



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024 1616 THE PASEO BLVD, KANSAS CITY, MO 64108 CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

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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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The Eucharist: The Source and Summit of Our Christian Life

On the solemn feast of Corpus Christi, we are reminded of the profound centrality of the Eucharist in our Christian life. The Eucharist is not merely a symbol or a ritual; it is the very heart of our faith. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.' 'The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch", (CCC 1324).

The Eucharist as Communion brings us into a unique and intimate union with God and with one another. When we receive the Eucharist, we are not only receiving the body and blood of Christ but also participating in a divine act that unites us as one body, the Church. This holy communion strengthens our bond with Christ and fosters a deeper sense of community among the faithful.

St. Maximilian Kolbe profoundly expressed the preciousness of the Eucharist, stating, "If angels could be jealous of humans, they would be so for one reason: The Holy Eucharist." This statement



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underscores the extraordinary privilege we have as Catholics. While angels, pure spirits as they are, cannot receive our Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we, in our human frailty, are invited to partake in this divine mystery. The angels, who continuously adore God in heaven, are envious of our ability to receive Jesus in such a tangible and intimate manner.

Understanding the Eucharist as Jesus Christ himself helps us grasp the magnitude of this gift. When we approach the altar to receive Holy Communion, we are not just performing a ritualistic act; we are encountering Christ in a profound and personal way. This encounter transforms us, filling us with grace and drawing us closer to the divine life. Moreover, the Eucharist calls us to live out the unity it signifies. By receiving Christ in the Eucharist, we are called to embody his love and service in our daily lives. This means extending our communion beyond the walls of our church and into our interactions with others, especially those in need. The Eucharist compels us to be Christ-like in our compassion, generosity, and humility.

In celebrating Corpus Christi, let us renew our appreciation for the Eucharist. It is a gift that surpasses all others, a divine treasure that we are privileged to receive. Let us approach the Eucharist with reverence and gratitude, recognizing that in this sacrament, we are united with Christ and with each other in a profound bond of love.

As we partake in the Eucharist, may we be ever mindful of its central place in our lives and allow it to shape us into the people God calls us to be. Let us embrace the transformative power of this sacrament, letting it guide us in our journey of faith, bringing us closer to God and to one another.

May the celebration of Corpus Christi deepen our love for the Eucharist and inspire us to live out its mystery with greater fervor and devotion. Amen.

Fr. Leonard

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Peter 1:2-7; Psalm 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16; Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18; Psalm 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16; Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Psalm 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef; Mark 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Mark 12:28-34

Friday: Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Psalm 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Luke 2:41-51

Sunday: Genesis 3:9-15; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Lectors: Gerald Buckman, Darthene Buckman

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Margaret Mendy

Ushers: Team B

Eucharistic Ministers: Lydia Ramirez, Rose Roos

Offering Reports

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Regular Offering:	\$8,655.00
Food Pantry:	\$42.00
Second Collection:	\$427.25
Miscellaneous:	\$3,457.80
Total	\$12,582.05

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 Ultimate Class Reunion



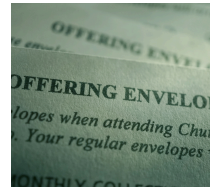
You're invited to the Ultimate Class Reunion Happy Hour on Saturday, June 8th at Kc Juke House Blues & Jazz Bar/ Restaurant, 1700 E 18th St, KCMO from 5pm- 9pm. Come reconnect with old friends and celebrate the rich history of St. Martin de Porres, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Monica Catholic Schools! All are welcome. To RSVP, visit [Facebook.com/18thandVineLives](https://www.facebook.com/18thandVineLives)



Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate my 10th anniversary of priesthood. Many of you can testify that it was truly a remarkable event. I appreciate your prayers, gifts, and support. Your presence made the day unforgettable, and I am deeply grateful for the love and encouragement I received. As we continue to grow together in our faith and parish community, I am reminded of the strength and unity we share. Your unwavering support and commitment to our parish inspire me every day. May God bless you abundantly, and may we continue to uplift and support each other in our walk with Christ.

With heartfelt thanks,
Fr. Leonard

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.

Prayer Vigil for the Feast of Sacred Heart



A Prayer Vigil for the Feast of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Thursday, June 6 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 10901 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS at 7:00 P.M. The Prayer Vigil will include Vespers, Act of Reparation, Litany of the Sacred Heart, and Chaplet of the Sacred Heart.

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](https://www.encounterschool.org/kansas-city).

In Loving Memory



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Mable L. Parson. Mable passed away on May 28th. Her funeral service will take place on June 8th at St. Monica. Further details are pending. The services will be conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. For updates, please visit their website at <https://www.lawrenceajones.com>. Please keep the Parson family in your thoughts prayers during this difficult time.

Prayer List



Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Beverly Dyer, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald and Mable 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

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: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; 1878 James A. Healy, first U.S. Catholic Black Bishop ordained in Portland, ME

Monday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; 1949 Wesley A. Brown, 1st African American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD

Tuesday: 1987 Dr. Mae Jemison became 1st African American female in the astronaut training program

Wednesday: St. Boniface; 1907 Jimmie Lee 1st African American jockey to win all six races at Churchill Downs

Thursday: St. Norbert

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; 1917 Gwendolyn Brooks, Pulitzer Prize winning poet

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 1953 U.S. Supreme Court outlawed segregation in Washington, DC restaurants

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Hospitality Sunday (FH)

MONDAY, JUNE 3

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Prayer Service

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

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