



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 Parishioners of St. Monica,
This weekend, as we celebrate Mother's Day, our thoughts are drawn to a profound symbol of love: the love a mother has for her child. This love is pure and unconditional; it doesn't ask for anything in return. A mother loves her child simply because of who they are, not for what they can do or provide.

In the Bible, the nature of a mother's love is often compared to God's enduring love for us. Isaiah 66:13 reflects this sentiment so beautifully: "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; And you will be comforted in Jerusalem." This passage illustrates how the comforting nature of a mother's love can be a reflection of God's own compassion and comfort toward us.

Moreover, the love of a mother is not bound by conditions or limits. It transcends the everyday and touches the divine. It's a love that goes beyond the personal and becomes a sacrament of the boundless love of God. In Isaiah 49:15: "Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the child of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you."



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Here, the prophet highlights the unlikely possibility of a mother forgetting her child to underscore the unfailing nature of God's memory and care for us.

It is often said that through our mothers, we first experience the concept of unconditional love—a love that expects nothing in return, a hallmark of divine affection. This love is vividly portrayed in the old Jewish proverb, “God could not be everywhere, so He made mothers.” Through their love, mothers embody the visible love of the invisible God.

Today, I especially want to acknowledge and thank all the mothers of St. Monica for their exemplary faith and resilient spirit of prayer in our parish community. Your lives are a testament to the strength and grace of maternal love, which sustains and nurtures us all.

May God bless you and every mother on this special day.

Happy Mother's Day!

Fr. Leonard



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; John 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; John 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, ; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Lectors: Diane Charity, Rita Womack

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: David Holstein

Ushers: Team C

Eucharistic Ministers: Allison McDonald, Felicia Menefee

Offering Reports

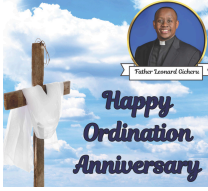
Sunday, May 5, 2024

Regular Offering:	\$4,882.00
Food Pantry:	\$140.00
Second Collection:	\$0.00
Miscellaneous:	\$640.00
Total	\$5,662.00

The Prayer of St. Monica

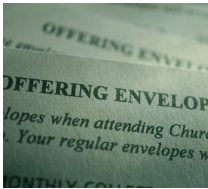
Cast yourself with confidence into the arms of God and be very sure of this, if God wants anything of you, He will fit you for your work and give you the strength to do it.

Join the Celebration



Join us in celebrating Fr. Leonard's 10th Ordination Anniversary! There will be a dinner on Saturday, May 25th at 5:00 PM. The following day, Sunday, May 26th at 9:00 AM, we will be having a mass and reception at St. Monica. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please call the parish office at (816) 471-3696.

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.

Gabriel Project KC



You are invited to learn about the Gabriel Project, what our volunteer "Angels" do, how pregnant moms in need are helped, and how Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Monica can get involved. We invite you to join us on Sunday, May 19th, from 12:15-1:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall. Snacks will be provided.

You're invited!

REMINDER

Send bulletin announcements to Biviana at bradillo@stmonicakc.org by Wednesdays at noon.

Women's Bible Study



Ladies, mark your calendars for a wonderful opportunity to delve into the Word of God together. Our Women's Bible Study group will gather every first and third Saturday, from 9:30 to 11:00am. This is a fantastic chance to grow spiritually and explore the teachings of the Bible in a supportive and engaging environment. For more information please reach out to Paula Nix at (816) 471-3696 or mstpaula.pn@gmail.com.

Celebrate Black Excellence



Join the celebration of Black entrepreneurship and excellence at the BlackBizFest signature events. The Black Expo and the Black Business Ball and Honors will be held at the Kansas City Convention Center on May 18-19. Engage with industry leaders, discover innovative opportunities, and honor impactful contributions within the community. Don't miss out on this opportunity to network, learn, and celebrate Black excellence!



Training and Compliance Coordinator Position

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is seeking a Training and Compliance Coordinator to lead training and compliance oversight of human resources and safe environment programs of the Diocese. This position will be the primary contact for parish and school business managers, safe environment coordinators (SECs), and Virtus facilitators. The Training and Compliance Coordinator will implement training and compliance requirements for clergy and employees. This position is full time averaging 40 hours per week. Interested candidates can visit <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/2435508>.

"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, Deacon, 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)

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: 7th Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of The Lord; Mother's Day

Monday: Our Lady of Fatima; 1950 Stevie Wonder born in Saginaw, MI

Tuesday: St. Matthias, Apostle

Wednesday: St. Isidore; Act of 1820 U.S. Congress declared that U.S. citizens who engage in the foreign slave trade are subject to punishment by death

Thursday: 1979 A. Philip Randolph, a leader in the civil rights movement and labor movement passed in New York, NY

Friday: 1995 Edward K. Braxton ordained Catholic Bishop, St. Louis, MO; 1954 In Brown vs Board of Education of Topeka, KS the U.S. Supreme Court declared that segregation in schools is unconstitutional

Saturday: St. John I; 2015 Father Cyprian Davis, spiritual writer/historian passed in Jasper, IN

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, MAY 12

9:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Louie Jones' 90th Birthday (FH)
10:00 AM Sunday School (STM)
10:00 AM 1st Communion Class (CR)

MONDAY, MAY 13

TUESDAY, MAY 14

4:00 PM KPC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (STM)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Prayer Service

THURSDAY, MAY 16

FRIDAY, MAY 17

SATURDAY, MAY 18

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (STM)

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