



# Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 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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## TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



In our Gospel today, Jesus is home in Nazareth, but surrounded by crowds so immense that it was impossible even for him to eat which causes consternation among his family and questions regarding his sanity. Jesus heals many of them, including casting out demons, leaving the scribes attempting an explanation that does not require faith in Jesus. They state that Jesus is himself possessed and that it's "by the prince of demons that he casts out demons."

Jesus, aware that they are saying this, calls them to him and asks why Satan should divide his kingdom against itself, given that it would fall. He warns them that any blasphemies and sins that people utter can be forgiven, but not a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. What Jesus means here is that what the scribes said about casting out demons by demons is attributing the work of the Holy Spirit, who is God, to the work of Satan.

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This is the worst and ultimate blasphemy and is unforgiveable, not because God is unwilling to forgive it, but because it is the destruction of faith in the person holding it. If your faith is so dead as to see God’s work in the world as being an evil or done itself by an evil person, then you have closed yourself off to God’s grace and ability to work in your life– even to forgive you. It is a refusal of mercy itself. It’s like slamming a door and refusing to unlock it to allow anyone in to help you.

As Christians, we are called to recognize God’s work in the world and to see to understand him in it. We are also called to seek out his mercy, his healing, and his forgiveness in our lives. We should ask ourselves these questions: Do I seek God’s mercy for sins I commit? Do I regularly attend confession and seek to remedy the situations that cause me to regularly fall into sin? Do I seek to amend my life so as to live in God’s grace and love more fully? What prevents me from doing so?

Brad Geist, Pastoral Associate

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Kings 17:1-6; Psalm 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Matthew 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** ; Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Matthew 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 1 Kings 18:20-39; Psalm 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11; Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 1 Kings 18:41-46; Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13; Matthew 5:20-26

**Friday:** 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Psalm 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Matthew 5:27-32

**Saturday:** 1 Kings 19:19-21; Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10; Matthew 5:33-37

**Sunday:** Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

## Liturgical Assignments

*Sunday, June 16, 2024*

Lectors: Ernest Collins, Ramonda Doakes

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Margaret Mendy

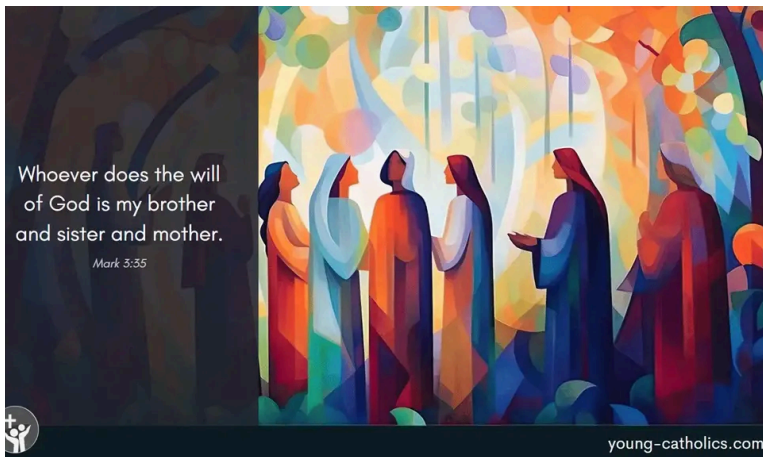
Ushers: Team C

Eucharistic Ministers: Terese Spears, Katie Steward

## Offering Reports

*Sunday, June 2, 2024*

Regular Offering:	\$5,302.00
Food Pantry:	\$290.00
Second Collection:	\$25.00
Miscellaneous:	\$981.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,598.00</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 [mstpaula.pn@gmail.com](mailto:mstpaula.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

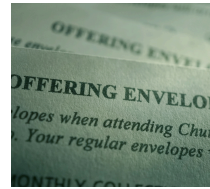
Tournament on July 15th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at Lakewood Oaks Country Club. The proceeds from this event will support the important work of Catholic Charities in 27 nearby counties to provide basic needs and dignity to those in the community. For more information, please visit <https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/drivingforhope/>.

## 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.

## 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.

## American Red Cross Blood Drive



St. Monica will host the 25th annual Dr. Charles Drew Commemorative Blood Drive in Ferguson Hall on Saturday, June 15th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Patients battling sickle cell disease depend on regular blood transfusions to avoid serious health complications. Your blood donation can be a lifesaving gift. For more information or to register visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: SickleCellKC.

## 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).



Send bulletin announcements to Biviana at [bradillo@stmonicakc.org](mailto:bradillo@stmonicakc.org) by Wednesdays at noon.

**"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:** 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Monday:** 1794 Richard Allen organized first A.M.E. Church in America; 2004 Ray Charles singer songwriter/musician passed in Beverly Hills, CA

**Tuesday:** St. Barnabas; 1963 University of Alabama forced to desegregate and enrolled its first two African American students, Vivian Malone and James A. Hood

**Wednesday:** 1963 Medgar Evers, civil rights activist was assassinated; 1964 Nelson Mandela, Black nationalist leader sentenced to life imprisonment by the South African government

**Thursday:** St. Anthony of Padua; 1967 Thurgood Marshall, 1st African American to be nominated to a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court

**Friday:** Flag Day; 1952 Dr. Harold D. West, 1st African American president of Meharry Medical College

**Saturday:** 1968 Josephite Pastoral Center founded in Washington, DC

## Calendar of Events this Week

### SUNDAY, JUNE 9

9:00 AM	Mass
10:00 AM	1st Communion Class (CR)
10:30 AM	Youth Cohort Meeting (STM)

### MONDAY, JUNE 10

### TUESDAY, JUNE 11

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

9:00 AM	Mass
6:00 PM	Prayer Service

### THURSDAY, JUNE 13

6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
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### FRIDAY, JUNE 14

### SATURDAY, JUNE 15

9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (STM)
10:00 AM	Red Cross Sickle Cell Blood Drive (FH)

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