



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 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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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." John 10:27-28

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is an endearing image. Many artists have depicted the gentleness of Christ as He leads His sheep or carries a straying lamb on His shoulders. We are given this image today as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday.

In our short Gospel passage today, Jesus addressed some of the Jews who were trying to trap Him in His speech. Prior to this passage, they asked Him, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." To that, Jesus responded, "I told you and you do not believe." Jesus answered this way because the people questioning Him were not interested in actually knowing whether He was the Messiah. Instead, they wanted to accuse Him of blasphemy. But Jesus tells them that He already told them Who He was through His works: "The works I do in my Father's name testify to me."



Good Shepherd Sunday

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Do you see the works of God in your life? If you do, then it is important to understand that Jesus' works are one of the primary ways that He speaks to you and leads you as your Shepherd. God certainly speaks to us through His Word as it is revealed in the Scriptures and in the teachings of the Church. But He also speaks to us through His works. Among the many works of God in your life is the work of grace by which God enables you to grow in virtue. Therefore, it is important to look for the ways that supernatural virtue grows in your life. For example, do you see courage in the face of fear? If so, what is God saying to you through the increase of this virtue? Do you see a supernatural ability to forgive another? If so, what is God telling you through the increase of that virtue? Do you see an increase in the virtue of piety, by which your life of prayer becomes more important to you? If so, what is God saying to you through the increase of this virtue?

The discernment of the will of God enables us to hear His voice and follow Him. And one of the best ways to discern the will of God is to look for the ways that God is touching your life. Where you see virtue increase, the will of God is present and is calling you to grow in that area. Conversely, if there is something in your life that leads you to sin, and, thus, a decrease in virtue, then this is also God's voice telling you to avoid these things.

Reflect, today, upon God's actions that are perceptible in your life. Even though God speaks clearly to us through His revealed Word, He also speaks to us and shepherds us through His discernable touching of our souls. Where you see virtue increase, you will find the will of God. Where you see virtue decrease, you will not find the will of God. Listen to God as He speaks to you this way so that you will hear His voice, follow Him and receive eternal life.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; John 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15:9-17

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; John 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Lectors: Sharon Hardy, Carolyn Greene

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Ann Suellentrop

Ushers: Team C

Eucharistic Ministers: Paula Nix, Rose Palmer, Lydia Ramirez, Rose Roos, Terese Brown, Katie Stewart

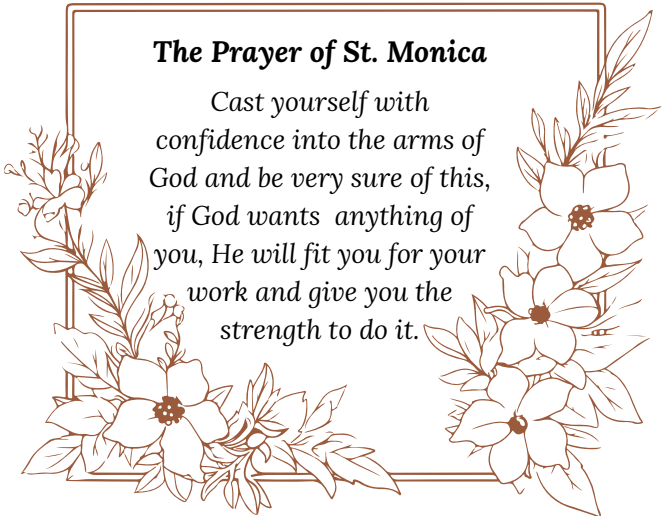
Offering Reports

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Regular Offering:	\$7,378.00
Food Pantry:	\$175.00
Bldg. Fund:	\$635.00
Total	\$8,188.00

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.



Friends and Family Update



Our prize list is growing! We have an air fryer, a \$45 gift card to Bath & Body Works, \$75 in Lowe's gift cards, and a QT gas card. Come on, parish family! Invite your

young adult and adult friends and family to join us on May 18th for Mass, fellowship, brunch, and prizes!

Juneteenth Parade



Save the date for the Juneteenth Parade on June 7th. The Juneteenth Heritage Festival will take place on June 21st. We are the reigning champions for

our float and welcome your ideas, time, and talents as we prepare to win again!

Volunteers Needed



We need volunteers to lend a hand in brightening up our church! We need your help painting various areas both inside and out. If you're interested in volunteering

your time, please connect with Don Williams. He will be in the vestibule after mass, ready to sign you up.

Eucharistic Adoration



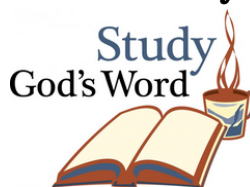
We invite you to a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Monica on May 27th, from 4:30 to

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.

Altar Servers Needed

We are in need of more altar servers. If you are interested, please contact Victor Ammons at (816) 446-2936.

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!

Scholarship Opportunity



Applications for the John H. Johnson Scholarship are open to graduating high school seniors. Requirements: Active participation at St. Monica and involvement in

community service. Minimum 2.5 GPA (transcript required). Admission to a junior college, college, university, or other career program. A completed application and a 500-word essay or less on how you will maintain your Catholic faith and keep God present as you transition to the next phase of your life. To apply, email M. Jenise Comer at jcomer5668@gmail.com. The application deadline is June 10, 2025. For questions, contact Ms. Comer at 816-213-9490.

Thank you

We the family of Roland E. Miller gratefully acknowledges: The Saint Monica Catholic Church family who showed love through their prayers, cards, phone calls, emails, songs, texts, and other acts of kindnesses and gestures during this season of bereavement.

Dianna Miller

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, Deacon Kenneth Greene, Lawrence Ramirez, Edward H. Franklin, Jr. (Father of Tracey Franklin Bradford), Sean Curry (Son of Angela Curry), Alvin Brooks, Bettye Young, Don Williams

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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Tracey Lewis
Fr. Leonard

Chair
Recorder



Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Mother's Day

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

MONDAY, MAY 12

TUESDAY, MAY 13

7:00 AM Project Homeless

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

9:00 AM Mass
6:00 PM Prayer Service

THURSDAY, MAY 15

FRIDAY, MAY 16

SATURDAY, MAY 17

9:00 AM Friends & Family Set Up (FH)
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

*If you do not see your event listed, please contact the parish office at (816) 471-3696