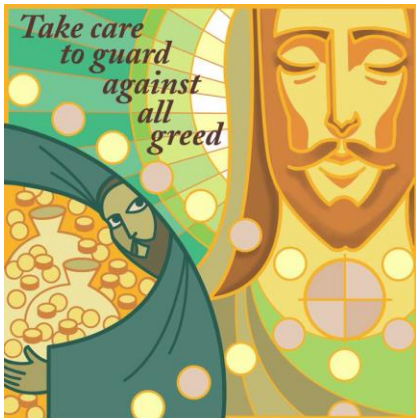


**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 4, 2019**

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
— *Psalm 90:12*



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**USING OUR TIME WISELY**

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey.

In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (*Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (*Psalm 90*).

**Second Reading** — You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (*Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11*).

**GOSPEL** — For though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions (*Luke 12:13-21*).

**SPECIAL PRAYER LIST**

Edith Bolder	Bishop Spencer's Place
Jeanette Hamilton Evans	Home
Eddie Jennings, V.A.Rehab	Cameron, MO
Inell Hunter	Home
Margaret G. Jones	Home
Martha Melton	Addington House Ctr
Marcheita Bush	Home
Carlos Nix	Home
Lavel McCullough	Home
Rosa Birch	Home
Sandra Cloyd	Home
Kevin Brown	Home
Jackie Countee	Home
Sharon Shackelford-Allen	Home
Earnestine Nard	Home
Mable Parson	Home
Earl Greene	Home
Michael Mize	Home
Cathy Johnson	Home
Flora Waddell	Home
Paris Harrington	Home

**FAMILY MEMBERS**

*Please inform Father Leonard, when a loved-one has become homebound, or has been hospitalized. Call, 816-471-3696, or email: [leombuthia@yahoo.com](mailto:leombuthia@yahoo.com)*

**AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> ASSIGNMENTS**

**SERVERS** Coordinator: V. Ammons\*  
*All Servers*

**LECTORS** Coordinator, Rose Palmer\*

**8:00 a.m.** Michele Jonse, Brenda Lofton

**10:00 a.m.** Melba Myers, Rose Roos

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Coordinator, Dianna Miller\*

**8:00 a.m.** Dianna Miller, Julia Price,  
Rita Womack, Gerald Buckman,

**10:00 a.m.** Joann James, Margaret Jones, Syrtiller, Carrie Miller, Paulette Monroe, Dorothy Mustin, Paula Nix, Rose Palmer, Barbara Parks, Lydia Rameriz

**USHERS** Coordinators, Kim Urenda,  
Mary Pearson \*

**8:00 a.m.** Elaine Johnson,  
Lawrence Blankinship

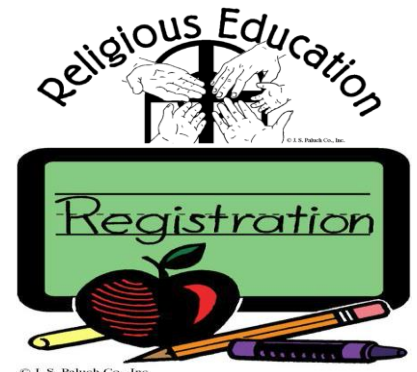
**10:00 a.m. Team E:**  
Cynthia Barrett, Eric Burtin, Maya Burtin,  
Jenny Gillis, Conrad McDonal, Cynthia Uzomah, Don Williams

**WELCOME:** Mary Ann Grayson

**COUNTERS: TEAM #2:**  
Paul Alexander, Team Leader

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**  
**HOST:** Music Ministry

**MEETINGS / DATES / TIMES**



Registration Forms, for the **Fall – Religious Education Classes**, are available in the Church Vestibule.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Classes are on summer break.  
Ramonda Doakes, Director

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP,**

will reconvene in October  
Coordinators: John & Debra Johnson

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP**

Coordinators: Eric & Burnetta Burtin,  
Elton & Phaedra Lombard

**CONFIRMATION CLASS, 2020**

Parents of Adolescents (age 15, or above), it's time to sign up your son or daughter, for the Confirmation Class of 2020. **Training Team:** Rose Alexander, Remona Miller, and Linda Hall.

**RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.** Meetings are held on

Sundays,  
in the Small Chapel, following the 10:00 Mass. *Deacon Ken Greene, Instructor*

**KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat 1:00 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Knights	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. 1:45 p.m.
Fr. Constantine Ct.	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Ladies of Grace	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun. 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Daughters	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Knights	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. 4:00 p.m.

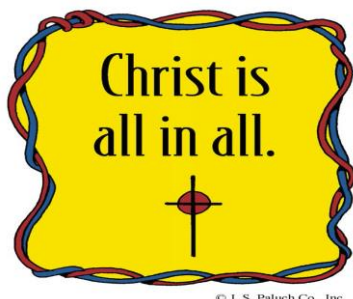
**WEDNESDAY**

**9:00 a.m.** Mass  
**6:00 p.m.** Prayer Service

**SATURDAY**

*New members are welcome.  
Meetings are held in the Old St.  
Monica School Building, St. Monica Room.*

**8:00 a.m.** Men's Class will reconvene in September  
**9:30 a.m.** Women's Breakfast/Bible Study



Dear Church Family if you are interested in working with our youth, 1 or 2 Sundays per month, please contact Ramonda Doakes at [rdoakes@gmail.com](mailto:rdoakes@gmail.com), (816) 457-5538

Please join us in Ferguson Hall

**September 15, 2019,**  
for

St. Monica's Religious Education / Sunday  
School Registration, and Welcome.  
Grades Kindergarten- 5th Grade.

*Lite Refreshments*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17;  
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-  
2, 5-6, 9;  
2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-  
29a, 34-35;  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-  
23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-  
9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16,  
21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2,  
5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-  
22; Heb 11:1-2,  
8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-  
48 [35-40]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Monday: Dedication of the Basilica  
of St. Mary Major

Tuesday: The Transfiguration  
of the Lord

Wednesday: St. Sixtus II and  
Companions; St. Cajetan

Thursday: St. Dominic

Friday: St. Teresa Benedicta  
of the Cross

Saturday: St. Lawrence

*Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday – Noon*

### TREASURES ~

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Project Homeless Connect** Kansas City (PHCKC) - is a free event, that helps individuals and families experiencing homelessness move their lives forward. At PHCKC, we connect homeless Kansas Citians with vital services such as Birth Certificates and State ID's, Medical Care and Services, Eye Exams, Dental Care, Housing, Employment Services, Legal Aid, SNAP and WIC Applications, Veteran Services, Eye Exams and Eye Glasses, Haircuts, Portraits and more.

*Volunteers like you are needed to make this event a success!*

On Tuesday, September 24, join us as a volunteer at Project Homeless Connect Kansas City (PHCKC). Over 300+ "Navigators" are needed to pair with homeless guest and guide them through the day. Volunteers receive: Free t-shirt, lunch the day of event and a deeply rewarding experience serving local people in need. Training will be provided during the volunteer shift.

**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. / Gregg / Klice  
Community Center / 17<sup>th</sup> & Paseo, KCMO**



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**August 11 – PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**August 25 - TOWNHALL MEETING**

*(after both Masses)*

**September 8 -**

**St. MONICA FEAST DAY**

**MASS - 9:00 a.m.**

*Followed by food, entertainment and activities for all.*

**Sign - up Sheets are in the vestibule.**

- **Volunteers are needed**
- **Meal – Potluck**
- **Meat will be provided**

### EVANGELIZATION SURVEY RESULTS

In regards to the most recent survey, there were over 20 parishioners that expressed a need to form a support group after the lost of a loved one. Fr. Leonard will be back on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, so hopefully by mid or late September we will be able to start this ministry.

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

*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**

**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, 816.812.2500, [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.**

*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, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.*