



# Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 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  
(816) 471-3696  
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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## From our Pastor

Dear Friends and Parishoners of St. Monica,

In today's Gospel, we encounter a profound and challenging moment in Jesus' ministry. Returning to His native place, He faces skepticism and disdain from those who knew Him as a child. The people of Nazareth question, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" Despite the astonishment at His teachings and miracles, they ultimately take offense at Him, unable to reconcile the extraordinary in the familiar figure of Jesus, the carpenter's son.

This passage poignantly illustrates the adage, "Familiarity breeds contempt." Often, our closeness to someone blinds us to their potential and the greatness they possess. We see them through the lens of our memories and shared experiences, not allowing space for their growth and transformation. This was the case with Jesus' townspeople, who could not move beyond their knowledge of Him as a carpenter's son to recognize Him as the Messiah.

Consider the story of a talented young musician who grew up in a small town. From a young age, she showed immense promise, composing beautiful pieces and performing with exceptional skill. Yet, her family and friends, accustomed to seeing her practice daily and knowing her as the little girl next door, could not see beyond the ordinary. When she finally performed at a major concert, receiving widespread acclaim, her community was surprised. They had overlooked her talent, seeing her as merely one of their own rather than a gifted artist.

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We are all called to overcome this tendency towards contempt born of familiarity. It requires us to intentionally see those around us with fresh eyes and an open heart, acknowledging their growth and potential. Here are some practical steps to embrace this challenge:

- **Practice Humility and Openness:** Approach each person with humility, recognizing that you do not know everything about them. Be open to seeing new aspects of their character and abilities.
- **Celebrate Achievements:** Acknowledge and celebrate the achievements and talents of those close to you. Offer encouragement and support, fostering an environment where they can thrive.
- **Seek to Understand:** Take the time to understand the experiences and perspectives that have shaped the people in your life. This deeper understanding can help you appreciate their journey and growth.
- **Pray for Insight:** Ask God for the grace to see others as He sees them, with love and respect for their unique gifts and potential.

As we reflect on Jesus' experience in Nazareth, let us be mindful of our attitudes towards those we know well. May we strive to honor and uplift each other, recognizing the extraordinary within the familiar. In doing so, we foster a community of mutual respect and support, where everyone can flourish in their God-given potential.

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Psalm 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Matthew 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Matthew 10:7-15

**Friday:** Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Matthew 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Matthew 10:24-33

**Sunday:** Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mark 6:7-13

## Liturgical Assignments

*Sunday, July 14, 2024*

Lectors: Dwight Miller, Melba Myers

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Sharon Hardy

Ushers: Team B

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Charity, Dawn Collins

## Offering Reports

*Sunday, June 30, 2024*

Regular Offering:	\$4,712.00
Food Pantry:	\$50.00
Second Collection:	\$0.00
Miscellaneous:	\$3,437.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,199.80</b>

### Prayer of the Week

*O Glorious St. Monica, after a lifetime of tearful prayers, fasting, and sacrifice, you were at last granted the happiness of witnessing, both your husband's and son's conversion.*

*After your son Augustine returned to the faith, you said: "God has granted this to me in more than abundance. What am I still doing here?" A few days later, you died happily at peace with God and His world.*

*Grant us that same peace, faith, and acceptance of God's Will, that we may live all our years in serenity and go joyfully to our heavenly home, secure in the knowledge of eternal salvation. Amen.*

## 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](http://Encounterschool.org/kansas-city).

## Volunteers Needed



We are looking for volunteers to help with painting the window and door trim at Ferguson Hall on Saturday, July 13th at 9:00 am. Sign-up sheets can be found at the back of the church.

## 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!

reminder

Please send bulletin announcements to Biviana at [bradillo@stmonicakc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 -**

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## Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** 1933 Lawrence E. Lucas, author of "Black Priest White Church" born in NYC

**Tuesday:** St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions; Fr. Augustus Tolton, 1st African American priest in the U.S. died; 1992 National Black Catholic Congress VII, New Orleans

**Wednesday:** 1893 Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performed first successful open heart surgery

**Thursday:** St. Benedict; 1905 The Niagara Movement, forerunner of the NAACP, organized

**Friday:** 1936 Cornelius Johnson set world high jump record

**Saturday:** St. Henry; 1787, The Ordinance of 1787, outlawing slavery in the Northwest Territory, was adopted by Congress; 2013 #BlackLivesMatter began to advocate against police brutality and for racial justice for all

## Calendar of Events this Week

### SUNDAY, JULY 7

9:00 AM Mass

### MONDAY, JULY 8

### TUESDAY, JULY 9

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

9:00 AM Mass  
6:00 PM Prayer Service

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

6:00 PM First Visioning Session (FH)  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)

### FRIDAY, JULY 12

### SATURDAY, JULY 13

11:30 AM Altar and Rosary Meeting (STM)

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