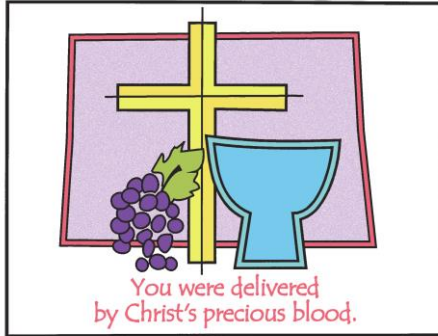


**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30th 2017**

*You have made known to me
the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy
in your presence
~Acts 2:28*



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ON THE ROAD

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (*Acts 2:14, 22-33*).

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life (*Psalms 16*).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (*1 Peter 1:17-21*).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Charles Nicholson	Home
Edith Bolder	Home
Mable Allen Reed	Senior Living Center
Marguerite Hamilton	Home
Jeanette Hamilton Evans	Home
Eddie Jennings	Home
Inell Hunter	Home
John Martinez, Jr.	Home
Margaret G. Jones	Home
Martha Melton	Benton House Center
Bertha Beatty	Home
Marcheita Bush	Home
Betty Givens	Home
Johnny Chambers	Home
Bob Motley	Home
Lorna Lewis	Home
Carlos Nix	Home
Delores Bazy	Home
Georgia Willoughby	Myers Nursing Home
Lavel McCullough	Home
Rosa Birch	Home
Sandra Cloyd	Home
Kevin Brown	Son of Vera Brown
Jackie Countee	Home
Jacob Armstrong	Home
Dewey Dickinson	Home
Terese Chambers	Home
Toice Woods	Truman-Lakewood Lees Summit
Mary Brown	Home
Hargett Hayes	Home

FAMILY MEMBERS: Please inform our Pastor, Fr. Tom, when a loved-one is home bound or has been hospitalized. Call 816-471-3696 or email: stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com

MAY 7TH ASSIGNMENTS

SERVERS Coordinator: V. Ammons*
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. All Servers

LECTORS Coordinator, Rose Palmer*
8:00 a.m. Rita Womack, Margaret Sams
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Coordinator, Dianna Miller*
8:00 a.m. Dianna Miller, Julia Price, Rita Womack, Gerald Buckman
10:00 p.m. Deborah Buckley, Diane Charity, Jenise Comer, Bernadette Cook, Angela Curry, Mary Ann Grayson, Pamela Green, Ronald, Carolyn Greene, Ben Gruber

USHERS Coordinators, E. Burtin*, J. Gillis*
8:00 a.m. G.L. Blankinship, Elaine Johnson, Hargett Hayes
10:00 a.m. **Team B:** Shannon Fields, Kim Urenda, Vickie Shackelford, Carolyn Jones, Leah Henderson, Cynthia Uzomah

WELCOME: Chidera Okafor

COUNTERS: TEAM 1

Coordinator, Burnetta Burtin*

3RD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOST
Altar & Rosary Society

MEETINGS – DATES - TIMES

SUNDAY ~ 11:30 a.m. St. Monica Building
~ Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sun.
~ 1st Communion, Every Sunday*
~ Jr Youth Group 2nd & 4th Sun.
(Ferguson Hall/Lower Level)
~ Senior Youth Group, 1st & 3rd Sun
~ Confirmation Class, 2nd & 4th Sun
~ **RCIA Class** (Small Chapel)
Health Ministry 2nd Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Ushers Ministry 4th Sunday 11:30 a.m.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

3rd Degree Knights 1st Sat. 1:00 p.m.
4th Degree Knights 1st Sat. 1:45 a.m.
Fr. Constantine Ct. 1st Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Ladies of Grace 4th Sun 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Daughters 2nd Sat 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Knights 1st Sun 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY - 9:00 A.M. MASS

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. Communion Service
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

FRIDAY – 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Annual Dinner Playhouse / Rehearsal Dates

May 5 th	May 6 th
May 12 th	June 2 nd
May 19 th	June 9 th

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. ~ Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
~ Women's Breakfast & Bible Study

DIACONATE INFORMATION & DISCERNMENT SESSIONS

This May the Diaconate office will begin the process of Inquiry and Application for the next group of men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A number of information and Discernment Sessions will be scheduled in June.

If you know of a man who may be interested in serving the church and would like to learn more about becoming a Deacon, have him contact Deacon Paul Muller at muller@diocesekcsj.org or call 816-741-2302 at the Catholic Center. All inquiries should be directed to the Diaconate Office.

‘ 2017, ‘REVIVAL ‘
“Strengthen Your Faith”
with Father Manuel Bragg Williams, C.R.
ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2017 - 7:00 PM

ALL DENOMINATIONS ARE WELCOMED!

GOSPEL — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (**Luke 24:13-35**).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. Joseph the Worker
- Tuesday: St. Athanasius
- Wednesday: Ss. Philip and James
- Thursday: National Day of Prayer
- Friday: First Friday; Cinco de Mayo
- Saturday: First Saturday

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on **Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 2:00 pm**. The celebration includes those couples whose **50th Wedding Anniversary falls between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017**. Bishop James Johnston will preside at the mass honoring the Golden Wedding couples. A special card and cross will be presented to each couple. Immediately following the liturgy there will be a dessert reception at the Catholic Center in the Cardinal Baum Room. Jubilee couples: Please call or email your names to the church office, no later than May 26, 2017..

SAVE THE DATES

May 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

- 5th Dinner Playhouse Rehearsal 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- 12th Dinner Playhouse Rehearsal 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- 19th Dinner Playhouse Rehearsal 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- 14th MOTHERS' DAY/CROWNING OF MARY
- 21st SUNDAY SCHOOL MAY DAY
- 3RD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION
- 26th Dinner Playhouse Rehearsal 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- 27th Jr. Youth Retreat

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

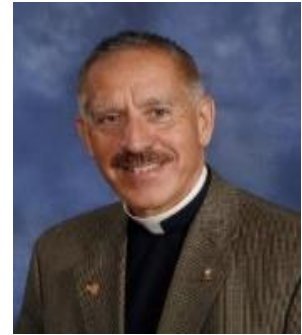
Some monks and nuns trace their community origins back a thousand years or so, before it became customary to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in tabernacles. In their rules of life, which evolved from the lifestyle and prayer of their predecessors, the core experience of Christ's presence is at the altar itself, and in the symbol of assembly for prayer. To this day, when the monks or nuns file into their church in procession, they march two by two, and then bow profoundly to the altar before turning and bowing in reverence toward the brother or sister at their side. It is probably more difficult, in practice, to revere the presence of Christ in a person who irks you by taking the car keys, shirking a work duty, or burning the toast!

We can trace in these religious orders' enduring customs the ancient appreciation for the altar as the center of the church building, and of the community of the faithful as the Body of Christ. Usually, a monastery today will reserve the Blessed Sacrament in some quiet corner of the monastic church, in a fairly small space, more suitable for private prayer than for the gathering of the whole community. In a cloister, the architecture may allow the public limited access to this space. Liturgical law tells us, in both monasteries and parish churches, that there is no need for more than a few hosts in the place of reservation, just enough for viaticum, the "food for the journey" that is the final sacramental celebration for a dying Christian.

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Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday - NOON

FROM FATHER'S DESK



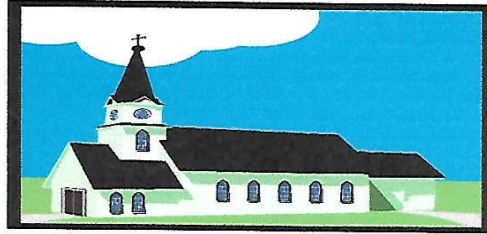
Greetings! Last week we celebrated the 2nd Sunday of Easter, also known as Mercy Sunday. Most of you are familiar with the picture we have in our vestibule that is used to depict Jesus, as the Lord of Mercy. In addition, you are familiar with the Chaplet of Mercy, since we sang one decade of it each Sunday of Lent. A year ago at this time, we were in the midst of a jubilee Year of Mercy, promulgated by Pope Francis. Although the year of mercy is past, and we are no longer singing the Chaplet of Mercy at Mass, the concept and practice of mercy must remain part of our daily life. If we desire mercy, we must be merciful. As our Lord grants mercy to us, we must grant mercy to ourselves, and to others. In the gospel today Jesus says to the disciples, "If you forgive sins they are forgiven, if you hold them bound, they are held bound. Most theologians use this as the basis for priests giving absolution. I want you to think about it in a different way: When have you forgiven someone? When has someone forgiven you? When have you held bound the sins of another? When has someone held bound your sins? If we take to heart these words of our Lord we can really do ourselves good, or do ourselves some hurt. If we take to heart these words we can do someone else good, or do someone else some hurt. The choice is yours. Keep one thing in mind: mercy.

Congratulations to the children on their First Communion last Sunday, and, to the students who were Confirmed last Wednesday. May you be renewed in your belief and strengthened in your faith.

Make it a great week!

Fr. Tom

- Report Child Abuse – Call the Missouri Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline, 800-361-2665, or the Diocesan
- Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, 816-812-2500..



**“GOD DON’T LIKE UGLY”
A DINNER PLAYHOUSE**

Presented by the St. Monica Music Ministry

Written/Directed by Marilyn Scott

A great cast of “OUR” talented young people

Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 6:00pm

St. Monica Catholic Church

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Father Tom Ludwig, Pastor

Melvin E. Kerr, Minister of Music

Dinner served promptly at 6:00pm

Play starts at 7:00pm

No food served after 7:00pm

Donation \$20.00

**Tickets available every Sunday after both Sunday
masses starting April 30th until sold out**

Tickets MUST be purchased in advance

No tickets sold at the door!!!!!!!!!!!!

