



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 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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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." Mark 14:22-24

At the holy Mass, as soon as the priest pronounces the words of the consecration, transforming the bread and wine into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ our Lord, he genuflects, rises, and then says, "The mystery of faith." What is "the mystery of faith?" Oftentimes, when we say that something is a mystery, we mean that the conclusion is hidden but that there are certain clues to help solve the mystery. And once the mystery is solved, everything is clear and it is no longer a mystery.

"The mystery of faith" is much different. Those words are spoken at Mass immediately after the consecration as a way of drawing the faithful into a holy awe and amazement of what just took place.

But this mystery can only produce wonder and awe if the reality of what just took place is understood through the gift of faith. Faith is knowing and believing without perceiving the reality before us with our five senses or through logical deduction. In other words, faith produces true knowledge of a spiritual reality that can only be known, understood and believed through spiritual insight.



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Therefore, if we attend the Mass and have been gifted with the knowledge of faith, then as soon as the consecration of the bread and wine takes place, we will cry out interiorly, “My Lord and my God!” We will know that God the Son is present before us in a veiled way. Our eyes do not perceive, nor do any of our senses reveal to us the great reality before us. We cannot rationally deduce what just took place. Instead, we come to know and believe that the Son of God, the Savior of the World, is now present before us in His fullness, under the veil of mere bread and wine.

In addition to the divine presence of our Lord and our God, the entire Mystery of our Redemption is made present. Saint Pope John Paul II tells us that in this moment there is a “oneness in time” that links the Paschal Mystery, that is, the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, to every moment that the Eucharist is celebrated and made present through the words of consecration. And that unity between each Mass and the Paschal Mystery “leads us to profound amazement and gratitude” (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, #5). Do you sense and experience this profound amazement and gratitude each time you attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Do you realize as you attend the Mass and as the words of consecration are spoken that the entire Mystery of your redemption is made present before you, hidden from your eyes but visible to your soul by faith? Do you understand that it is God the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity Who descends to us to dwell with us in that moment of time in this glorious Sacrament?

Reflect, today, upon the hidden but real Mystery of Faith. Allow yourself to be drawn into a wonder and awe at what you are privileged to attend. Let your faith in the Most Holy Eucharist grow by being open to a deepening of this gift of faith through spiritual insight and belief. Behold this great Gift of the Eucharist with the eyes of faith and you will be drawn into the wonder and awe that God wants to bestow upon you.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22; Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6 and Acts 13:22-26; Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Luke 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday: Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16; Psalm 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Matthew 7:21-29

Friday: Ezekiel 34:11-16 and Romans 5:5b-11; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Luke 15:3-7

Saturday: Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55; Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday: Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Lectors: Dwight Miller, Carolyn Greene

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Margaret Mendy

Ushers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Rita Womack, Stephanie Broils, Gerald Buckman, Diane Charity, Dawn Collins, Angela Curry

Offering Reports

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Regular Offering:	\$3,678.05
Food Pantry:	\$140.00
Bldg. Fund:	\$125.00
Father's Day:	\$25.00
Second Collection:	\$315.00
Total	\$4,283.05

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.

Announcements

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 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 mstpaula.pn@gmail.com.

Career Development Fair



We invite you to attend an exciting Career Development Fair at St. Monica on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This is a fantastic opportunity for

individuals from middle school through adulthood to explore a diverse range of trade and vocational career paths. Our gathering will feature local businesses, vendors, and career training programs eager to share valuable insights and resources. Join us to discover the steps needed to build a rewarding career and unlock your income potential. Don't miss out on this chance to shape your future!

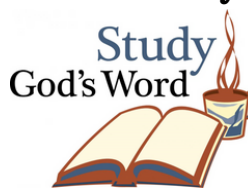
Golden Anniversary



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, September 28, during the 11:00 AM Mass.

This celebration is for couples and their immediate families celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025. To participate, complete the form at <https://forms.office.com/r/EjvxEJnux0> by September 15, 2025. If a couple cannot attend but wishes to be honored, please indicate this. For questions, contact Bobbi Aschwanden at (816) 714-2324 or aschwanden@diocesekcsj.org.

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!

Vacation Bible School



Calling all children in First Grade and Up! Join us for an unforgettable Vacation Bible School at the Cathedral from July 7 to July 11, 2025. Each day from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM, your exciting activities, make new their faith in a fun and welcoming let your child miss out on this e – sign up today! Simply send an y how many spots you would like mily. Register today at [cathedralhome.org/news-articles/876-1-2025](https://www.cathedralhome.org/news-articles/876-1-2025) or email info@cathedralhome.org

Prayer Vigil for the Feast of the Sacred Heart



A Prayer Vigil for the Feast of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Thursday, June 26 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 10901 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS at 7:00 P.M. The Prayer Vigil will include the Vespers, Act of Reparation, Litany of the Sacred Heart, and Chaplet of the Sacred Heart.

“A CHURCH ALIVE IS WORTH THE DRIVE!”

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, Herman Lovett (Father of Burnetta Burtin)

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.

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Rita Womack	Posthumously:
Grace Okonta	Deacon Ken Greene
Carrie Miller	



My ever-glorious Eucharistic Lord,
I do believe that You are here,
made present in our world under
the form of bread and wine, every
time the Holy Mass is celebrated.
Fill me with a deeper faith in this
Holy Gift, dear Lord, so that I may
be drawn into wonder and awe
every time I witness this holy
Consecration. Jesus, I trust in You.

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

9:00 AM Mass
2:00 PM 4th Degree KPC Ladies (STM)

MONDAY, JUNE 23

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Prayer Service

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

10:00 AM Career Development Summit (FH)