

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 27, 2019**

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.

— Sirach 35:17-18a

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RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Today's readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better. In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. "The Lord will not delay," he says. Knowing that God's help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord. In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again. Today's Gospel draws us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ's.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (*Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18*).

Psalms — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (*Psalms 34*).

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Bolder	Homesdale Care Center
Jeanette Hamilton Evans	Home
Eddie Jennings,	V.A. Rehab Cameron
Inell Hunter	Home
Margaret G. Jones	Research Hospital
Martha Melton	Addington House Ctr
Marcheita Bush	Home
Carlos Nix	Home
Lavel McCullough	Home
Rosa Birch	Home
Sandra Cloyd	Home
Kevin Brown	Home
Jackie Countee	Home
Sharon Shackelford-Allen	Home
Earnestine Nard	Home
Mable Parson	Home
Earl Greene	Home
Michael Mize	Home
Chaunceyetta Mize	Home

FAMILY MEMBERS

Please inform Father Leonard, when a loved-one has become homebound, or has been hospitalized. Call, 816-471-3696, or email: leombuthia@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 3RD ASSIGNMENTS

SERVERS Coordinator: V. Ammons*
All Servers

LECTORS Coordinator, Rose Palmer*

8:00 a.m. Margaret Sams,
Deborah Scott

10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Coordinator, Dianna Miller*

8:00 a.m. Gerald Buckman,
Mary Graham, Christine
Johnson, Elaine Johnson

10:00 a.m. Mary Ann Grayson, Pamela
Green, Ronald Green, Carolyn
Greene, Ben Gruber, Joann
James, Margaret Jones,
Syrtiler Kabat, Dorothy Mustin,
Dwight Miller

USHERS Coordinators, Kim Urenda,
Mary Pearson *

8:00 a.m. Elaine Johnson,
Lawrence Blankinship

10:00 a.m. Team D: Paul Alexander,
Eric Burtin, Maya Burtin, Jeanette
Countee, Jenny Gillis, Genia Palmer

WELCOME: Chidera Okafor

COUNTERS: TEAM #1

Burnetta Burtin

MEETINGS / DATES / TIMES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes meet Immediately after the 10:00 Mass. Ramonda Doakes, Director

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Sundays,
Church Hall, Lower Level,
Coordinators: John & Debra Johnson

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Meetings will be held in the
Administration Building, St. Monica
Room, Every 1st and 3rd Sunday.
Coordinators: Eric & Burnetta Burtin, Elton
& Phaedra Lombard

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation

for Adults. Meetings are held on
Sundays, in the Small Chapel, following
the 10 a.m. Mass. Deacon Ken Greene,
Instructor.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

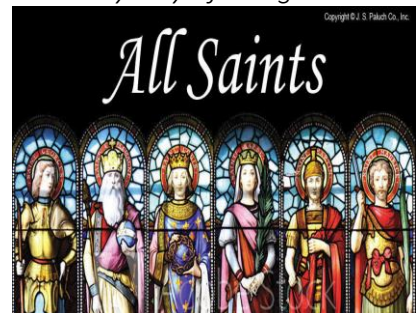
3 rd Degree Knights	1 st Sat 1:00 p.m.
4 th Degree Knights	1 st Sat. 1:45 p.m.
Fr. Constantine Ct.	1 st Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Ladies of Grace	4 th Sun. 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Daughters	2 nd Sat. 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Knights	1 st Sun. 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

FRIDAY NOV. 1ST

Holy Day of Obligation

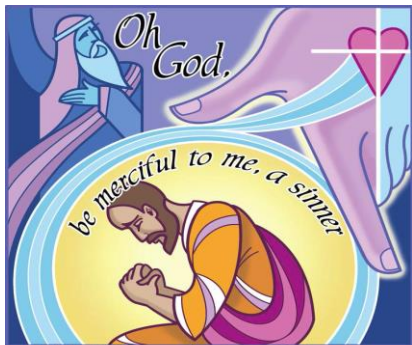


MASS 9:00 A.M.

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast/Bible Study
New members are welcome.
Meetings are held in the Administration
Building / St. Monica Room.

GOSPEL — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
- Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday:** Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
- Friday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Saturday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
- Sunday:** Wis 11:2 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
- Monday:** Ss. Simon and Jude
- Thursday:** Halloween
- Friday:** All Saints; First Friday
- Saturday:** The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed(All SoulsDay); First Saturday



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All who humble themselves will be exalted

TREASURES –

Friday's Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the *pan de muerto*, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

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St. Monica's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins Sunday, November 3, 2019 This is a church family project Our goal this year is to provide 50 baskets to 50 families. The items requested for donation will provide a thanksgiving Dinner and other staples, a family needs during this season. If you know of a family in need, please contact our food Pantry Office, at 816-842-1877, Mon., Wed., Thursday. **See the food donation list in today's bulletin Insert.**

FROM THE PASTORS' DESK



Dear St. Monica Family, I hope this finds you well.

First, I would like to thank all of those who have worked tirelessly to make our Chili Supper a success. It takes a lot of work sacrifice and above all, a lot love. Thanks to the Altar and Rosary Society that makes this event a success year after year.

Secondly, as we usher the new Month of November, as Catholics, we celebrate first by acknowledging heroes of faith, on All Saints Day (A Holy Day of Obligation). We will have Mass here on **Nov 1st at 9am**. During the month of November, we also pray for the faithful departed. Those who have preceded us in death. We will in a particular way, pray for our family members and friends during the month of November. There will be a box in the gathering space, where you can drop the names of your loved ones, and we will mention them by name during one of our Sunday Masses in November.

And as we plan to celebrate 110th anniversary, since the founding of St. Monica Parish in Oct. of 2020.

This coming Sunday, we will have an update from the Stewardship Committee Chair, Mrs. Shirley Thaw. She will give us an outline of where we are as a parish, and also invite and encourage us of how we can continue to make Monica's legacy a beckon of hope in our community.

God bless you all,

Fr. Leonard

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday - Noon

Happy Thanksgiving

ST. MONICA 'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

BEGINS NOVEMBER 3, 2019

THIS IS A CHURCH FAMILY PROJECT

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO PROVIDE 50 BASKETS TO 50 FAMILIES

THE ITEMS REQUESTED FOR DONATION WILL PROVIDE A THANKSGIVING DINNER AND OTHER STAPLES A FAMILY NEEDS DURING THIS SEASON.

IF YOU KNOW OF A FAMILY IN NEED PLEASE CONTACT FOOD PANTRY OFFICE

AT 816 842-1877 ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY FROM 10:30A-2PM

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATED FOOD ITEMS AND PLACE THEM ON TABLES IN

FERGUSON HALL ON : SUNDAYS, NOV 3, NOV 10, NOV 17

WEEKDAYS ANY MON, WED, THURS. FROM 10:30A-2:00P

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED:

TO ASSEMBLE BASKETS ON SATURDAY, NOV 23 FROM 10A UNTIL ,

NEED A DRIVER TO HELP PICK UP TURKEYS ON SAT NOV 23

BASKETS GIVEN AWAY ON SUNDAY, NOV 24

SEE FOOD DONATION LIST ON BACK---

IN LIEU OF FOOD DONATIONS, WE WILL ALSO ACCEPT MONEY OR A TURKEY

(12-15 LBS.) TO FILL A BASKET A DONATION OF \$60 IS NEEDED.

IF YOU WANT TO DO MORE OR HAVE SUGGESTIONS--PLEASE CALL ME AT THE PANTRY OFFICE 816 842-1877---MON. WED. FROM 10:30A-2PM

SUNDAY NOV 3

CANNED GOODS
GREEN BEANS
CANNED SWEET POTATOES
WHOLE KERNAL CORN
SLICED PEACHES
FRUIT COCKTAIL
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
VEGETABLE SOUP
PORK & BEANS
CRANBERRY SAUCE

SUNDAY NOV 10

DRY GOODS
HAMBURGER HELPER
MACARONI CHEESE
PINTO BEANS
RICE
CRACKERS
INSTANT POTATOES
EGGS
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY

SUNDAY NOV 17

WEEKDAY---- NOV 18-23

BOXED ITEMS
STUFFING MIX
CAKE MIX
ICING
FLOUR
SUGAR
BREAD
MARGARINE/BUTTER
APPLES
ORANGES

ALL ITEMS

SATURDAY NOV 23

ALL ITEMS

***** PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO EXPIRATION DATES ON CANNED GOOD ITEMS
WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE AWAY UNHEALTHY ITEMS

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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 if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (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, at: 816.812.2500, or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

