



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 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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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.
Luke 10:1

Jesus had many followers who were deeply devoted to Him, abandoning everything to serve Him and to cooperate in the fulfillment of His mission. Oftentimes we give most of our attention to the Twelve Apostles when we speak of Jesus' first followers. But in today's Gospel, Jesus sent seventy-two disciples to go forth to all the towns that He would soon visit. Think about that for a moment. Seventy-two is quite a few people. These would not have been casual followers of Jesus. Rather, they clearly were people who were all in and fully committed to Christ. To them, Jesus entrusted the mission of preaching and gave them authority over demons.

Try to imagine organizing and sending forth seventy-two different people. Jesus would have come to know these disciples personally, witnessed their faith firsthand, taught them at length, and recognized that they were ready to fulfill His sacred mission. We should also presume that there were many others who were His faithful followers but were not yet ready to be entrusted with divine authority and sent on a mission.



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Thus, the movement that Jesus started was truly transforming for many people during those first years of His public ministry.

The same is true for us today. Jesus is not finished sending missionaries on mission. He continues to gather a vast army of servants whom He calls close to Himself, with whom He establishes a very personal relationship, teaches, forms, bestows with special graces and charisms, and then sends forth to continue His apostolic work. Are you among those who are ready to be sent forth by our Lord?

One way to test your readiness for the mission of Christ is to consider the command that Jesus gave to these seventy-two. He said in part, “Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.” In other words, our Lord was telling them that His mission required sacrifice, courage, trust in divine providence, and single-minded determination. His mission is not for the casual follower. It’s for those who are serious about their faith and do not hesitate to do all they need to do to get ready to fulfill Jesus’ divine command.

Reflect, today, upon whether you are ready to fulfill the apostolic mission Jesus wants to entrust to you. Are you willing to sacrifice everything for this mission? Are you courageous enough to do whatever He calls you to do? Do you trust that God will provide for you so that you can accomplish the task He has given to you? And are you single-minded and fully determined? Do not hesitate. Place yourself at the service of our Lord and await His glorious calling in your life.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Genesis 28:10-22a; Psalm 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33; Psalm 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15; Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Psalm 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Matthew 10:7-15

Friday: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Lectors: Sharon Hardy, Brenda Lofton

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Sharon Hardy

Ushers: Team B

Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Hardy, Elaine Johnson, Syrtiller Kabot, Felicia Menefee, Crystal Miller, Dianna Miller

Offering Reports

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Regular Offering:	\$3,394.00
Food Pantry:	\$50.00
Bldg. Fund:	\$20.00
Second Collection:	\$548.00
Parking Lot Fundraiser:	\$1,470.00
Total	\$5,482.00

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.

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.

Visiting Missionary



Fr. Jose Edayadiyil V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest, will visit our parish on the weekend of July 13, 2025, for the Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at Mass and make an appeal for the

Vincentian Missions. The Vincentian Congregation, founded in Kerala, India, is involved in missionary work in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and South Africa. A special collection will be held that weekend to support the mission work. We encourage your generous contributions, as these missionaries depend on our help. Please keep Fr. Jose and all the Vincentian Missionaries in your prayers.

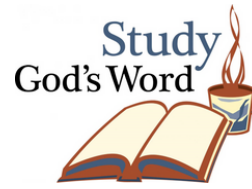
Let's Step it Up!



Get ready to groove at our Free 2-Stepping Class on Saturday, July 12th, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at St. Monica in Ferguson Hall, hosted by the Knights of Peter Claver

and Ladies Auxiliary Council and Court #57 with guest instructor De Barker! All skill levels are welcome. Please bring school supply donations (notebooks, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, etc.) to support local students. Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit www.18thandvinelives.com.

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!

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.

Karibuni!



Come Experience the Joy of Swahili Mass at the KCCA Convention! The Kenyan Catholic Community in America (KCCA) Convention

is coming to Kansas City from July 17-19, 2025—and you're invited! A special highlight of the weekend will be the Swahili Mass on Saturday, July 19 at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Bishop Maria Wainaina of Murang'a, Kenya. This vibrant liturgy will feature joyful Swahili hymns, spirited prayer, and the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of Kenyan Catholics. Whether you speak Swahili or not, come and be uplifted by the universal language of faith, music, and fellowship. All are welcome!

PRAYERFUL PATIENCE

The new heating and air conditioning system (HVAC) has been ordered and is scheduled to be installed in 2-3 months. Starting July 20, 2025, the 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass will be held in Ferguson Hall, our previous sanctuary. We appreciate your patience and support during this transition.

"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.

Safety Environment Coordinator for St. Monica Parish -
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Leadership Corner

St. Monica Choir

Minister of Music	President	Vice President
Melvin Kerr	Paula Nix	Randy Fuller
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Sharon Hardy	Karen Hernandez	Latrice Johnson
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Sheoni Givens	Michelle Sindorf	Terese Brown
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Pamela Green	Allison McDonald	Frances Thomas
Michele Perez	Dwight Miller	Fred Fuqua
Bettye Young	Cathy Johnson	Benjie Givens
London Silvers	Rose Roos	Duane Murff
Isaac Sindorf	Roy Moye	John Perez
Lucas Sindorf	Gabriel Kagwanga	Robert Moore
Vincent Alexandria		
Conrad McDonald		
Karen Hardy Groves		
Carolyn Child Gruber		

Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, JULY 6

9:00 AM Mass

MONDAY, JULY 7

TUESDAY, JULY 8

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

9:00 AM Mass
 6:00 PM Prayer Service
 6:00 PM Parish Council Meeting (STM)

THURSDAY, JULY 10

FRIDAY, JULY 11

SATURDAY, JULY 12

11:00 AM Altar and Rosary meeting (FH)
 3:00PM 2-Step Class (FH)