



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

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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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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

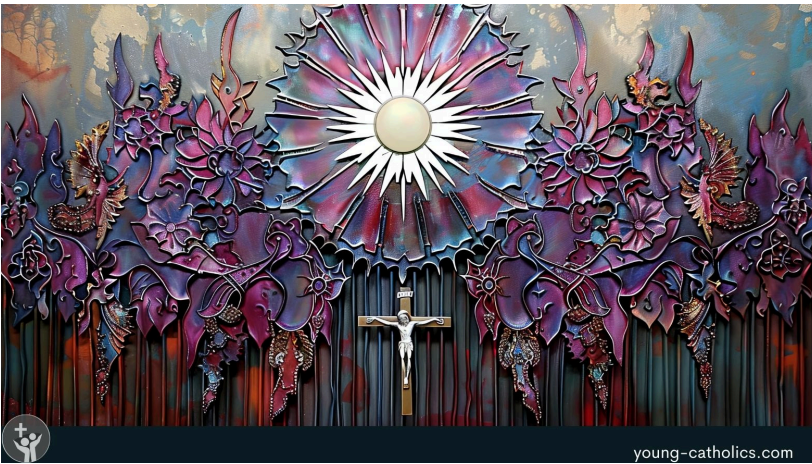
We continue this Sunday with the beautiful "Bread of Life Discourse" from John's Gospel. At the beginning of today's passage, we read that the people listening to this discourse "murmured about Jesus." They did so because He had been teaching them that He was the Bread of Life Who had come down from Heaven. For some of His listeners, this was too much to accept. It was especially difficult for those who knew Jesus and His family from Nazareth. When Jesus became aware of their murmurs, He confronted them straight on saying, "Stop murmuring among yourselves." He then doubled down on His teaching, taking it even further, telling them that whoever eats His flesh will live forever.

In some ways, Jesus' teaching could be said to defy human reason. Imagine hearing this teaching for the first time from someone who grew up in your hometown. Human reason alone is insufficient to comprehend and accept such teaching. But that is precisely the point. Human reason alone is insufficient. But when human reason is endowed with a special revelation from the Father in Heaven, then all becomes clear and all makes sense.

On that point, Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him" and that "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me." Therefore, even though it is beyond the ability of natural human reason alone to make sense of what Jesus was teaching, those who were drawn by the Father and listened to His voice were given a new form of knowledge that brought clarity to their human minds. This knowledge is essential if we are to know and understand the path to eternal life and if we are to understand and believe in the Most Holy Eucharist.

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Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that faith is just believing in something that is beyond us. But faith is much more. It's not just blindly believing. It's not just wishful thinking that turns into a personal choice to believe. Faith is based on something absolutely real and unmistakable. It's based on true spiritually revealed knowledge—a knowledge given to us by God. In fact, this form of knowledge, given by God, is far more certain than any other form of knowledge.

For example, you know that $2+2=4$ because you can take two objects, add two more, and then count four. Or you know that music is playing because your ears perceive the sound. Thus, you rely upon your senses to produce knowledge to arrive at conclusions. Spiritually infused knowledge, however, is even more certain than that which we can obtain through our senses because it is God Who reveals the truth. Therefore, if God speaks to you and imparts to you a knowledge that His flesh is true food and His blood is true drink, and that if you eat His flesh and drink His blood then you will obtain eternal life, then this knowledge is certain, transforming, and becomes the basis of a life of pure faith. Though this may seem overly philosophical, it is true and necessary to understand.

Reflect, today, upon anything that you fail to have perfect faith in. Do you believe in the Most Holy Eucharist? Do you believe that it is the food for eternal life? Do you believe in everything Jesus taught? Examine your faith and where it is lacking; seek the voice of the Father. Only God can impart the deepest spiritual knowledge to you. For your part, you must listen, comprehend, accept and believe. Doing so will produce the gift of faith within your human reason, and that faith will be your guide to the life of the fullness of grace.

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Matthew 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday:** Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 18:15-20
- Thursday:** Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56
- Friday:** Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Matthew 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Matthew 19:13-15
- Sunday:** Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Liturgical Assignments

- Sunday, August 18, 2024*
Lectors: Robin Richardson, Cristina Ramirez
- Servers: All Servers
- Welcome: Allison McDonald
- Ushers: Team C
- Eucharistic Ministers: Elaine Johnson, Syrtiller Kabot

Offering Reports

<i>Sunday, August 4, 2024</i>	
Regular Offering:	\$8,660.00
Food Pantry:	\$185.00
Second Collection:	\$0.00
Miscellaneous:	\$10.00
Total	\$8,855.00

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 mspaula.pn@gmail.com.

The Feast of St. Monica



Join us in celebrating St. Monica Day by bringing a delicious side dish! St. Monica Day is coming up on August 25th, and your contribution would make the celebration even more special. If you haven't signed up yet, please remember to do so after mass today.

Volunteer for Fun- Hot Dog Festival Update

Thank you to the energetic and fun volunteers listed below who helped greet, worked as Ambassadors, directed parking, and collected parking fees during the Hot Dog Festival on Saturday, August 3rd. With your help, St. Monica was able to raise \$1,290.00. Mark your calendars for the 2025 Juneteenth Celebration.

Rose Roos	Kirk & Shirley Thaw
Ronald & Pam Green	Vickie Shackelford
Ryan & Jackie Dinvaut	Henry Daniels
Michelle & John Perez	Dawn Collins
Carrie & Ramona Miller	Eldon & Kathy Johnson
Tracey Bradford	Elton & Phaedra Lombard
Jenny Gillis	Don & Pat Williams
Kim Urenda	Lionel & Detrice Green
Damon Hillmon	Duane & Donna Murff

School Supply Drive



Please support the children served by Jackson County CASA by donating school supplies for the annual school drive organized by the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary. For any inquiries about this event, feel free to contact Carrie Miller at (816) 804-5167. A collection tub will be available in the church vestibule every Sunday in August to gather supplies. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference in these children's education. Thank you for your support!

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass



The Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration will be held on Sunday, August 25 for couples whose 50th Wedding Anniversary falls between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024. This event is open to couples and their immediate family. The celebration will begin with Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City at 11:00 AM, followed by a reception in the new event space, Donnelly Hall. To find the form to complete, please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/YizDVWL2d0>. If you would like assistance with filling out the form, please call the parish office. The form must be completed by today August 11, 2024.

Luau & Lei Party



You are invited to a fun day of good friends, good food, and good fun. Join us on Wednesday, August 28th from 10 am - 2 pm at St. Therese Little Flower, 5814 Euclid, KCMO 64130. Please RSVP at ssanders@stlfkc.org.

Prayer List



Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Beverly Dyer, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, 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), Phyllis Weaver, Mary Ann Grayson, Lee Brown, Katie Wine

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: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 2016 Simone Manuel became 1st African American female to win Gold in 100m freestyle swimming at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Monday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal; 1922 Home of Frederick Douglas dedicated as a memorial in Washington, DC

Tuesday: Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus; 1892 The first issue of Baltimore newspaper The Afro-American was printed

Wednesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Thursday: The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary; Holy Day of Obligation

Friday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Saturday: 1968 The 1st National Black Sisters' Conference held in Pittsburgh, PA

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 AM	Mass
10:00 AM	First Communion Class (C)
10:30 AM	Praise Dancer Ministry Practice (S)

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 AM	Mass
6:00 PM	Prayer Service

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

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