



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

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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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From our Pastor

All Souls' Day

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Every year, on November 2, the Church pauses to remember and pray for all the faithful departed—those who have died in the friendship of God but are still being purified before entering the fullness of Heaven. Known as All Souls' Day, this commemoration follows immediately after All Saints' Day and beautifully expresses the deep bond between the Church Triumphant (the saints in heaven), the Church Militant (us on earth), and the Church Suffering (the souls in purgatory). Together, these three form the Communion of Saints, united in Christ's love beyond time and death.

Theology of All Souls' Day

The celebration of All Souls' Day rests on the Church's profound belief in the resurrection of the dead and the mercy of God. As Scripture says, "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins" (2 Maccabees 12:46). Death, for Christians, is not the end but a passage—a doorway into eternal life. However, because many die still needing purification, the Church teaches that there exists a state called Purgatory, where souls are cleansed of the effects of sin before entering Heaven.

Purgatory is not punishment in the sense of vengeance, but rather God's merciful fire of love, healing the soul and making it ready to see Him face to face. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1030) affirms: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."



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This teaching is rooted in the mystery of divine justice and mercy. God's justice ensures that nothing unholy enters His presence, while His mercy provides the means for souls to be made ready through the prayers, Masses, and good works of the living.

The Church's Practice and Devotion

All Souls' Day began formally in the 10th century when St. Odilo of Cluny instructed his monasteries to offer special prayers for the dead on November 2. From there, the custom spread throughout the Church. Today, the Church encourages all the faithful to pray for the dead throughout the month of November, to visit cemeteries, and to gain indulgences for the souls in purgatory.

The liturgy of All Souls' Day is marked by deep reverence and hope. The violet vestments, the lighting of candles, and the reading of comforting Scriptures all express our faith in Christ's victory over death. In the Mass, the Church offers the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the most powerful prayer for the departed, uniting their purification to the redeeming sacrifice of Christ.

The Communion of Love

To pray for the dead is an act of love and solidarity. It reminds us that our relationships in Christ do not end at death. Our prayers, acts of charity, and sacrifices can help those who await full union with God. At the same time, the saints in heaven intercede for us, and together we share in one great family of faith that spans heaven and earth.

In this sacred month of remembrance, let us bring to the altar the names of our loved ones, trusting that God's mercy is greater than our sins, and that those who sleep in Christ shall one day awaken in the light of His glory.

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen!

Fr. Leonard Gicheru

Readings for the Week

Monday: Romans 11:29-36; Psalm 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday: Romans 12:5-16ab; Psalm 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday: Romans 13:8-10; Psalm 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Romans 14:7-12; Psalm 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Luke 15:1-10

Friday: Romans 15:14-21; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Luke 16:9-15

Sunday: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Lectors: Deborah Scott, Pat Williams

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Ernest Collins

Ushers: Team B

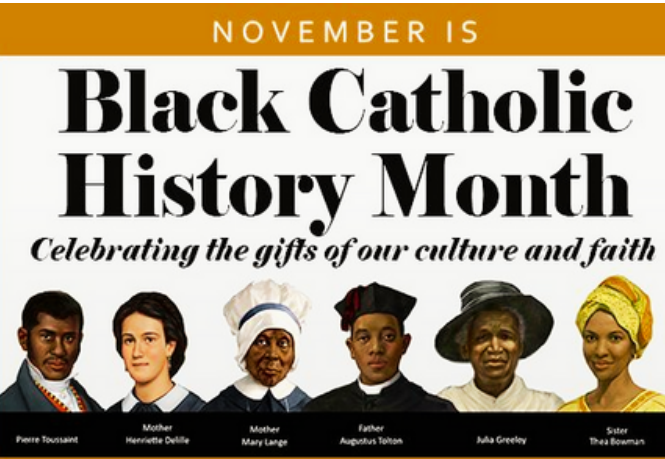
Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Barber, Stephanie Broils, Terese Brown, Gerald Buckman, Diane Charity, Dawn Collins

Offering Reports

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Regular Offering: \$3,815.00

Total \$3,815.00



Announcements

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

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 mspaula.pn@gmail.com.

Give From The Heart



The St. Monica Food Pantry invites our church family to "Give From the Heart."

Food boxes will be provided for those in need, with distribution taking

place on November 23rd from 11 AM to 1 PM in Ferguson Hall. Donations will be accepted from October 27th through November 22, 2025. A marked container will be available in the vestibule for your contributions. Additionally, we need volunteers to help assemble the boxes on November 22, 2025, starting at 10 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Womack at (816) 842-1877 during pantry hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Thank you for your support!

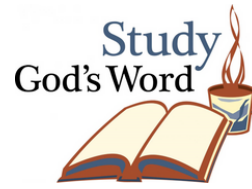
Pizza Party



To learn more about the upcoming capital campaign, make plans to attend a free pizza party at Donnelly Hall beside the downtown Cathedral on

Thursday November 13th at 6pm. All are welcome. Come enjoy the food and hear from Fr. Leonard about the needs of this Sanctuary and the possibilities for Ferguson Hall. An estimated headcount of those planning to attend will be taken after next Sunday's mass. If you will not be at Mass on Sunday November 9, yet plan to attend the pizza party, let Peter Callan know at callanpo@gmail.com or 816-678-7689. Donations to cover the cost of this party are still being accepted.

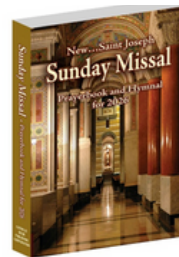
Wednesday Prayer Service



Join us every Wednesday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for our uplifting prayer service. We start with an inspiring song, followed by the rosary, and engaging readings.

Together, we will discuss the upcoming Sunday gospel, share our prayer intentions, and conclude with a powerful closing prayer. Come and strengthen your faith with our community!

Altar and Rosary Society Annual Fundraiser



We're excited to announce that the 2026 Missalettes will be available for purchase starting today, November 2, 2025! Join the Altar and Rosary Society in the vestibule each Sunday to get your copy. Each Missalette is just \$5. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to reach out to Crystal Miller.

All Souls' Altar



All are invited to continue to bring photos and funeral programs of their dearly departed loved ones to place on the All-Souls Altar in the vestibule. Prayer cards will be available on the altar for you to write the names of your loved ones.



"A CHURCH ALIVE IS WORTH THE DRIVE!"

Prayer List



Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald Parson, Elaine Lomax, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta Mize, Rhea Holloman, Melva McClellan, Velma Jennings, Brenda A. Martin, Marcella Vaughn, Paris Harrington, Michael Lucas, Lola Jacobs, Evalena Davidson (mother of Dan Davidson), Javan Hardy, Frankie Kemp, Carmelita Newman, Conrad McDonald, Opal C. Blankinship, Patrice Williams (daughter of Pat and Don Williams), John James, Barbara Walters, Janee Green (daughter of Pam and Ronald Green), Jublatee O'Neal (New Parishioner), Bonita Akridge, Lawrence Ramirez, Edward H. Franklin, Jr. (Father of Tracey Franklin Bradford), Sean Curry (Son of Angela Curry), Bettye Young, Don Williams, Deacon Darwin Dupree, Ramonda Doakes, Vincent Alexandria

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 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 If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman at 816.213.6024 or ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org

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, at 816.714.2357 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Safety Environment Coordinator for St. Monica Parish -
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Leadership Corner

Eucharistic Ministers

Dianna Miller	Coordinator
Shirley Barber	Sharon Hardy
Stephanie Broils	Elaine Joohnson
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Diane Charity	Crystal Miller
Dawn Collins	Paula Nix
Bernadette Cook	Rose Palmer
Angela Curry	Lydia Ramirez
Arimeta Dupree	Rose Roos
Mary Graham	Katie Stewart
Pamela Green	Kirk Thaw
Ronald Green	Shirley Thaw
Carolyn Greene	Pat Wlliams
Ben Gruber	Rita Womack

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00 AM	Mass
10:30 AM	GriefShare Group (CH)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00 AM	Mass
6:00 PM	Prayer Service

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

11:30 AM	Ladies of St. Peter Claver, Court 57 (STM)
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