Christian life.

So, what does it mean when we say God is Trinity? We're saying that God is one—but not solitary. God is three persons in one divine essence: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each Person is fully God, yet not three Gods, but one God. If that makes your head spin a little, you're not alone! But at its core, this isn't a math problem. It's a love story. At the heart of the Trinity is relationship. The Father eternally loves the Son. The Son receives that love and returns it completely. And the love between them is so real, so personal, that it is the Holy Spirit—the bond of love itself.

So, God is not a distant power or an isolated being. God is a community of love. A communion. A family. And here's the amazing part: you and I were created in God's image—not just individually, but communally.



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That means we are created from love, for love, to be love.

Let's make this real:

- Think about your family. Do you reflect God's love in how you speak to each other?
- Look at our parish. Do we welcome newcomers with the warmth of the Trinity?
- Consider your friendships. Are they marked by self-giving love, or self-interest?
- And here's the big one: Are we building communities that reflect God's unity in diversity?

The Trinity invites us to live differently. Not as self-sufficient islands, but as people rooted in relationship. Where unity doesn't mean uniformity. Where love doesn't end with sentiment but becomes action.

Here's a challenge for this week:
Take one step to live "trinitarianly." Reach out to someone who feels isolated. Forgive someone who hurt you. Start a conversation with someone you usually avoid. Join or invite someone into a small group, a ministry, or a meal. When you do this, you're not just being nice—you're participating in God's very life.

Trinity Sunday is not about solving a mystery. It's about stepping into it. The Trinity is not a puzzle to figure out—it's a love to be lived.

So come, community of St. Monica Parish. Let's be what we were made to be: a reflection of the God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—One God, a communion of love.

Fr. Leonard Gicheru

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Psalm 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Psalm 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Psalm 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Matthew 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Psalm 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Matthew 6:24-34

Sunday: Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Lectors: Ernest Collins, Bernadette Cook

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Margaret Mendy

Ushers: Team D

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Roos, Terese Brown, Katie Stewart, Kirk Thaw, Shirley Thaw, Pat Williams

Offering Reports

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Regular Offering:	\$9,823.21
Food Pantry:	\$329.00
Bldg. Fund:	\$49.00
Father's Day:	\$55.00
Second Collection:	\$218.65
Total	\$10,474.86

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, JUNE 15, 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 mstpaula.pn@gmail.com.

26th Annual Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive



Join us for this important
event sponsored by the
Omicron XI and Beta
Omega Chapters of Omega
Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and
the Kansas City L.A.M.P.S.

Foundation. All presenting donors will receive a ticket to Worlds of Fun (while supplies last)! Tickets are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash. Your donation is essential in meeting the urgent need for blood in the Black community. Plus, you'll receive a \$20 gift card via email from Amazon as a thank you! To schedule your appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code: StMonicas. Together, we can make a difference!

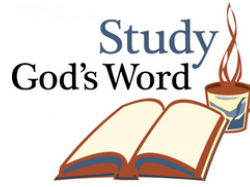
Career Development Fair



We invite you to attend an exciting Career Development Fair at St. Monica on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This is a fantastic opportunity for

individuals from middle school through adulthood to explore a diverse range of trade and vocational career paths. Our gathering will feature local businesses, vendors, and career training programs eager to share valuable insights and resources. Join us to discover the steps needed to build a rewarding career and unlock your income potential. Don't miss out on this chance to shape your future!

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!

We Need Your Help



The Juneteenth Heritage Festival will take place on June 21, 2025. We are looking for volunteers to help staff our booth and share information about St. Monica.

Each shift will last between 45 minutes to 1 hour. If you are interested in assisting, please call or text Crystal Marie Miller at (816) 665-6753. Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Juneteenth float. We look forward to seeing you next year. Pictures will be available on Facebook.

Thank you

I would like to thank all of my church family for the amount of support shown during the loss of my husband. I really appreciated all of the cards, hugs, gifts, and attendance at his services. Father, I would like to thank you for such a wonderful homily. To the bereavement team that went above and beyond , my family really appreciated your hospitality and endurance of such a long day due to unforeseen circumstances. I was also grateful to the Ladies & Knights for the cards and support, as well as the beautiful ceremony. To Melvin & the choir, you definitely had my family singing your praises. To the readers and ushers, what a great job you did. This was truly a real family affair.

I can't say it enough, thank you, thank you very much.

Carolyn Greene

"A CHURCH ALIVE IS WORTH THE DRIVE!"

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, 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, Herman Lovett (Father of Burnetta Burtin)

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 -
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Grace Okonta	Deacon Ken Greene
Carrie Miller	



"Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. We thank you for all fathers and grandfathers 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 15

Happy Father's Day!

9:00 AM Mass

MONDAY, JUNE 16

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

Fr. Leonard's Birthday 🎉

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

9:00 AM Mass

6:00 PM Prayer Service

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

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

10:00 AM Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive (FH)