



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 **1616 The Paseo Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64108** **5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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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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Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. Monica,

Next Saturday, May 4th, we will be part of a historic Catholic event in Kansas City. Behold KC, taking place at the National WWI Museum, is not just a local gathering but a significant event in the U.S. bishops' three-year National Eucharistic Revival. This initiative by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) aims to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Behold KC represents a pivotal moment in this nationwide effort, anticipated to be one of the largest Eucharistic celebrations in modern Kansas City history.

Behold KC is a free public event designed to recreate the spirit of the first major outdoor Eucharistic Adoration held at this same location in 1941 (see photo above of the 1941 Eucharistic congress). It embodies a historical continuum of faith and worship, aligning with the USCCB's vision of fostering a Eucharistic culture through such significant public expressions of faith.

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This profound gathering will draw thousands from the Catholic community across Kansas and Missouri. The schedule from 4 PM to 9:30 PM includes performances by local Catholic choirs (St. Monica presenting two selections), the Rosary, Holy Mass, and concludes with Eucharistic Adoration accompanied by music led by a nationally recognized Catholic recording artist Steve Angrisano.

This event offers a unique opportunity for both Catholics and non-Catholics to engage in a deep and collective expression of faith and devotion in a historic setting. As we gather together, we remember our role in the National Eucharistic Revival, which focuses on three key goals: increasing understanding of the Eucharist in the Church, fostering Eucharistic worship outside of the Mass, and encouraging Eucharistic living among Catholics.

Behold KC is thus more than an event—it is a call to faith, a beacon of the New Evangelization, and a renewal of our communal commitment to Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist. I encourage you to join with family and friends in this unique Eucharistic celebration. It is not just a day of prayer, but a moment to live out our faith vividly in the heart of Kansas City.

I look forward to joining you in this communal prayer and celebration. Let us come together to behold the mystery of faith in our midst, as we continue our journey of faith, hope, and love within the living Church.

For more information and to register, please visit BeholdKC.org. Let us prepare our hearts to receive and adore Christ and may we all be renewed in his lasting presence.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Leonard

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.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; John 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; John 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; John 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5; John 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Lectors: Youth

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: David Holstein

Ushers: Team A

Eucharistic Ministers: Ben Gruber, Sharon Hardy

Offering Reports

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Regular Offering:	\$4,543.55
Food Pantry:	\$35.00
Second Collection:	\$0.00
Miscellaneous:	\$3,962.80
Total	\$8,541.35

**“A CHURCH ALIVE
IS WORTH THE
DRIVE!”**

➔ Join us at the next Legion of Mary meeting and Pray the Rosary



Join Our Lady of Kibeho/Our Lady of Sorrows Praesidium at St. Monica Catholic Church on the last Monday of every month starting April 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text (816) 457-5538.

➔ Women's Bible Study



Ladies, mark your calendars for a wonderful opportunity to delve into the Word of God together. Our Women's Bible Study group will gather every first and third Saturday, from 9:30 to 11:00am. This is a fantastic chance to grow spiritually and explore the teachings of the Bible in a supportive and engaging environment. For more information please reach out to Paula Nix at (816) 471-3696 or mspaula.pn@gmail.com.

➔ A Message From Our Choir



The choir will introduce New Mass Setting music for the congregation to learn. They will sing the new music during communion.

➔ Join the Celebration



Join us in celebrating Fr. Leonard's 10th Ordination Anniversary! There will be a dinner on Saturday, May 25th at 5:00 PM. The following day, Sunday, May 26th at 9:00 AM, we will be having a mass and reception at St. Monica. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please call the parish office at (816) 471-3696.

➔ Behold KC: Uniting Faith, Music, & Community



Join us for Behold KC, a remarkable gathering of the "one holy catholic and apostolic Church" presented by the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph and the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

Taking place on May 4 from 4:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the National WWI Museum and Memorial North Lawn, this event offers Mass, Confession, live musical talent, a live performance from St. Monica's gospel choir, a public Rosary, and the largest Eucharistic Adoration opportunity in our city in over 80 years. Registration is free but strongly encouraged for accurate planning and updates. Visit BEHOLDKC.ORG for more details and to register. Don't miss this extraordinary celebration of faith and unity!

➔ Help Make St. Monica Stand Out at Behold KC



Imagine the thrill of hearing the St. Monica choir perform at the "Behold KC" event on May 4. But here's the thing: the choir needs your help. They want to represent with 40 plus voices and musicians, but they can't do it without you. They're looking for 20 or more individuals to join them for rehearsals on April 25 and May 2, from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. And here's the best part: you can become an Honorary choir member for one day by joining them in rehearsals. Don't miss this chance to be a part of something truly special. Join the St. Monica choir and make beautiful music together.

➔ Crowning of Mary



You are invited to witness the crowning of Mary during the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 5th, 2024. Your presence will add to the sanctity of the occasion as we honor the Queen of Heaven. We hope you can join us for this special event.

Prayer List



Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Beverly Dyer, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald and Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta Mize, Rhea Holloman, Melva McClellan, Velma Jennings, Brenda A. Martin, Margaret Sams, Deacon, 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)

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: 5th Sunday of Easter; 1847 Pvt. Milton L. Olive III, 1st African American admitted to New York State Bar

Monday: St. Catherine of Siena; 1983 Harold Washington 1st African American mayor of Chicago

Tuesday: St. Pius; 1822 Public schools to be established for black children announced in Philadelphia, PA; 1863 Sarah J. Tompkins Garnet became 1st African American female principal in New York City public school system

Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker; 1978 Ernest "Dutch" N. Morial 1st African American Mayor of New Orleans

Thursday: National Day of Prayer; St. Athanasius; 1920 1st baseball game of the Negro National League played in Indianapolis, IN

Friday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Saturday: 1961 Freedom Rides started in protest to segregated bus terminals in Washington, DC

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Evangelization Team Meeting(FH)
10:00 AM Sunday School (STM)
10:00 AM 1st Communion Class (CR)
2:00 PM 4th Degree KPC Ladies (STM)

MONDAY, APRIL 29

6:00 PM Legion of Mary meeting (FH)

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Prayer Service

THURSDAY, MAY 2

FRIDAY, MAY 3

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (STM)
11:30 AM KPC Ladies Auxiliary (STM)

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