



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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From our Pastor

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. Monica,

In today's gospel, Jesus sends out the twelve disciples on a challenging mission, instructing them to take no bag. While this might make sense in modern air travel to avoid extra costs, Jesus is concerned with a different kind of luggage: spiritual burdens that can weigh us down. These spiritual burdens come in various forms, and Jesus specifically wants us to leave behind the baggage of our hurts, fears, and false dreams.

- Every person experiences hurt in life through disrespect, dishonesty, betrayal, or abandonment. Even when we move past these situations, the scars remain, burdening us with feelings of brokenness and worthlessness. Jesus asks us to let go of this baggage of hurts.
- Fear, though beneficial for identifying and preparing for danger, loses its value once preparation is complete. Persistent fear turns into worry that paralyzes us, making us believe the worst will happen. Jesus wants us to discard this heavy burden of fear.
- While dreams can inspire and motivate, some dreams are unrealistic and can hurt us. These impossible dreams weigh us down, robbing us of joy and rest as we chase what cannot be achieved. Jesus asks us to abandon the trunk of false dreams.

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Jesus also commissions the twelve to be his representatives, sending them out with only a walking stick and sandals. This minimalism emphasizes that their mission is not about offering material possessions but sharing the word Jesus placed in their hearts. Jesus wants his disciples to offer themselves and the message of love, forgiveness, and truth.

Today, Jesus sends us into the world to share the word within our hearts. Each of us has a message entrusted by Jesus that needs to be spoken. This could be a message of encouragement, forgiveness, or objection to injustice. Jesus calls us to identify and share this word in our families, schools, workplaces, and political arenas.

Speaking this word can be challenging, but it is our calling. Martin Luther King Jr., in his last sermon, stated, "Cowardice asks, 'Is it safe?' Expediency asks, 'Is it politically correct?' Vanity asks, 'Is it popular?' But conscience asks, 'Is it right?'" There will be times when our choices are not safe, politically correct, or popular. We must choose what conscience says is right.

Jesus has placed a word in each of us. While none of us have all the truth, and we may sometimes miss the mark, today's gospel urges us to find the word Jesus has given us and speak it, making the voice of Jesus heard in our world today.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Isaiah 1:10-17; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Isaiah 7:1-9; Psalm 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Psalm 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Psalm 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Matthew 11:28-30

Friday: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday: Micah 2:1-5; Psalm 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, July 21, 2024

Lectors: Sharon Hardy, Ken Bacchus

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Sharon Hardy

Ushers: Team C

Eucharistic Ministers: Angela Curry, Arimeta Dupree

Offering Reports

Sunday, July 7, 2024

Regular Offering:	\$6,107.00
Food Pantry:	\$160.00
Second Collection:	\$0.00
Miscellaneous:	\$527.00
Total	\$6,794.00

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.

Driving for Hope



Catholic Charities of Kansas City - St. Joseph and the Knights of Columbus are proud to present the 2024 Driving For Hope Golf Tournament on July 15th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at Lakewood Oaks Country Club. The proceeds from this event will support the important work of Catholic Charities in 27 nearby counties to provide basic needs and dignity to those in the community. For more information, please visit <https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/drivingforhope/>.

St. Monica Offering Envelopes



If you're not receiving envelopes for your parish contributions, don't worry! We have a simple solution. You can find a parish registration form located at the back of the church. Just fill out the form with your details and return it to the office. Once you do this, you'll start receiving envelopes regularly and you can continue to support our parish as you wish.

Encounter Summer Intensive



Encounter Summer Intensive at Quigley Center, Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lenexa will take place from July 22nd to 25th, from 6 pm to 9 pm each night. If you're eager to experience the transformative power of Jesus and want to learn, equip, and activate yourself to fully participate in the supernatural lifestyle of Jesus Christ, then this event is for you! For more information, visit Encounterschool.org/kansas-city.

Legion of Mary Meeting



Join us for the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Kibeho/Our Lady Sorrows Praesidium meeting is Monday, July 29, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the St. Monica building. Your presence will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!



Contact Us

Please help us maintain accurate records by informing us of any changes to your contact information, household composition, or personal status. Whether you've moved, acquired a new phone number, changed your email address, or experienced significant life changes, we value staying connected with you. Your prompt communication ensures that we can provide you with the most relevant and up-to-date support. Reach out to us at (816) 471-3696 or via email at bradillo@stmonicakc.org.

Thank you for your cooperation!

reminder

Please send bulletin announcements to Biviana at bradillo@stmonicakc.org by noon on Wednesdays.

"A CHURCH ALIVE IS WORTH THE DRIVE!"

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, Margaret Sams, 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

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: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 1916 Franciscan Handmaids of Mary founded; 1902 William Still abolitionist/author of *The Underground Railroad Records*, an account of fugitive slaves' escape to freedom passed away in Philadelphia, PA

Monday: St. Bonaventure; 1970 James H. McGee, 1st African American mayor of Dayton, OH

Tuesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel; 1862 Ida B. Wells-Barnett, civil rights & women's rights activist was born in Holly Springs, MO

Wednesday: 1794 Absalom Jones dedicated 1st African Church in Philadelphia, PA

Thursday: St. Camillus de Lellis; 1918 Nelson Mandela, 1st Black president of South Africa/activist, born in Mvezo, South Africa

Friday: 1941 The first class of aviation cadets entered Preflight Training at the Tuskegee Institute

Saturday: St. Apollinaris; 1967 Black Power Conference opened in Newark, NJ

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, JULY 14

9:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM St. Monica Day Meeting (FH)

MONDAY, JULY 15

TUESDAY, JULY 16

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Prayer Service

THURSDAY, JULY 18

FRIDAY, JULY 19

SATURDAY, JULY 20

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

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