



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 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
(816) 471-3696
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Father and the Son are One. Their unity is perfect in every way. They share one divine nature. Yet they are distinct Persons. They are not only perfectly united as One God, they are also able to be in a loving communion of unity with each other. The mystery of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is a mystery so deep that we will never fully comprehend Them. They are the “unknowable God” Whom we seek to know. Thus, our relationship with God is an ongoing journey by which we plunge ourselves into this mystery more deeply every day and through eternity.

Today's Gospel gives us a glimpse into the glorious unity of God, but it goes further. It also reveals the desire in the Heart of God to come and dwell within us. If we love God and keep His Word, the Trinity will come to us and dwell within us. “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” This invitation given to us to share in the unity of God is also a mystery too deep for words.

As a child, perhaps you were taught about the mystery of the Trinity by being shown a three-leaf clover. Each petal represents one of the divine Persons, but the whole leaf represents Their unity. We benefit from this simplistic imagery to help us begin to understand Who God is.



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But in reality, there is only one thing that will help to fully reveal God’s very Self to us. What is that one thing? It is exactly what Jesus spoke about: Loving obedience to the Word of God.

Obedience to the Word of God is the best expression of love we can offer to God. This is because God’s Word is Truth in its fullness. When we understand this Truth and live by it, then this is love. Furthermore, this form of loving obedience will result in something that is unimaginable. It will result in the indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity in our souls: “...and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.”

Though this language is clouded and mysterious, when the Most Holy Trinity comes to dwell within a person, the cloud begins to be lifted and the mystery begins to become known. Therefore, the only way to begin to discover this incomprehensible mystery of the life of the Most Holy Trinity is to allow the Trinity to dwell within you. And the only way to invite God to do so is through love of Him. And the only way to love Him is through obedience to the Word of God. Jesus is the Word of God. We especially come to know Him as the Word of God through our reading of the Scriptures and by living the message it proclaims.

Reflect, today, upon the most central calling you have been given. That mission is to become a dwelling place for God. And that is only accomplished by your love of God which is expressed through obedience to His Word. Ponder obedience. Tell God you will obey His every command of love. Look at your actions and consider any ways that you fail in obedience to all that our Lord has commanded. Where you see any deviation, know that correcting that deviation is the pathway not only to a deeper love but also the pathway to a fuller unity with the Triune God Who seeks to unite Himself to you from within.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, and 9b; John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; John 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 16:20-23

Saturday: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Luke 1:39-56

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Lectors: Elton Lombard, Phaedra Lombard

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Margaret Mendy

Ushers: Team A

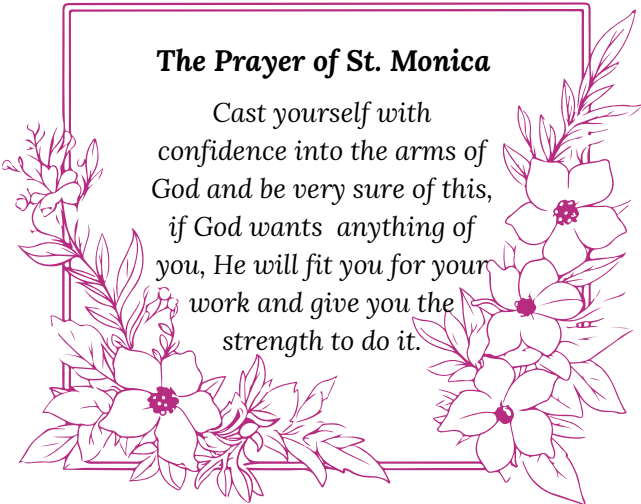
Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Charity, Dawn Collins, Angela Curry, Arimeta Dupree, Mary Graham, Pamela Green

Offering Reports

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Regular Offering:	\$0.00
Food Pantry:	\$0.00
Bldg. Fund:	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00

(Collections were not counted this week; the numbers will be provided next week.)



Juneteenth Parade



Save the date for the Juneteenth Parade on June 7th! The Juneteenth Heritage Festival will be held on June 21st. We are the reigning champions for our float and

welcome your ideas, time, and talents as we prepare to win again! Sign-up sheets are located at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please reach out to Crystal Marie at (816) 665-6753 or Peter at (816) 678-7689. Remember, "A Church Alive is WORTH THE DRIVE!"

Eucharistic Adoration



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

We invite you to a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Monica on May 27th, from 4:30 to

5:30 PM. Join us as we honor St. Katharine Drexel, the beloved founder of our parish, along this dedicated pilgrimage route. It is a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect in her honor. Come and be part of this sacred moment as we reflect and unite in prayer.

Step Into The Rhythm!



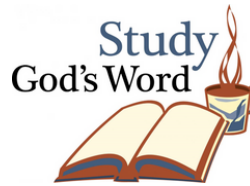
Line dancing is back! The Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary Council and Court #57 invite you to a FREE Soul Line Dance Class on Saturday, May 31, from

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at St. Monica Catholic Church in Ferguson Hall. This family-friendly event welcomes all skill levels—no dance experience needed! Come enjoy an afternoon of joyful movement, community spirit, and cultural celebration. Registration is required. Register at www.18thandvinelives.com.

Thank You for your Support!!

Wednesday Night Prayer Group would like to thank all attendees, volunteers, and a special thanks to the Altar & Rosary Society for making the Seder Ceremony and Dinner in April a success.

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!

Planting Day For Our Children



Due to the success of last year's event, the Altar & Rosary Society and Lawn/Beautification Committee are pleased to

offer this activity again for the children. Parents, please mark your calendars for June 8, right after Sunday Mass. We will provide 30 minutes of planting instructions for your kids on how to transplant Easter potted flowers from the church into the church garden.

Join Us For Breakfast



Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 1st. The Knights of Peter Claver are hosting a breakfast in Ferguson Hall next Sunday.

Tickets are only \$7.00. Join us for a morning filled with good food and great fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Gratitude to the Burtains

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Eric and Burnetta Burtain for their generous sponsorship and for providing the delicious meals that helped make our recent Family & Friends Day a joyful and memorable event.

Their hospitality, love, and faithful service brought warmth and a true sense of community to all who attended. We are deeply grateful for the spirit of generosity and quiet leadership they bring to St. Monica's.

Prayer List



Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Beverly Dyer, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Elaine Lomax, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta Mize, Rhea Holloman, Melva McClellan, Velma Jennings, Brenda A. Martin, Marcella Vaughn, Paris Harrington, Maxine Harvey, 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), Alvin Brooks, Bettye Young, Don Williams, Deacon Darwin Dupree

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@diocesekcsj.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 ext. 516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Safety Environment Coordinator for St. Monica Parish -
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Leadership Corner

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Ernest Collins
Tracey Lewis
Fr. Leonard

Chair
Recorder



Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, MAY 25

9:00 AM All African Day Mass
10:30 AM Dance Rehearsal (S)

MONDAY, MAY 26

Memorial Day
6:00 PM Legion of Mary Meeting (STM)

TUESDAY, MAY 27

4:30 PM Eucharistic Pilgrimage

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Prayer Service

THURSDAY, MAY 29

FRIDAY, MAY 30

SATURDAY, MAY 31

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