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SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023
BULLETIN



SAINT MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. Monica Mission for Colored Catholics
opened October 2, 1910*

*first church for
Black Catholics in
Kansas City, Missouri*

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

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Mass Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Sunday Service

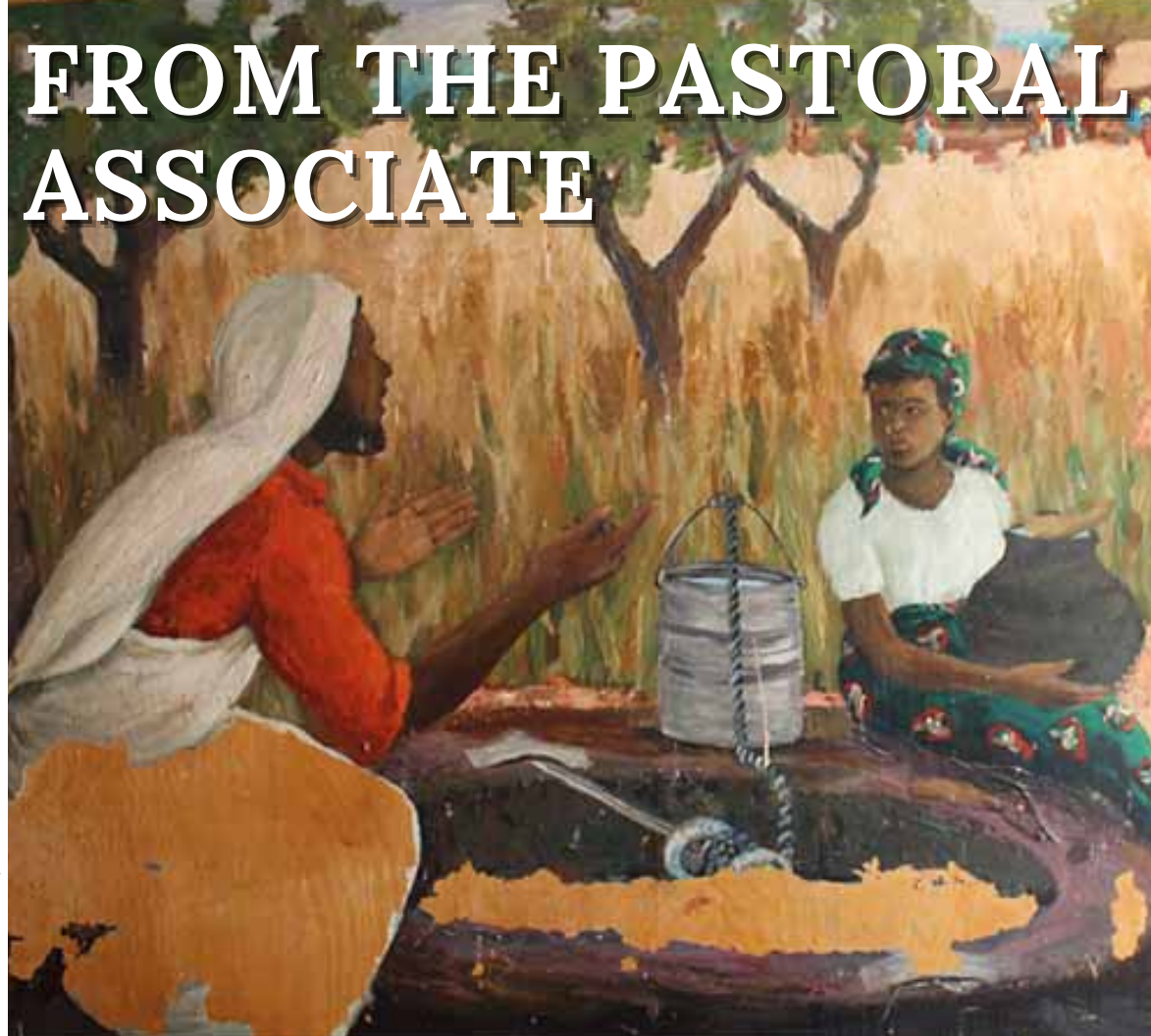
6:00 p.m. Wednesday
Prayer Service

Main Office Hours:

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Mon, Wed & Thur
(816) 471-3696

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Jesus and the Samaritan Woman, a life-size mural in the chapel of the Njase Girls Secondary School, Zambia. Painted by Emmanuel Nsama

In today's Gospel, we read of how Jesus chooses to reach the Samaritan people with the most unlikely person imaginable— a woman who had been ostracized from her community for her many perceived sins, not the least having had five different husbands and now living with yet another man. His choice of a woman was also peculiar.

Rabbis in that time did not interact with women in public at all, not even their own wives. But he was clearly looking for her— going to a well at the hottest time of the day when no one was supposed to be there. Jesus was thirsting for her faith and enters into a dialogue with her— culminating in him telling her that he is the Messiah. She runs off, no longer self-conscious of her identity, only conscious of her joy at having met the Messiah. The results are astounding. Soon, the Samaritans flock to come meet Jesus and he spends two days there, profitably preaching the coming Kingdom of God— leading them to proclaim that Jesus is “indeed the Savior of the World.” This would have been impossible with the woman.

What can Jesus do with us? How can he use you and I to reach others? In our country and community today, the light of God's truth is fading. Fewer and fewer are being impacted by the Gospel. And we can see the results— mass isolation, addiction, polarization, despair, and confusion. But Jesus' thirst for the faith of others has not abated. He longs for each and every person to come to him and find rest for their souls. He wishes to heal and bring everyone to the light of his truth, as well as give the joy of being known and loved by him. Are we willing to help him in that mission?

Third Sunday of Lent

Are you thirsty?

Do you feel unsettled or sense that life is about more than the daily details that fill your time, energy, and attention?

Are you anxious or worried and yearn for peace? Is there an ache in your heart that longs for relief?

The thirst for meaning, purpose, peace, and solace is real. We humans have a tendency to seek relief from such thirst with wealth, material things, or social status, failing to recognize that these things are fleeting.

We may distract ourselves with constant activity, keeping ourselves busy and preoccupied rather than allowing ourselves to acknowledge the yearning in our hearts.

We fail to see that only Christ can quench our thirst.

While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.

— *Romans 5:8*



Prayer during Lent

Prayer of Saint Patrick

Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ where I lie down, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Salvation is of the Lord. Salvation is of the Christ. May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

Today's Readings

First Reading – When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7)

Psalm – Listen to God’s voice today; be not hardhearted (Psalm 95)

Second Reading – God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8)

Gospel – Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42])



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday: Jean Baptiste Point du Sable founded Chicago in 1776

Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



Offering Report

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Regular Offering:	\$7,719.00
Food Pantry:	\$250.00
Debt Reduction:	\$725.00
Forward In Faith:	\$1,200.00
Easter & Mother's	
Day Flowers	\$35.00
Total	\$9,929.00

Last week's collection report was for Sunday, February 26, instead of February 19.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Lectors: Dwight Miller and Cristina Ramierz
Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Peter Callan

Ushers: Team 4

Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Hardy and
Christine Johnson

Counters: Team 4



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)
2. Contact your local Law Enforcement Agency, or call 911,
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the 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.



Prayer List

Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Bernadette Cook, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald and Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Earl Greene, Jr., Frances Thomas, Flora Waddell, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta Mize, Rhea Holloman, Clara Mays, Melva McClellan, Carlos Nix, Velma Jennings, Brenda A. Martin, Margaret Sams, John and Debra Johnson, Carrie Miller, Deacon Ken Greene, Marcella Vaughn, Paris Harrington, Maxine Harvey, Lorna Lewis, Michael Lucas, Lola Jacobs, James and Evalena Davidson (parents of Dan Davidson), Javan Hardy, Frankie Kemp

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.



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St. Monica Catholic Church Presents

Spelman College Glee Club Amaze & Inspire Tour 2023

Join us for the return of the renowned Spelman College Glee Club's Amaze & Inspire Tour! Since 1924, the Spelman College Glee Club (SCGC) has maintained a reputation for choral excellence. Under the direction of Dr. Kevin Johnson the SCGC repertoire consists of sacred and secular choral literature for women's voices, with a particular focus on traditional spirituals, music by African American composers, music from many cultures and commissioned works.

Enjoy an evening of soul-stirring and inspirational songs from one of the country's premier Historically Black Colleges!

No cost to attend

Date: March 16, 2023

**Location: St. Monica Catholic Church, 1616 Paseo Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64108**

Time: 7 p.m.

Fr. Leonard Gicheru, Pastor

All ages welcome. Masks are encouraged. RSVP appreciated, not required. Visit www.stmonicakc.org. Please consider contributing a love offering at this community event.

2 Corinthians 9:7



Announcements

➔ Thank You



The family of Bettye Young extends their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the calls, texts, cards and outpouring of love and support during their time of bereavement.

➔ Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will be presented by the Hospitality Ministry, Men and Women's Bible Study on Friday, March 17 at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. As we move through the stations pray that we may grow in our identification with patience and perseverance.

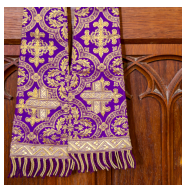
➔ Women's Prayer Conference



Please plan to join us for the return of the Interdenominational Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Breakfast will begin at 9:45 a.m. A

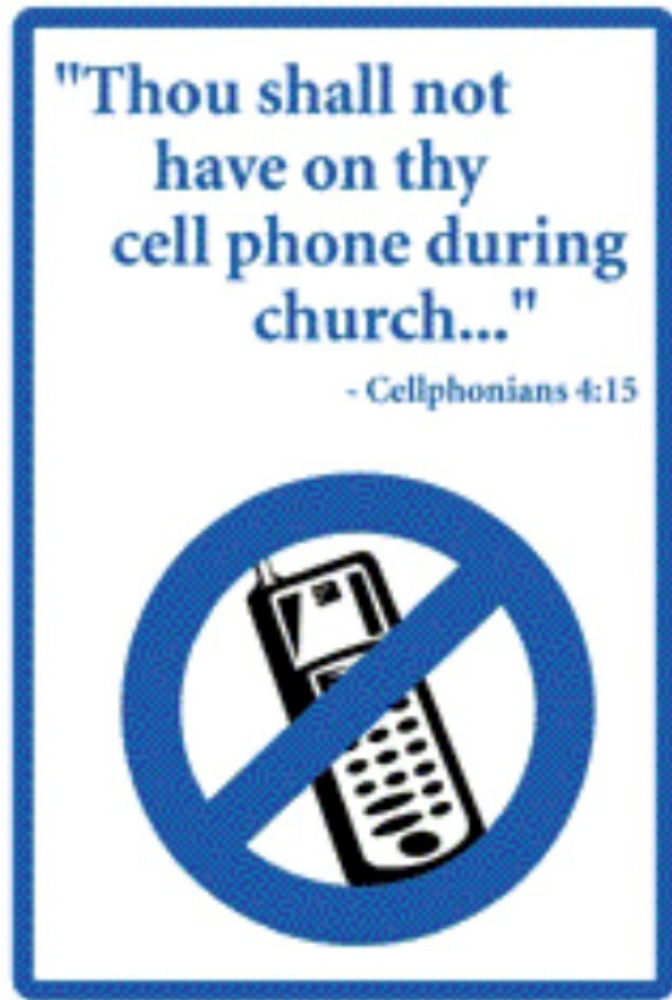
\$20 donation is requested. For more information, please contact Theresa Rutherford at (816) 941-0389.

➔ Hospitality/Usher Meeting



The Hospitality Ministry and Ushers will meet on Sunday, March 26 after mass in Ferguson Hall.

We will discuss training, event updates and the new schedule through July 2023.



CONTACT US

Please help us keep our records current. Let us know if you **move**, get a **new phone number**, change your **email address** or have a different way you wish to be contacted. We would also like to keep our records up-to-date concerning the members of your household; if you have a baby, or if the baby grows up and leaves home, please let us know.

Any significant changes to your household or status (single, married, widowed, divorced etc.) let us know. We do try to keep up, but sometimes the only person to tell us about these changes is you.

Call the church office at (816) 471-3696 or email kmcgee@stmonicakc.org.

All bulletin announcements must be submitted by **Wednesday at noon** to kmcgee@stmonicakc.org.



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Worship With Us!

Sunday Eucharist Celebration
9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

Join Us Online!



Social Service/Food Pantry

Wednesday & Thursday
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Call for appointment (816) 842-1877

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism

Anointing the Sick

Marriage: (9 Months Preparation)

Reconciliation/Confirmation

Religious Education

RCIA

First Communion

Reconciliation

Men's Bible Study

Sunday School

Junior Youth Group

Senior Youth Group

Women's Bible Study

For more information or to schedule an appointment call (816) 471-3696