

**SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.
~ *Leviticus*

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DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

GOSPEL — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).



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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	Research Hospital.
Martha Melton	Benton House Center
Bertha Beatty	Home
Marcheita Bush	Home
Betty Givens	Home
Mary Brown	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

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*

FEBRUARY 26th ASSIGNMENTS

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

LECTORS *Coordinator, Rose Palmer**
8:00 a.m. Michele Jones, Mary Graham
10:00 a.m. Elton Lombard,
Phaedra Lombard

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

*Coordinator, Dianna Miller**
8:00 a.m. Dianna Miller, Julia Price,
Rita Womack, Gerald Buckman
10:00 p.m. Linda Williams, Patricia
Williams, Rose Palmer, Deborah Buckley,
Diane Charity, Jenise Comer, Bernadette
Cook, Angela Curry, Mary Ann Grayson,
Angela Curry

USHERS: *E. Burtin*, J. Gillis* Coordinators*
8:00 a.m. G.L. Blankinship, Elaine
Johnson, Hargett Hayes,

10:00 a.m. **Team C:** Phyllis Weaver, Naomi
Holt, Shirley Thaw, Barbara Parks, Paulette
Monroe, Mary Pearson

WELCOME: *Dominion Yarbrough*

COUNTERS: TEAM 4

Coordinator, Burnetta Burtin

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. 11:45 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.

WEDNESDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 26th

~ 11:30 A.M.
~ LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE
~ *Ferguson Hall*

THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Emergency Assistance Fund

– 100% of the funds received go directly to Catholic Charities, and used strictly for emergency assistance for the poor in our communities, Feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless. Together, we can answer Pope Francis' call for mercy and solidarity with the poor.

CONDOLENCE

Mrs. Frances G. Maguire Cowick, passed away peacefully, on January 19, 2017, in San Diego, CA. She attended St. Aloysius Elementary and High School, in Kansas City, and was a member of the St. Aloysius, St. James, and St. Pius X, Parishes, in the K.C. MO Metro area. She was an old friend of our parishioner, Sandra Cloyd. Please remember the CMaguire / Cowick Family, and her many friends, who will be celebrating her life, on February 23, 2017, in San Diego, CA.. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the ACLU.

THANK YOU

The Hardy Family would like to extend our thanks to Fr. Tom Ludwig, and the Parish Family of St. Monica Church, for your prayers, condolences, cards and support, at the loss of our brother, Eddie. It was very comforting to be able to celebrate his "Home-going" with friends, and at a time when they were needed.

The Hardy's

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents' Day
Tuesday: St. Peter Damian
Wednesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
Thursday: St. Polycarp

THANK YOU

– For supporting our Annual Fund-Raisers.

THIS YEAR'S RAFFLE – WINNERS:

1st Place ~ \$50 Gift Card
Kyla Scales
2nd Place ~ \$25 Quick Trip Gas Card
Carolyn Greene
3rd Place ~ Champagne/Chocolate Basket
Patricia Mutiso

The Junior Youth Group,

*Coordinators: Debra & John Johnson,
Jeanette Countee*

DCCW - LENTEN PROJECT

Ash Wednesday, March 1st, is the start of our Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) project for this quarter. As in the past, the St. Monica Altar & Rosary Society will be collecting personal hygiene items for women and children, living in shelters, after fleeing abusive situations. This formerly was called the *Shoebbox Project*. It is no longer necessary to put your items in a "shoebbox." All items received, will be divided amongst four agencies. Toothpaste & toothbrushes, combs & hair brushes, shampoo, soap, deodorants, etc. – all will be appreciated. A special in will be placed in the vestibule.

FEBRUARY

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**
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**Celebrating the first
Mission for
Black Catholics in
Kansas City
SAINT MONICA
CATHOLIC CHURCH
1910 - 2017**

"We've come this far by faith,"

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In brushing up for "Catholic Jeopardy," it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It's for a chair: Saint Peter's chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today's Syria, the place where we were first called "Christians." From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair ("disciple" literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter's chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter's chair above the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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FROM FATHER'S DESK



Greetings!

This weekend is the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Moses (from the book of Leviticus) tells the people to be holy as the Lord your God is holy. What does it mean to be holy? The word holy as defined by Webster means "to be set apart for the service of God (or a divine being). Moses is telling the people to set themselves apart for the service of God. How do we set ourselves apart for the service of God? Many might automatically think of someone like a priest, a religious sister or brother, a deacon, or someone in church ministry. However, Moses told EVERYONE to be holy. That means each of us in our own way must ask: "How am I set apart for the service of God?" It is up to us individually, to discover how we are set apart for the service of God. How is God calling me to be at His service today, tomorrow, next week, next month? It might be different today than it is next week. It might be different this week than it is next month. Go forth, be holy.

Tomorrow is President' Day holiday in most states. President's Day began in 1800 after George Washington's death in 1799. After his death, his birthday became a day of remembrance for the man who has been called the Father of the Country. The holiday was unofficially observed for most of the 1800s and became a federal holiday in 1870. It was signed into law by President Rutherford B. Hayes in 1879, but was initially only for the District of Columbia, but expanded to the entire country by 1885. It was the **first** holiday to celebrate the life of an individual. During the early days of the holiday, people spent time reflecting on the contributions of the country's leaders. Although the day is designed to celebrate all presidents in the country, it is mainly used to pay homage to Washington and Lincoln. Enjoy the holiday.

Make it a great week!

Fr. Tom

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday – NOON

**ST THERESE LITTLE FLOWER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
MARDI GRAS
**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 24, 2017**
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
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KANSAS CITY, MO**
**TICKETS \$14.00 IN ADVANCE
\$20.00 AT THE DOOR**



For Tickets: Call 816-444-5406

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EXPERIENCE ~ A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change. Serving the Widowed, Separated and Divorced; who are suffering the loss of a love relationship and may feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures. Helps grieving persons focus on their experience, deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth emerging from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning.

The next Beginning Experience Weekend is **MARCH 3-5, 2017 at Precious Blood Center, Liberty, MO.**

For more information visit:

www.beginningexperiencekc.org,

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contact Lynn 785-282-8964, or Teresa 816-529-9002