



# Saint Monica Catholic Church

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 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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## From our Pastor

### Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul — Pillars of the Church

This weekend, we celebrate one of the most important solemnities in the life of the Church: the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. These two great apostles—so different in background and temperament—are honored together because they represent the very foundation of the Church's mission, leadership, and faith.

Who were Peter and Paul?

Peter was a fisherman—ordinary, impulsive, loyal to a fault. Jesus called him from his nets and gave him a new mission: "Follow me, and I will make you a fisher of men." Paul was a scholar and Pharisee, a man of intellect and zeal, who once persecuted Christians until a dramatic encounter with the risen Christ changed his life forever. And yet, despite their differences, God used them both in powerful and complementary ways.

Peter became the rock upon which Jesus built His Church (Matthew 16:18). He represents unity, authority, and the pastoral care of Christ's flock. Paul, on the other hand, became the missionary to the Gentiles—carrying the Gospel beyond Jewish communities into the Greco-Roman world. He preached, planted churches, and wrote letters that still shape our theology today.



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Have you ever wondered why we celebrate them together?

Because together, they remind us that the Church is both local and universal, both traditional and missionary. Peter teaches us the importance of staying rooted in Christ, in obedience, and in unity. Paul teaches us to go out, to cross boundaries, and to bring the Good News to all.

What can we learn from their leadership?

- 1. **Humility in leadership** – Both apostles had their faults. Peter denied Christ. Paul persecuted Him. Yet they did not let failure define them. They let grace transform them. What areas of your life is God calling you to surrender and lead from humility?
- 2. **Boldness in mission** – Both men preached fearlessly, even unto death. Are we bold in sharing our faith, or do we stay quiet when God calls us to speak?
- 3. **Unity in diversity** – Peter and Paul didn’t always agree (Galatians 2:11-14), but they worked through it. Are we open to working with others who think differently, for the sake of the Gospel?

As we honor these two giants of faith, take a moment to reflect:

- ◆ Do you see yourself more in Peter’s steady growth or Paul’s passionate drive?
- ◆ Is God inviting you to lead with courage—in your family, parish, or workplace?
- ◆ What kind of faith-story are you writing for the next generation to remember?

St. Peter, faithful shepherd and rock of the Church—**intercede for us.**  
St. Paul, fearless preacher and tireless evangelist—**guide us in bold witness.**  
May their lives inspire us to follow Christ with conviction, compassion, and courage.

Fr. Leonard Gicheru

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Genesis 18:16-33; Psalm 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11; Matthew 8:18-22
- Tuesday:** Genesis 19:15-29; Psalm 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Matthew 8:23-27
- Wednesday:** Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Psalm 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Matthew 8:28-34
- Thursday:** Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 20:24-29
- Friday:** Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Psalm 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Matthew 9:9-13
- Saturday:** Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Psalm 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:14-17
- Sunday:** Isaiah 66:10-14c; Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Liturgical Assignments

- Sunday, July 6, 2025
- Lectors: Michele Jones, Ken Bacchus
- Servers: All Servers
- Welcome: Sharon Hardy
- Ushers: Team A
- Eucharistic Ministers: Arimeta Dupree, Mary Graham, Pamela Green, Ronald Green, Carolyn Greene, Ben Gruber

Offering Reports

Sunday, June 22, 2025	
Regular Offering:	\$3,800.00
Food Pantry:	\$20.00
Bldg. Fund:	\$30.00
Miscellaneous:	\$7,056.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,906.12</b>

**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](mailto:mspaula.pn@gmail.com).

### Prayer Vigil for the Feast of the Sacred Heart



A Prayer Vigil for the Feast of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Thursday, June 26 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 10901 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KSA at 7:00 P.M.

The Prayer Vigil will include the Vespers, Act of Reparation, Litany of the Sacred Heart, and Chaplet of the Sacred Heart.

### Visiting Missionary



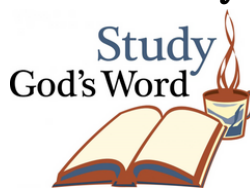
Fr. Jose Edayadiyil V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest, will visit our parish on the weekend of July 13, 2025, for the Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at Mass and make an appeal for the

Vincentian Missions. The Vincentian Congregation, founded in Kerala, India, is involved in missionary work in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and South Africa. A special collection will be held that weekend to support the mission work. We encourage your generous contributions, as these missionaries depend on our help. Please keep Fr. Jose and all the Vincentian Missionaries in your prayers.

### ATTENTION

Due to the Independence Day holiday on Friday, July 4th, the deadline for bulletin announcements this coming week is Tuesday by 3 PM. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### 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!

### Golden Anniversary



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, September 28, during the 11:00 AM Mass.

This celebration is for couples and their immediate families celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025. To participate, complete the form at <https://forms.office.com/r/EjvxEJnux0> by September 15, 2025. If a couple cannot attend but wishes to be honored, please indicate this. For questions, contact Bobbi Aschwanden at (816) 714-2324 or [aschwanden@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:aschwanden@diocesekcsj.org).

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We appreciate everyone who came out and volunteered to work a shift at the Juneteenth Heritage Festival at 18th and Vine. From the vendor booth to the parking lot helpers, we could not have done this without you! We were able to evangelize to many people who came by the booth and people who inquired about our lovely decorations. The parking lot volunteers raised \$1,470.00 in funds by selling our parking spaces for \$10 each. We look forward to next year's event and all your support!

## 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@stmoniacak.org](mailto:frleonard@stmoniacak.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](mailto: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](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

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## Leadership Corner

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Vickie Shackelford	Ernest Collins
Crystal Marie Miller	Jackie Dinvaut
Rita Womack	Posthumously:
Grace Okonta	Deacon Ken Greene
Carrie Miller	

Saint Peter, you were uniquely chosen to be a rock foundation of faith upon which the Church was established. Saint Paul, you went forth to preach this faith far and wide, establishing many new communities of faith. Please use me, dear Lord, to continue the mission of Your Church so that the faith may be firmly planted in the minds and hearts of all Your people throughout the world. Jesus, I trust in You.



## Calendar of Events this Week

### SUNDAY, JUNE 29

- 9:00 AM Mass  
10:00 AM Youth Recognition Sunday

### MONDAY, JUNE 30

### TUESDAY, JULY 1

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

- 9:00 AM Mass  
6:00 PM Prayer Service

### THURSDAY, JULY 3

### FRIDAY, JULY 4

4th of July 🇺🇸

### SATURDAY, JULY 5

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (STM)  
11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal (S)  
11:30 AM KPC meeting (FH)  
11:30 AM Ladies of Peter Claver (STM)  
3:00PM Catholic Women Ass. Meeting (CR)