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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023
BULLETIN



SAINT MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Sunday Service

6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

Main Office Hours:

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Mon, Wed & Thur

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Our readings this week all speak of the distinctive characteristics of the people God gathers to achieve God's purposes.

The deep communion of love that God envisions requires a community that is humble and lowly, as Zephaniah describes. God chooses the weak and foolish to reveal God's strength and wisdom, as Paul says. And in the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches that a people who know their weakness and vulnerability can most fully place their trust in God and work for a just world.

As Christians, we believe God will fully heal our world when Christ returns. But Christ also invites us to experience a foretaste of this future right now, through our life in Christian community, and in our work of peacemaking and justice-seeking in the world.

Our poverty in spirit can enable us to be both recipients and instruments of the "kingdom of heaven" here and now.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The People of God's Kingdom

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount.

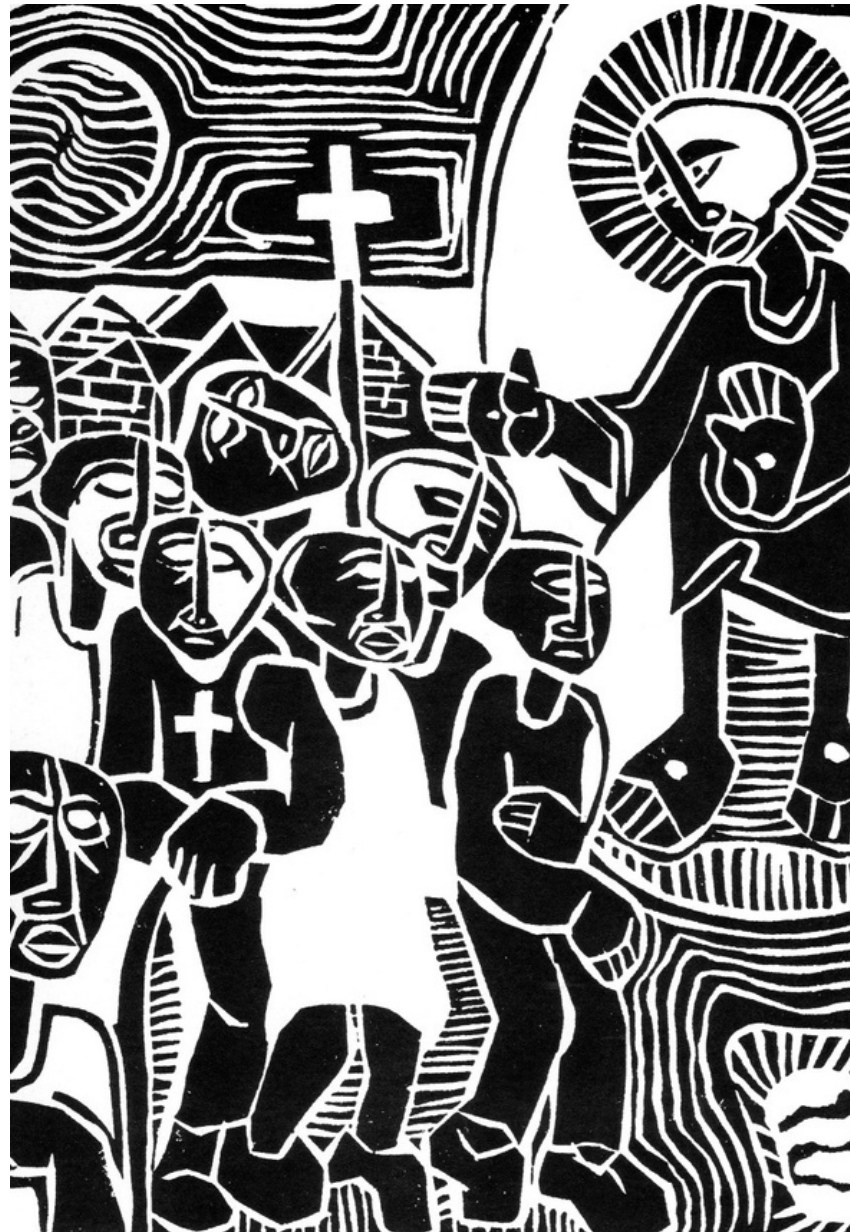
Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God.

By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing.

And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

*Blessed are the poor
in spirit,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.*

— MATTHEW 5:3



Nathaniel Mokgosi (South African, 1946–2016), "Come, ye blessed . . .," 1980. This linocut is one of ten in a series on the Beatitudes. Source: *Christliche Kunst in Afrika*, p. 274

Prayer of the Week

God Be in My Head
 God be in my head, and in my
 understanding;
 God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
 God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
 God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
 God be at my end, and at my departing.

—Attributed to Old Sarum Primer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

Today's Readings

First Reading – You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13)

Psalm – The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm 146)

Second Reading – God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

Gospel – Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a)



Catholic Schools Week 2023
January 29-February 4

www.NCEA.org/csw
#CSW23

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: St. John Bosco

Wednesday: Black History Month begins

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day

Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday; Blessing of throats

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



Offering Reports

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Regular Offering:	\$4,149.00
Food Pantry:	\$110.00
Forward In Faith:	\$740.00
Debt Reduction:	\$35.00
aSTEAM Village	\$125.00
Our Lady of Sorrows	\$3,269.34
St. Francis African Catholics Association	\$200.00

Total **\$8,628.34**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Lectors: Youth Sunday

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Mauriah Francis

Ushers: Team 2

Eucharistic Ministers: Stephanie Broils and Gerald Buckman

Counters: Team 2



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)
2. Contact your local Law Enforcement Agency, or call 911,
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the 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 and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.



Prayer List

Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Bernadette Cook, Ray Myers, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald and Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Earl Greene, Jr., Frances Thomas, Flora Waddell, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyette Mize, Rhea Holloman, Clara Mays, Melva McClellan, Carlos Nix, Velma Jennings, Brenda A. Martin, Margaret Sams, John and Debra Johnson, Carrie Miller, Deacon Ken Greene, Marcella Vaughn, Paris Harrington, Maxine Harvey, Lorna Lewis, Michael Lucas, Lola Jacobs, James and Evalena Davidson (parents of Dan Davidson)

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.

God's Word for Children

Jesus went up on a mountain to teach his disciples important things. Find your way up the mountain by coloring the numbers that count from one to twenty.

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Write in the name of each picture. Then read the hearts from top to bottom to see what you are to God!

The Beatitudes

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."
 Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)



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KINGDOM	MERCY	EARTH	FILLED	MOURN
HUNGER	HEART	SPIRIT	BLESSED	INHERIT
THIRST	MEEK	PURE	POOR	HEAVEN



FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

At the Last Supper Jesus said to his disciples,
 "Whoever remains in me . . . will bear much fruit" (John 15:5).

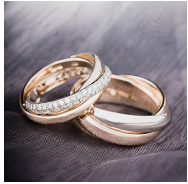
What did Jesus mean when he spoke of us bearing fruit? Certainly not fruit that grows on trees. He meant that if we remain close to him and follow his teachings, we will be able to do many good things. The Church teaches that when we try to good things—to produce good fruit—the fruits of the Holy Spirit will flourish in us (see Galatians 5:22-23).




One of the Spirit's fruits is joy. Think of some of the things you do, for others and for yourself, that bring you joy. It might be sharing something, giving a gift, or helping someone who is sad or is hurt. When you do these things you produce something good that creates joy in you. Some other fruits of the Spirit are named in the circles. Write or draw a picture showing something you might do or say that would bring that fruit of the Holy Spirit to you.

Announcements

➔ Happy Anniversary



Louie and Margaret Jones celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on Sunday, January 22, 2023.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones: Thank you for serving as an example of what love is. May love continue to live in the life you share. Congratulations and we wish you a happy and memorable anniversary! 

➔ KPC Breakfast Fundraiser



On Sunday, February 5, the Knights of St. Peter Claver Council 57 will host a Breakfast Fundraiser in

Ferguson Hall after the 9 a.m. mass. Tickets are \$7. Breakfast includes your choice of pancakes or biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, juice or coffee. For more information, contact Damon Hillman.

➔ Eucharistic Ministers



The 2023 Eucharistic Minister schedule is available in the church vestibule.

All Eucharistic Ministers should pick up a copy of the schedule. For questions, contact Dianna Miller.

All bulletin announcements must be submitted by **Wednesday at noon** to kmcgee@stmonicakc.org.



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Thanks!!

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CONTACT US

Please help us keep our records current. Let us know if you **move**, get a **new phone number**, change your **email address** or have a different way you wish to be contacted. We would also like to keep our records up-to-date concerning the members of your household; if you have a baby, or if the baby grows up and leaves home, please let us know.

Any significant changes to your household or status (single, married, widowed, divorced etc.) let us know. We do try to keep up, but sometimes the only person to tell us about these changes is you.

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