



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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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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Reconciled & Filled by the Holy Spirit

Happy Pentecost! Today, throughout the world, our Church celebrates the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' first followers and upon all of us. Why do we need the Holy Spirit in our lives? This is an important question to ponder. Today, as always, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit work as One God. It is the Father Who wills that we be reconciled to Him; it was the Son Who made this reconciliation possible; and it is the Holy Spirit Who now accomplishes the completion of this act in our lives. At the heart of that gift of salvation is the remission of our sins. The passage above clearly reveals to us that Jesus bestowed a unique gift of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, His first bishops, entrusting them with the ability to forgive sins in His name and by His power.

As we celebrate Pentecost, it is a good opportunity to prayerfully consider the action of the Holy Spirit in your life. One of the greatest ways that the Holy Spirit is potentially active in your life is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through that Sacrament, the Holy Spirit draws you to the Father and enables you to see and understand His perfect will, living more fully in union with the Son as a member of His Body.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are some of the other ways that the Holy Spirit helps us in our Christian walk. However, these gifts would be ineffective in our lives if we did not first receive the gift of forgiveness given through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. That is the first and most foundational action of the Holy Spirit and opens the door to every other gift. Perhaps that is why Jesus' first bestowal of the Holy Spirit focused upon the power given to His Apostles to forgive sins in His name.

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Once we are reconciled to the Father and begin to live in a state of grace, the Holy Spirit will continue to deepen His relationship with us and bestow His help upon us for our Christian journey. This especially happens through the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts most affecting our intellect are the Gifts of Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge. Wisdom helps us to understand the inner life of the Trinity more clearly. Understanding helps us to make sense of our lives and mission in the light of the Gospel. Knowledge helps us make practical decisions in accord with God's will.

The gifts of Fear of the Lord and Piety assist us in our love of God. Fear of the Lord helps us to see how our actions help or hinder our relationship with God, helping to motivate us to avoid all that harms this relationship and choose all that strengthens it. Piety helps us to see the great dignity and beauty of God and enables us to have a deep reverence for Him and for all of His people.

Counsel and Fortitude are also given by the Holy Spirit and help us to firmly move forward in faith and love. Counsel especially helps us with love of neighbor, and Fortitude adds the strength we need to do all that we are called to do in love with unwavering commitment.

As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, reflect, today, upon the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. If you want to be open to the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life and receive the many gifts you need for your journey of faith, then begin with the most fundamental gift. Begin with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Ponder the words Jesus spoke in our Gospel today and know that by entrusting the grace to forgive sins in His name to His first priests, Jesus was also calling you to embrace that gift. The Holy Spirit wants you to be cleansed of all sin. Allow Him to do so and you will be amazed at all the grace that follows.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Genesis 3:9-15,20; Psalm 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; John 19:25-34

Tuesday: James 4:1-10; Psalm 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23; Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday: James 4:13-17; Psalm 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11; Mark 9:38-40

Thursday: James 5:1-6; Psalm 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20; Mark 9:41-50

Friday: James 5:9-12; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mark 10:1-12

Saturday: James 5:13-20, ; Psalm 141:1-2, 3 and 8; Mark 10:13-16

Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Psalms 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Lectors: Pat Williams, Rose Roos

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: David Holstein

Ushers: Team D

Eucharistic Ministers: Crystal Miller, Dianna Miller

Offering Reports

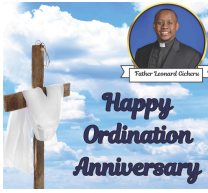
Sunday, May 12, 2024

Regular Offering:	\$5,126.00
Food Pantry:	\$320.00
Second Collection:	\$0.00
Miscellaneous:	\$5.00
Total	\$5,451.00

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're invited! 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 today, May 19th, from 12:15-1:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall. Snacks will be provided.

Women's Bible Study



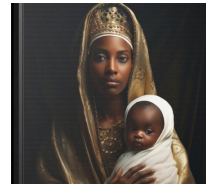
Ladies, mark your calendars for a wonderful opportunity to delve into the Word of God together. Our Women's Bible Study group will gather every first and third Saturday, from 9:30 to 11:00am. This is a fantastic chance to grow spiritually and explore the teachings of the Bible in a supportive and engaging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

Healing The Hurt: A Night of Prayer and Solidarity



Join us as we gather to offer support, promote healing, and seek justice for those whom the church has hurt, excluded, or abandoned. The event will be held on Tuesday, May 21st from 7-8pm at Visitation Catholic Church, 5141 Main St., KCMO, 64112.

Join us at the next Legion of Mary meeting



Please join us for the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Kibeho/Our Lady Sorrows Praesidium meeting on Monday, May 27, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the St. Monica building. Your presence and participation are greatly appreciated!

Rediscover Your Faith



Our next meeting for Rediscover Your Faith will be on May 28th in the St. Monica Room at 6pm. This is a time to explore and learn more about our faith from Brad Geist, our Pastoral Associate. Our topic will be on the Church's teachings on the Eucharist and its place in our life as Christians.

Thank You From the Jones Family

Dear St. Monica Family,
Thank you for attending Louie's 90th birthday celebration. Your kindness touched our hearts.

Sincerely,
Louie, Margaret and Family

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), Bonita Akridge

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: Pentecost Sunday; 1925 Malcolm X, Black nationalist/human rights activist born in Omaha, NE

Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,; 1704 Elias Neau established a school for slaves in New York, NY

Tuesday: St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions; 1987 National Black Catholic Congress VI, Washington, DC

Wednesday: St. Rita of Cascia; 2018 Stacey Abrams became the 1st African American woman to be nominated for governor in Georgia

Thursday: 1972 Major General Frederic E. Davison 1st African American to lead an army division

Friday: 1951 Municipal Court of Appeals ruled racial discrimination in restaurants in Washington, DC is illegal

Saturday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; 1889 Lillie Mae Jackson, civil rights pioneer born in Baltimore, MD

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, MAY 19

9:00 AM Mass

MONDAY, MAY 20

TUESDAY, MAY 21

7:00 AM Project Homeless Connect KC (FH)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Prayer Service

THURSDAY, MAY 23

FRIDAY, MAY 24

SATURDAY, MAY 25

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