



# Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

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13th 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  
(816) 471-3696  
www.stmonicakc.org

## From our Pastor

Dear friends and parishoners of St. Monica,

In a bustling crowd, Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" The disciples, bewildered, responded, "Don't you see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" This scenario is reminiscent of a crowded stadium, where die-hard fans eagerly seek a moment with their favorite player, or a pilgrimage to Rome where seeing the Pope up close is a cherished memory. These moments are profound, yet among the throngs around Jesus, only one woman's touch truly mattered.

This woman, suffering for years, reached out in faith, believing, "If only I touch the hem of his garment, I will be healed." Unlike the accidental or familiar touches from the crowd and the disciples, her touch was intentional, born of deep faith. Jesus' question, "Who touched me?" underscores the difference between casual contact and a deliberate act of faith.

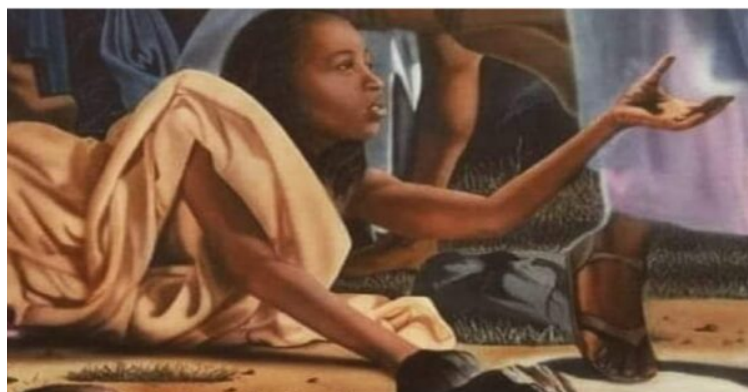
In our spiritual journey, we encounter three types of touches with Jesus:

- **Accidental Touch:** Like the crowd jostling around Jesus, we often bump into our faith in routine ways—attending Mass out of obligation, reciting prayers mechanically. These touches lack deeper reflection and personal connection.

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- **Familiarity Touch:** Similar to the disciples, many are familiar with Jesus, drawn to his miracles and teachings. Today, this could be likened to sharing spiritual quotes on social media without truly internalizing them. It's like a doctor who counsels against smoking yet continues to smoke himself. Knowledge without transformation remains superficial.
- **Touch of Faith:** The woman with hemorrhage exemplifies this touch. Her faith was not contingent on the outcome but rooted in trust in Jesus. She sought to touch him, believing in his power to heal, regardless of whether she would be healed. Jesus' question, "Have you ever touched me?" invites us to examine our faith. It's not about routine or familiarity but about reaching out in faith, despite obstacles like denial and pride. Denial prevents us from admitting our struggles, while pride keeps us from seeking forgiveness.

To truly touch Jesus, we must overcome these barriers. We know we've touched him when we experience courage over fear, compassion over bitterness, joy in suffering, and grace through confession. Let us ask for the courage to reach out in faith, embracing the healing Jesus offers through the sacramental life of the church.

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Psalm 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Matthew 8:18-22

**Tuesday:** Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Psalm 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Matthew 8:23-27

**Wednesday:** Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 20:24-29

**Thursday:** Amos 7:10-17; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 9:1-8

**Friday:** Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Psalm 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Matthew 9:9-13

**Saturday:** Amos 9:11-15; Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Matthew 9:14-17

**Sunday:** Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a

## Liturgical Assignments

*Sunday, July 7, 2024*

Lectors: Elton Lombard, Phaedra Lombard

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Sharon Hardy

Ushers: Team A

Eucharistic Ministers: Stephanie Broils, Gerald Buckman

## Offering Reports

*Sunday, June 23, 2024*

Regular Offering:	\$3,503.78
Food Pantry:	\$0.00
Second Collection:	\$0.00
Miscellaneous:	\$73.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,576.78</b>

### 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.

## 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://Encounterschool.org/kansas-city).

## 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/>.



## Message from the Parish Office

Due to the holiday this coming week and the office being closed on the 4th and 5th.

The deadline for the bulletin announcements has changed to Tuesday by noon. Feel free to reach out to Biviana at the parish office with any questions or concerns.

## St. Monica Offering Envelopes

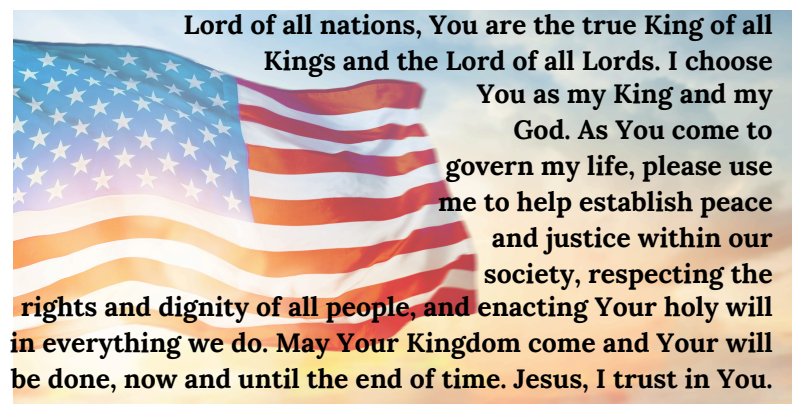


If you're not receiving envelopes for your parish contributions, don't worry! We have a simple solution. You can find a parish registration form located at the back of the church. Just fill out the form with your details and return it to the office. Once you do this, you'll start receiving envelopes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

## 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.



**"A CHURCH ALIVE IS WORTH THE DRIVE!"**

## 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](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 -

Ramonda Doakes, P-(816) 457- 5538, E- [rdoakes@stmonicakc.org](mailto:rdoakes@stmonicakc.org)

## Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Junipero Serra; 1970 National Office for Black Catholics opened in Washington, DC; 1984 Holy Family Catholic Church 1st African American Church in Mississippi

**Tuesday:** 1984 John H. Ricard, SSJ ordained Catholic Bishop, Baltimore, MD; 1829 Oblate Sisters of Providence founded in Baltimore, MD

**Wednesday:** St. Thomas, Apostle

**Thursday:** Independence Day

**Friday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal; 1975 Arthur Ashe became 1st African American male to win Wimbledon after defeating Jimmy Connors

**Saturday:** St. Maria Goretti; 1957 Althea Gibson became the 1st African American to win a championship at Wimbledon

## Calendar of Events this Week

### SUNDAY, JUNE 30

9:00 AM Mass  
10:00 AM Youth Recognition Sunday (FH)


### MONDAY, JULY 1

### TUESDAY, JULY 2

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

9:00 AM Mass  
6:00 PM Prayer Service

### THURSDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day   
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

### FRIDAY, JULY 5

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

### SATURDAY, JULY 6

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (STM)  
11:30 AM Ladies KPC meeting (STM)

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