



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 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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Pentecost Sunday

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Acts 2:2-4

Happy birthday! Today, as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we also celebrate the birth of the Church. Thus, today is a celebration of your membership in the life of the Church. As a human institution, the Church has always suffered on account of the sins of Her members. This sad truth is something that we are increasingly aware of today. But the Church itself is the Spotless Bride of Christ. It is the Body of Christ on earth, in Heaven and in Purgatory. Those of us on earth are members of the Church Militant. Those in Heaven are members of the Church Triumphant. And those in Purgatory are members of the Church Suffering. But all of us are united under Christ our Head as members of His holy Body, the Church.

We profess our faith in the Church every Sunday. We profess that we believe in "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church." What exactly does this mean? First, it means that by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, those who profess faith in Christ are united as "one." This oneness is a spiritual union that will endure for eternity. It is unbreakable and restores us to the life we were created to live. That is, a life of union with God and others, a communion of humanity with God.



As one family, the Church is also “holy.” Holiness is another way of saying that we are made whole by the blood of Christ, sharing in His redemption. By His mercy, our sins are forgiven and we become children of the Father in Heaven, sharing the eternal life of the Son.

The word “catholic” refers to the truth that the offer of salvation is given to all. It is a universal calling given to all people who will accept this gift. God did not come to save only a few but all, and many will accept this gift of salvation.

We are “apostolic,” in that God chose to establish His Church through the mediation of His Apostles. They were uniquely called to become instruments by which the saving Truth is proclaimed and the grace won by the Cross is distributed. The work of the Apostles continues today through their successors, the bishops, and those who are co-workers with the bishops, the priests. Sinful though they may be, God uses them, nonetheless, to bestow His grace and truth upon the world.

As a member of the one Body of Christ, you are also invited by God to enlarge His family through the sharing of the Gospel and by your life of deep prayer. You are called and sent, and this takes place by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we especially celebrate today.

Reflect, today, upon the incredible privilege it is to be invited to be a member of the Family of God, the Church. And reflect, also, upon the important duty you have to extend that invitation to others. Pray to the Holy Spirit, asking for an increase in His seven-fold gifts in your life so that You can help share the saving message of the Gospel to those whom God wants to reach through you.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; John 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Psalm 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Matthew 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Matthew 5:33-37

Sunday: Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Lectors: Robin Richardson, Rita Womack

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Margaret Mendy

Ushers: Team C

Eucharistic Ministers: Felicia Menefee, Crystal Miller, Dianna Miller, Paula Nix, Rose Palmer, Lydia Ramirez

Offering Reports

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Regular Offering:	\$2,760.50
Food Pantry:	\$105.00
Bldg. Fund:	\$695.00
Father's Day:	\$125.00
Miscellaneous:	\$229.45

Total **\$3,914.95**

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.

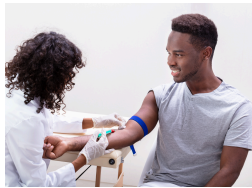
Women's Bible Study



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.

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!

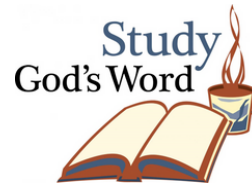
Career Development Fair



We invite you to attend an exciting Career Development Fair at St. Monica on Saturday, June 8, 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!

Vacation Bible School



Calling all children in First Grade and Up! Join us for an unforgettable Vacation Bible School at the Cathedral from July 7 to July 11, 2025. Each day from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM, your child will engage in exciting activities, make new friends, and deepen their faith in a fun and welcoming environment. Don't let your child miss out on this incredible experience – sign up today! Simply send an email and let us know how many spots you would like to reserve for your family. Register today at <https://www.kcgolddome.org/news-articles/876-vacation-bible-school-2025> or email mbrown@kcgolddome.org

Catholic Charities of KC St. Joseph is Hiring



Come work with a vibrant team who is working together to make a positive difference in the communities within the 27-county diocesan area. Full-time positions are eligible for

benefits, including: medical, vision, dental, paid sick/vacation/holiday, 4-day work week (closed Fridays), and 401(k). To learn more, select "Get Involved" and choose "Careers" at <https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/>.

Prayer List



Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Beverly Dyer, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Elaine Lomax, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta 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@stmoniacakc.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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Leadership Corner

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Rose Palmer	Linda Parker Hall
Marilyn Scott	Ramonda Doakes
Melba Myers	Angela Curry
Nellie Thompson	Sharon Sanders
Arimeta DuPree	Alvin Brooks
Vickie Shackelford	Ernest Collins
Crystal Marie Miller	Jackie Dinvaut
Rita Womack	Posthumously:
Grace Okonta	Deacon Ken Greene
Carrie Miller	

*but those who hope in the Lord will
renew their strength. They will soar on
wings like eagles; they will run and not
grow weary, they will walk and not be
faint.*

ISAIAH 40:31 (NIV)



Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

9:00 AM	Mass
10:00 AM	Planting Day (Outdoors)
3:00 PM	St. Francis African Catholics (FH)

MONDAY, JUNE 9

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

11:00 AM	Altar & Rosary Meeting (FH)
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