



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 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
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12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

God is Speaking

Do you desire to hear God speak to you? The most common way this happens is through prayerful meditation on the Gospels. Over the centuries, the saints have prayerfully pondered the Gospels and have offered various insights on the stories and our Lord's actions. Their insights are not primarily an intellectual exercise. Rather, they are first an exercise of prayer and meditation, revealing that the Scriptures have various layers of depth and meaning.

One Church Father, Saint Bede, explains from his prayerful pondering of today's Gospel passage that the boat in which Jesus crossed the sea represents the Cross by which safe passage is obtained to arrive at the shores of Heaven. The other boats that followed represent those who have faith in the Cross of Christ and follow. Though they suffer the waves of temptation and hardship, they press on, relying upon the saving power of the Cross. Jesus being asleep represents His sleep of death, and His waking represents His resurrection. The pleas of the disciples represent our need to turn to Jesus during the storms and temptations of life. The rebuke of the waves and the ensuing calm reveal the grace won by His death and resurrection, which is able to silence the demons and disordered passions. The fear that the disciples encountered points to our own fear that results from a lack of faith and trust in God.

God is able to speak these and many other truths to us through His actions and words contained in the Scriptures. There is no limit to the depth and meaning we can receive through His holy Word.

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Therefore, though it is useful to reflect upon the saints' various interpretations of the Gospels, it is also very important to reflect upon these passages ourselves, so as to allow our Lord to reveal to us the message we need to hear.

Reflect, today, upon this Gospel scene. Try to find time to slowly read today's Gospel from beginning to end. Read a sentence and then close your eyes and try to imagine it. See Jesus entering the boat. Ponder the boat being an image of the Cross. See the sea as the many evils within this world. Consider the fear the disciples encountered during the storm. See yourself in that boat, waking our Lord. Listen to Him silence the waves and restore peace. Hear Him say to you about your own struggles in life: "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" As you prayerfully meditate upon this and other Gospel passages, know that God will speak to you and reveal to you the meaning that He wishes to communicate to you today.

My sleeping Lord, as I endure the many storms of life, may I always have faith in the saving power of Your Cross and Resurrection. May I always call upon You to calm the storms and hear You speak to me the many truths I need to hear. Jesus, I trust in You.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Luke 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: ; 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Psalm 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40; Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kings 24:8-17; Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Matthew 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kings 25:1-12; Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 16:13-19

Sunday: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, June 30, 2024

Lectors: Carolyn Greene, Brenda Lofton

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Margaret Mendy

Ushers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Williams, Rita Womack

Offering Reports

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Regular Offering:	\$4,386.00
Food Pantry:	\$95.00
Second Collection:	\$265.00
Miscellaneous:	\$1,060.00
Total	\$5,806.00

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-ksj.org/drivingforhope/>.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage



Experience the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage as it makes its way through Kansas City this month! Join us here at St. Monica, one of the blessed "pilgrimage stops," on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 11:00 am. Together, we will immerse ourselves in a 30-40-minute prayer session with the Blessed Sacrament, as it journeys across the country, followed by a complimentary lunch.

Youth Appreciation Sunday



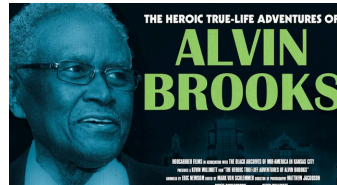
Join us as we honor our Youth and Graduating Seniors on Sunday, June 30, 2024, following the 9:00 am Mass in Ferguson Hall. Let's celebrate Youth Appreciation Day together!

Catholic Movie Night



The Legion of Mary will be having their Catholic Movie Night next Sunday, June 23rd in the parish hall at Our Lady of Sorrows. They will be watching A Man for All Seasons, a film about St. Thomas More and his courageous stand against King Henry VIII's attempt to take over the Church in England. There will be pizza and other refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Heroic True-Life Adventures of Alvin Brooks



Academy Award-winning screenwriter Kevin Willmott's latest documentary film captures the life of Mr. Alvin Brooks, a beloved member of our church family. Mr. Brooks was one of the first Black police officers in Kansas City and served as the city's first Black department director. The film shares an inspiring and heartfelt narrative that is deeply connected to the nation's past and present. Civil rights activist and public servant Alvin Brooks shares engaging, funny, and tragic stories of his life and career of advocacy in Kansas City. The film was released on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. If you missed it you still have a chance to see it. It will also be presented at 6 p.m. June 30 at the Lawrence Arts Center as part of the Free State Festival.

Legion of Mary Meeting



Join us for the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Kibeho/Our Lady Sorrows Praesidium meeting is tomorrow, June 24, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the St. Monica building. Your presence will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

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: 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time; 1973 Margaret A. Haywood, 1st African American woman to lead a major U.S. denomination

Monday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist; 1991 James P. Lyke installed Archbishop in Atlanta, GA

Tuesday: 1976 Joseph A. Francis, SVD, ordained Catholic Bishop; 2009 Michael Jackson passed in Los Angeles, CA

Wednesday: 1950 American Medical Association seated first Black delegates at its Convention

Thursday: St. Cyril of Alexandria

Friday: St. Irenaeus; 1911 Samuel J. Battle 1st African American appointed to the New York City police force

Saturday: Sts. Peter and Paul Apostles; 1998 Joseph N. Perry ordained Catholic Bishop- Chicago, IL

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Brooks Family Reunion

MONDAY, JUNE 24

6:00 PM Legion of Mary Meeting (STM)

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Prayer Service

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

9:00 AM KPC Ladies New Membership Initiation (FH)
11:00 AM Eucharistic Pilgrimage (S)

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