

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER  
MAY 14, 2017**

I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father  
Except through me.”  
~ *John 14-6*



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**THE WAY**

Today we sense the apostles' trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (John 14:5). Jesus tells them that *he* is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord's promise that he is going to his Father's house to prepare a place for us, his chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God's wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.

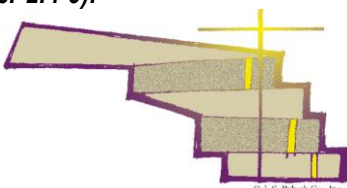
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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**FIRST READING** — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (*Acts 6:1-7*).

**PSALM** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (*Psalm 33*).

**SECOND READING** — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (*1 Peter 2:4-9*).



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**SPECIAL PRAYER LIST**

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Charles Nicholson       | Home                      |
| Edith Bolder            | Home                      |
| Mable Allen Reed        | Sr. Living Center         |
| Marguerite Hamilton     | Home                      |
| Jeanette Hamilton Evans | Home                      |
| Eddie Jennings          | V.A. Rehab./Cameron, MO   |
| 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, L.S., MO |
| Mary Brown              | Home                      |
| Hargett Hayes           | Home                      |
| Elaine Johnson          | Center Point Hospital     |

**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](mailto:stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com)

**MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> ASSIGNMENTS**

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

**LECTORS** Coordinator, Rose Palmer\*  
8:00 a.m. Deborah Scott, Javan Hardy  
10:00 a.m. Dewey Dickinson,  
Leah Henderson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Coordinator, Dianna Miller\*  
8:00 a.m. Mary Graham, Maxine Harvey,  
Christine Johnson, Elaine Johnson  
10:00 p.m. Rose Roos, Terese Chamber,  
Katie Steward, Kirk Thaw, Shirley, Patricia  
Williams, Cristinia Rameriz, Diane  
Charity, Jenise Comer, Bernadette Cook

**USHERS**

Coordinators, E. Burtin\*, J. Gillis\*  
8:00 a.m. G.L. Blankinship, Elaine  
Johnson, Hargett Hayes  
10:00 a.m. **Team C:** Paul Alexander,  
Jeanette Countee, Elaine Lomax, Genia  
Palmer, Emmanuel Okonta, Ngozika  
Okonta

**WELCOME:** Chidera Okafor

**COUNTERS: TEAM 3**

Coordinator, Burnetta Burtin\*

**MEETINGS – DATES - TIMES**

**SUNDAY ~ 11:30 a.m. St. Monica Building**  
~ Sunday School 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.  
~ 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Every Sunday\*  
~ Jr Youth Group 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.  
(Ferguson Hall/Lower Level)

~ Senior Youth Group, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun  
~ Confirmation Class, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun  
~ **RCIA Class** (Small Chapel)  
Health Ministry 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11:30 a.m.  
Ushers Ministry 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11:30 a.m.

**KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER**

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

**MONDAY - 9:00 A.M. MASS**

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 a.m. Communion Service  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

**FRIDAY – 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.**

Annual Dinner Playhouse / Rehearsal  
Dates: May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>

**SATURDAY**

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

**SAVE THE DATES**

May 2017						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY SCHOOL - MAY DAY EVENT  
3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION  
HOST: ALTAR / ROSARY SOCIETY  
26<sup>th</sup> Dinner Playhouse Rehearsal 6:30 – 8 p.m.  
27<sup>th</sup> Jr. Youth Retreat

**HOMEGOING**

*Mr. Curtis Jones*, passed away, on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at the St. Louis Parish. His presence will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Please pray for his wife, Virginia, children: Kim & Cal, grandchildren, and the Jones Family.

**GOSPEL** — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16,20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
- Monday: St. Isidore the Farmer
- Thursday: St. John I
- Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena; Armed Forces Day

**THANK YOU**

For your donations that the Altar & Rosary Society delivered to the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) for the “Shoebox Lenten Project.” On Wednesday, April 26, 2016, at the Troost Rockhurst Community Center. The Diocesan Parishes of Kansas City-St. Joseph area (17), dropped-off their donations for distribution to **four centers**, Hope House, Synergy, Rose Brook House, and Journey for Life.



To our mothers,  
We are grateful to our heavenly Father for you. You have always done your best for us, in your words and deeds, and in teaching us to know God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

We love you,  
**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!**

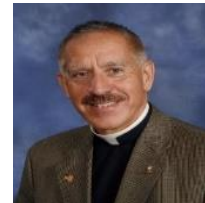
**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

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..

**ADULT CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**

Are you 18 years of age, and have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? There is an Adult Confirmation Ceremony scheduled at the Cathedral, on **Wednesday, June 7th**, at 7:00 p.m. Please contact the Church Office (816-471-3696) ASAP, to receive the proper instructions.

**FROM FATHER'S DESK**



*Greetings! A special welcome to all mothers with us today! We move through the Easter season and busy-ness of the month of May. In addition to Mother's Day, we embark on graduations, the end of the school year, and the Memorial Day holiday, at the end of the month. Each of these events brings meaning to our lives in different ways. I encourage you to enjoy the activities as best you can. Take time to truly celebrate each event as they pertain to you. Celebrate the goodness in each of them.*

On Monday, May 15 we celebrate the Feast of St. Isidore, patron of farmers. Only after living and ministering in the rural areas of Savannah and Forest City, MO, did I come to an appreciation of this saint. So much so, that I have a statue of St. Isidore in my garden. In the morning before going to work, Isidore would usually attend Mass at one of the churches in Madrid. One day, his fellow farm workers complained to their master that Isidore was always late for work in the morning. Upon investigation, so runs the legend, the master found Isidore at prayer, while an angel was doing the ploughing for him. On another occasion, his master saw an angel ploughing on either side of him, so that Isidore's work was equal to that of three of his fellow field workers. Isidore is also said to have brought back to life his master's deceased daughter, and to have caused a fountain of fresh water to burst from the dry earth, to quench his master's thirst. One snowy day, when going to the mill with corn to be ground, he passed a flock of wood-pigeons scratching vainly for food on the hard surface of the frosty ground. Taking pity on the poor animals, he poured half of his sack of precious corn upon the ground for the birds, despite the mocking of witnesses. When he reached the mill, however, the bag was full, and the corn, when it was ground, produced double the expected amount of flour. (In the original story it was wheat, as corn was not introduced to Spain until the 15th century). Isidore's wife, Maria, always kept a pot of stew on the fireplace in their humble home, as Isidore would often bring home anyone who was hungry. One day he brought home more hungry people than usual. After she served many of them, Maria told him that there simply was no more stew in the pot. He insisted that she check the pot again, and she was able to spoon out enough stew to feed them all. On 2, April 1212, after torrential rains had exhumed cadavers from cemeteries in Madrid, his body was discovered in an apparent state of incorruptibility.

Make it a great week!

*Fr. Tom*

**WESTPORT COMMUNITY**

**FESTIVAL**

**JUNE 4, 2017**

**NOON – 8 P.M.**

**GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH**

**1310 WESTPORT RD. – KCMO**

**MUSIC ALL DAY**

**MEXICAN FOOD**

**SILENT AUCTION**

**RAFFLE**

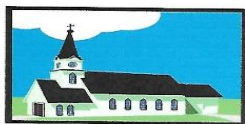
**BINGO**

**GAMES W/PRIZES**

**BRATWURST**

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**LAS ESTRELLAS PERFORMING AT 6 P.M.**



**“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  
1616 Paseo, Kansas City, Mo.**

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 30<sup>th</sup> until sold out**

*Tickets MUST be purchased in advance*

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

**REMINDER:**

As of January, 2017, monthly offering Envelopes are no longer mailed to your homes.

You may pick up your **(year’s supply)** of envelopes from the Church Office, on **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday ,9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m. – NOON.**

- ✓ Please include your **Name** and Family **I.D. Number** on all offering envelopes.
- ✓ Please call the church office, 816-471-3696, to update your information: **Name / address / telephone number.**

**REVIVAL**

*“Strengthen Your Faith”*

with



**Father Manuel Bragg Williams, C.R.  
St. Monica’s Catholic Church  
1616 Paseo KCMO 64108  
September 17-20, 2017  
7:00 PM**

**ALL DENOMINATIONS ARE WELCOMED!**

Father Manuel Bragg Williams was ordained on May 23, 1987 as a member of the Congregation of the Resurrection. He has preached revivals and missions throughout the U.S. and has also lectured in the areas of Black Catholic spirituality and history, as well as fundraising and development. Since July of 1990, Father Williams has been director of Resurrection Catholic Missions of the South and pastor of Resurrection Catholic Church, both in Montgomery, Alabama.

● **Report Child Abuse** – Call the Missouri Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline, 800-361-2665, or the Diocesan

● Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, 816-812-2500..

**Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday – NOON**