

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Masses: Sunday 9 a.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.
Confessions: Sunday 8:30 a.m. — 8:45 a.m.
Anointing of the Sick: After Mass 2nd Sunday of the month

Pastor: Rev. Brandon DeToma (In Case of Emergencies)
(502) 523--0845

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Bookkeeper: Kim Hall

Pianist: Linda Lewis

Housekeeping: Bobby Kimberland



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*"The Community of St. Monica Catholic Church is a Multi-Cultural Parish
who faithfully worships God and proclaims the Gospel."*

September 13, 2026 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Choose to Forgive

[Peter asked,] "...how often must I forgive? ...
Jesus answered, "seventy-seven times."

MATTHEW 18:21, 22

In today's Gospel, Jesus said we must forgive others from our hearts. The Lord's Prayer tells us that we will not be forgiven unless we forgive. Jesus even said we must *love* our enemies.

It is human nature to be angry at those who have harmed us. But I have noticed that those who hang onto hatred become stuck in the healing process. It becomes like a destructive poison inside them.

Forgiveness is not primarily an emotion. We can be angry at those we love. Forgiveness is found in the will, and so I encourage people to say: "I forgiveness to all, the Father also supplies the graces to us to extend forgiveness, even when we may not feel like doing so.

Begin this day by recalling anyone for whom you harbor ill will and make an act of forgiveness: "I choose to forgive." It can bring a profound internal peace.



MSGR. STEPHEN J.
ROSSETTI
Living Faith
Pat Gohn
Editorial Director



Sunday, September 13

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30—28:7 † Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12 † Romans 14:7-9 † Matthew 18:21-35

Monday, September 14

Numbers 21:4b-9 † Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38 † Philippians 2:6-11 † John 3:13-17

Tuesday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a † Psalm 100:1-5 † John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Wednesday, September 16 *St. Cornelius and Cyprian*

1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 † Psalm 33:2-5, 12, 22 † Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 17

St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 † Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 28 † Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 18

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 † Psalm 17:1, 6-8, 15 † Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 19 *St. Januarius*

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 † Psalm 56:10-14 † Luke 8:4-15

Sunday, September 25 *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 55:6-9 † Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 † Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a † Matthew 20:1-16a

Welcome Visitors! *We are so glad you came to worship God with us today! Please come back again! If you would like to join us in our ministry as a St. Monica Parishioner, call the parish office at 348-5250.*



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9/13 (9am) — Willie & Jeanette Hobbs
 Tues 9/15 (9am) — Souls in Purgatory
 Wed 9/16 (9am) — Souls in Purgatory
 Sunday 9/20 (9am) — Mary D. Famularo
 & Jimmy Hickman

Mass intentions available for October—Dec 2026
 Suggested donation is \$10.

TALENT, TREASURE AND TIME

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

Romans 14:7-8

The message is clear; we belong to God alone. All that a steward does is therefore done for the Lord. Whenever we assist others, we are God's own messenger, bringing His presence to those we serve.

2026 Catholic Services Appeal

One Body in Christ

Our Parish Goal: \$6100

Our Parish Participation Goal: 28 households

The annual Catholic Services Appeal invites area Catholics to join together in supporting the more than 100 life-giving ministries, services, and programs offered by the Archdiocese. For more information, visit www.ArchLou.org/CSA



PRAY FOR US

(Sick & Homebound)

Mary Emma Lydian, Mary Ann Lewis, Margie Montgomery, Kenny Young, Lounette Payne, Sherri Phillips Rogers, Rose Marie Lewis, Vincent Biven, Debbie Allen, Corbin Noel, Johnny Cambron, Deacon Gus Cooper, Josephine Phillips, Debbie Williams, Debi Douglas, Gwen Key, Bobby Geoghegan, Henry & Carol Wright, Betty Payne Preston, Sabrina Lain, Patricia Payne, Brenda Hickman, Terry Hickman, Wayne Smith, Cathy Lydian, Sue Etta Ballard, Valarie Williams, David Johnson, Barbara Sembert, Laura Hammet, Jane Gerton, Louise Carpenter, Rocky Robinson, Ron Rudolf, Kristen Saunders Stanley, Pat Barnett, Kaylee Best, Bernadette Yocum, Dan Lyvers, Sherry Copeland, Tom Wheatley, Charles Richard Logan, Elizabeth Mason, Florence Hickman, Martha Spalding, Rin Saginario, Marsha Weathers, JaMykal Simmons, Iris Medley, Wanda Turner

VISITATION OF SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you or a member of your family is in the hospital, privacy acts prohibit ministers from obtaining names through the hospital; therefore you must contact the parish if you wish to have a visit. Also, *please contact the office for home-bound visitation if you become ill and want to be added to the prayer list and/or*

COLLECTIONS

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Wk of 9/6	\$2801.00	\$1770.00
Yr-to-Date	\$24702.94	\$17630.00

St. Monica Online Giving

Available on our website at:

<https://stmonicabardstown.org/>

or use the QR code.

Donations: 8/31—\$335



Catholic Higher Education collection 9/20. Catholic colleges and universities strive to form students in the spirit of faith and educate them in the richness of the Catholic intellectual tradition. This collection supports the Catholic University of America as well the two Catholic universities in our Archdiocese – Bellarmine University and Spalding University.

Ministry Schedule

	September 13, 2026 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	September 20, 2026 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Open & Close Church	Howie Wickliffe	Volunteer
Altar Server	Nick Filiatreau	Aldon Payne
Lector	Rachel Lyvers	Lisa Johnson
Communion Ministers	Bernadette Stanley, Crystal Hodge	Tom Wheatley, Bonnie Lewis
Ushers	John Payne, Aldon Payne, David Weathers, Roth Stratton	Joseph Petty, Martha Linton, Jackie Linton, Shirley Linton
Gift Bearers	John Payne, Aldon Payne	Carolyn Drake, Jackie Linton
Money Counters	Bernadette Stanley, John Boone, Kim Hickman, Bonnie Lewis, Camicha Harkness (Alternate)	

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO SERVE ON YOUR ASSIGNED DATE PLEASE ASK SOMEONE TO REPLACE YOU



Birthday Blessings to....

Carrie Stivers—September 1
Camicha Harkness—September 7
Kree Sharpe—September 9
Wanda Turner—September 9
Mary Emma Lydian—September 11, 1924
Marilyn Keene—September 16
Carolyn Payne—September 19
Bernice Hodgins—September 20
Suzanne Mattingly—September 25
Eugene Mattingly—September 25

Happy Birthday to you! We thank God for the gift of you! Contact the office to add or remove your name.



Bring Food to Our Neighbors

Food reaches neighbors because volunteers and parish partners make it possible. Catholic Charities' Bardstown outreach brings food beyond the pantry through Meals from the Heart, mobile pantry distributions and senior food boxes. Volunteers help prepare, organize and distribute food so older adults, families and neighbors in crisis can receive practical support close to home. A few hours of service can make a real difference across Nelson County. Want to serve? Call Bread for Life at 502-348-7270 to ask about current Bardstown volunteer needs or visit cclou.org/volunteer/.



During the months of September and October, *Respect Life Month*, the faithful of the Archdiocese of Louisville are invited to join the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to pray for an end to the spread of the abortion pill. Together, let us invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life. You can find the prayer and more information at <https://www.archlou.org/pro-life-ministries/> or scan the QR code.



Seasons of Hope

Christ-Centered Grief Support Group

**Where: The Maloney Room
2nd Floor Flager Hall**

**When: Thursdays 11:00 AM
Beginning Sept 10th**

RSVP to Kim Hovious, Pastoral Associate,
khovious@stjoechurch.com
502-233-6386

SEASONS OF HOPE IS FOR YOU IF....

- You are looking for friends in Christ to share your journey of sorrow.
- You want to get on with life but haven't been able to.
- You've been trying to figure out the meaning of your grief.
- You don't want to feel alone anymore.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic contact Deacon Scott Turner at 502-507-7800 or Bryant Wickliffe at 859-489-7615 for information.

BAPTISM PREPARATION—Anyone interested in preparation for Baptism, please contact the parish office 348-5250 or go to stmonicabardstown.org

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE—Anyone interested in receiving the sacrament of marriage contact the office six months in advance.

CHOIR PRACTICE— Wednesdays at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

CENTERING PRAYER— Contact Harriett Elmore 502-724-1854 for info. All are welcome. *"Be still and know that I am God."*

AA MEETINGS—Thursdays at 8pm in the parish hall.

PARISH HALL RENTAL— St. Augustine Hall and kitchen is available for rent on a first come - first served basis any day except for Thursday evening or when parish events need the spaces or during masses, adoration, confessions in the church. No access will be granted to the church during rentals. No inflatables are allowed at non-parish sponsored events per insurance guidelines. Rentals allowed for birthdays, wedding receptions, anniversaries, etc. and non-profit events only. Rental fee is \$295 for parishioners which includes \$100 refundable deposit, \$95 for liability insurance. Non-parishioner fee is \$500, which includes \$100 refundable deposit, \$95 for liability insurance. Please contact the office for scheduling at 348-5250 or saintmonicabardstown@gmail.com. Signed rental agreement and payment are due at least 20 days in advance.

ST. MONICA COMMITTEE/GROUP MEETINGS

ADMIN/FINANCE COMMITTEE— 10/13 at 6:15pm

PARISH COUNCIL— 10/20 at 6:15pm



St. Monica Bible Study on Sundays from 10:15am to



11:15am in the Kieffer Room. Upcoming sessions: 9/20, 10/4
All are welcome!



St. Monica will be participating in **#iGiveCatholic** this year to raise funds to have our parking lot and Lally Drive sealed and striped. More information to come!

#iGIVECATHOLIC

Welcome to #iGiveCatholic 2026! The Archdiocese of Louisville will once again be taking part in this Giving Day dedicated to Catholic philanthropy on #GivingTuesday, December 1, 2026.

#iGiveCatholic is a proven, dynamic crowdfunding event that offers an excellent opportunity for the Catholic Community to come together to give thanks, give back, and give Catholic! We are thrilled to participate with over 50 dioceses nationwide in an effort to empower our parishes and schools to not only share important information about your work but also to help you raise critically important funds. We promise to do all of the heavy lifting for you by offering guidance, support and training!

We are preparing to shoot a marketing video for this project. Children with a power wheels car or truck and adults with compact cars are needed. See Kim Hickman or contact the office.

**St. Monica
Adult Formation**



FALL BIBLE STUDY

Mondays 6:00PM-7:30PM

September 21, 28

October 5, 12, 19, 26

November 2, 9

St. Monica Parish Hall

All are welcome
to attend any or all sessions

