



Saint Monica Catholic Church

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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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Making Choices: The Heart of Discipleship

Today's Gospel isn't just about money; it's about the choices we make in life. The man who comes to Jesus has many possessions, but those possessions are not his real problem. His true challenge is the belief that he can have it all—he wants to be a disciple while holding onto everything he already has. He follows the commandments and is a good person with resources to accomplish many good things. But when he asks Jesus what more he can do, Jesus responds by asking him to make a choice. Jesus tells him, "You can be my disciple and inherit eternal life, but first, you must let go of something you already hold dear."

The tragedy of this man's story is that he cannot do it. He is unwilling to give up his possessions, and so he walks away sad. His experience reminds us that in order to embrace certain things in life, we must be willing to let go of others. We cannot have it all. This truth applies to every aspect of our lives. To say yes to something important often requires saying no to something else, even if what we are giving up is good in itself.



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For example, to say yes to the intimacy and support of marriage, we must say no to the freedom that a single life offers. Committing to a spouse means letting go of every other potential partner, which can be difficult, but it's essential for deep, lasting love. Similarly, saying yes to a challenging job that stretches us and helps us grow often means saying no to the comfort of a job that may feel easier but offers little in terms of growth. Building meaningful, lifelong friendships requires that we say no to developing other, more casual relationships, simply because we cannot invest deeply in everyone we meet.

This is not an easy path. In fact, the Apostles themselves are overwhelmed by this idea, asking, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus' response gives us hope: "For human beings this is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." When we are called to make difficult choices, to let go of something we love for the sake of something greater, we may feel that we lack the strength to do it on our own. But Jesus reassures us that we are not alone in these decisions. God is with us, and with God's help, all things are possible.

So, we are invited to look at our lives and discern what truly matters most. Then, we can pray, "Lord, you have shown me what to do. Give me the strength to let go of whatever holds me back from choosing what is most important. Teach me to say yes by learning to say no."

Fr. Leonard

Readings for the Week

Monday: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Galatians 5:1-6; Psalm 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: Galatians 5:18-25; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday: Ephesians 1:1-10; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Luke 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Luke 10:1-9

Saturday: Ephesians 1:15-23; Psalm 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 12:8-12

Sunday: Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Lectors: Syrtiller Kabat, Jackie Dunvaut

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Arimeta Dupree

Ushers: Team C

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

Offering Reports

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Regular Offering: \$7,176.00

Food Pantry: \$305.00

Second Collection: \$0.00

Miscellaneous: \$2,240.00

Total **\$9,721.00**

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.

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.

Give From the Heart



The St. Monica Food Pantry is inviting our church family to "Give From the Heart." Food boxes will be provided for those in need. Distribution will take place on November 20th and 21st from 11 am to 12 pm at the Food Pantry. Donations will be accepted from October 13th through November 17th, 2024. We will have a marked container in the vestibule to receive your donations. For any questions, please reach out to Rita Womack at (816) 842-1877 during pantry hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Evangelization Meeting



Join us for an inspiring meeting of the Evangelization Committee on Sunday, October 20th, immediately following mass. We'll be gathering in Ferguson Hall for an hour. Your presence and input are instrumental to our mission. See you there!

Catholic Charities is Hiring



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/>.

Parish Mental Health Ministry



In partnership with Catholic Charities, parishes launched parish-based mental health ministries. Parishes continue to have events and groups. All are welcomed. To stay up-to-date about current events, visit <https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/mentalhealthministry/> and scroll down to view the calendar.

Help Update our Records



Please help us keep our records accurate by updating your contact information or personal details. Whether you've moved, changed your phone number or email, or experienced significant life changes, prompt communication ensures we can provide relevant support. Reach out to us at (816) 471-3696 or via email at bradillo@stmonicakc.org. Thank you for your cooperation!

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, 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 -

Ramonda Doakes, P-(816) 457- 5538, E- rdoakes@stmonicakc.org

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Callistus I; Indigenous Peoples Day; Columbus Day; 1964 Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr awarded Nobel Peace Prize

Tuesday: St. Teresa of Jesus; 1966 Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale, founded the Black Panther Party in Oakland, Ca

Wednesday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; 1995 The Million Man March took place in Washington, DC

Thursday: St. Ignatius of Antioch

Friday: St. Luke

Saturday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00 AM Mass
11:30 AM RCIA Class (CR)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Prayer Service

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (STM)
11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal (S)
5:00 PM Family Game Night (FH)

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