



# MAY 5, 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends: 4:00 PM Saturday - 8:30 AM Sunday

Daily: 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday

Adoration 7:30 AM Saturday

Confessions 30 minutes prior to every Mass

## Mass Intentions

Sat	May 4	4:00 pm	Bill Greim+
Sun	May 5	8:30 am	Gene & Marian Smith family
Mon	May 6	8:30 am	Fr. Michael Rice+
Tues	May 7	8:30 am	Kyrie Fair & family
Wed	May 8	8:30 am	James Wesloski+

Thur	May 9	8:30 am	Michael Drew
Fri	May 10	8:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory+
Sat	May 11	8:30 am	Stacy Bowen Drew
Sat	May 11	4:00 pm	Walter Gladbach+

### OFFERING

April 28 \$4,356.03  
Online giving \$ 270.00  
(Apr 22-28)

Recessional Hymn; May 5  
O God Almighty Father  
M12

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Tim Pingell, Stephan 'Doc' Kohl, Bill & Rosemary Cloud,  
Anna Marie Rivera, Kaylee Nichole Ross, Bryson Torres,  
Rick Schwab, Martha Gerling

## FROM FATHER DREW

Friends, last Sunday's bulletin featured a sermon by the 5th century saint Peter Chrysologus. In it he urged his faithful to know that when they came to Mass they were to regard themselves as priests. For the early Church understood Mass was a sacrifice that entailed a dying to sin.

Below is a sermon from another 5th century saint, Maximus of Turin who preached about what happens to us after a life of sacrifice. After we die with Him, we rise with Him. St Maximus preached there is an upward movement in the whole of creation. That is why our churches were always built for verticality, to get us looking upward to something higher ...

Christ is risen! He has burst open the gates of hell and let the dead go free; he has renewed the earth through the members of his Church now born again in baptism, and has made it blossom afresh with men brought back to life. His Holy Spirit has unlocked the doors of heaven, which stand wide open to receive those who rise up from the earth.

Because of Christ's resurrection the thief ascends to paradise, the bodies of the blessed enter the holy city, and the dead are restored to the company of the living. There is an upward movement in the whole of creation, each element raising itself to something higher. We see hell restoring its victims to the upper regions, earth sending its buried dead to heaven, and heaven presenting the new arrivals to the Lord. In one and the same movement, our Savior's passion raises men from the depths, lifts them up from the earth, and sets them in the heights.

Christ is risen. His rising brings life to the dead, forgiveness to sinners, and glory to the saints. And so, David the prophet summons all creation to join in celebrating the Easter festival: *Rejoice and be glad*, he cries, *on this day which the Lord has made*.

The light of Christ is an endless day that knows no night. Christ is this day, says the Apostle; such is the meaning of his words: *Night is almost over; day is at hand*. He tells us that night is almost over, not that it is about to fall. By this we are meant to understand that the coming of Christ's light puts Satan's darkness to flight, leaving no place for any shadow of sin. His everlasting radiance dispels the dark clouds of the past and checks the hidden growth of vice.

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### Cont. Father Drew...

The Son is that day to whom the day, which is the Father, communicates the mystery of his divinity. He is the day who says through the mouth of Solomon: *I have caused an unfailing light to rise in heaven.* And as in heaven no night can follow day, so no sin can overshadow the justice of Christ. The celestial day is perpetually bright and shining with brilliant light; clouds can never darken its skies. In the same way, the light of Christ is eternally glowing with luminous radiance and can never be extinguished by the darkness of sin.

This is why John the evangelist says: *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to overpower it.* And so, my brothers, each of us ought surely to rejoice on this holy day. Let no one, conscious of his sinfulness, withdraw from our common celebration, nor let anyone be kept away from our public prayer by the burden of his guilt. Sinner he may indeed be, but he must not despair of pardon on this day which is so highly privileged; for if a thief could receive the grace of paradise, how could a Christian be refused forgiveness?

**THANK YOU** Patty Pagel for sponsoring the weekly flower arrangement for the Altar this weekend. This is a wonderful way to honor God. God bless you for your donation.

**BEHOLD KC** The Gospel calls all of us to “go and make disciples of all nations.” All are invited to BEHOLD KC: a free, public, outdoor event where we will gather as a regional community of faith from Missouri and Kansas for a historic once-in-a-generation Eucharistic celebration.

BEHOLD KC will be held on May 4, 2024, from 4 to 9:30 PM at the National WWI Museum and Memorial North Lawn.

What better chance to behold the true presence of our Lord Jesus Christ than in our own backyard? As we journey through the Eucharistic Revival, this is a special opportunity to publicly witness with your friends, family, and small groups, without the large cost of attending other big Catholic events held in different cities.

Behold KC will include a bilingual Mass, Confession, nationally-recognized praise and worship performed by Steve Angrisano, local choirs, a public Rosary, and the largest Eucharistic Adoration opportunity in our city in more than 80 years!

Please extend an invitation to your family and friends! Registration is not required but is strongly recommended. For full event details and registration, visit [beholdkck.org](http://beholdkck.org).

**Garage Sale Success.** Thank you to all the volunteers who put in some long hours last week at our garage sale. St Ann made close to \$900 and we really put a dent in clearing out the furnace and store rooms.

**First Communions Today.** Sunday morning nine young people will receive Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist for the first time. How glorious. They will be seated up front and will receive Holy Communion first. There will be a reception in the hall after Mass. Come down and congratulate them and thank the teachers for helping them come to this most important day.

### Questions about health care for your aging loved ones?

Come listen to a short presentation in the hall **Wednesday (May 8) after 8:30 am Mass** given by Rita Deninger from Catholic Community Health, the only Catholic Hospice provider out of 90 in the KC metro area. Get answers on short-term re-hab, long-term, memory care and home care. **May 8, 9:00 am.**

**Father Drew on Retreat May 27-31 at Conception Abbey.** No Mass that week.

To listen to Fr Drew's homilies, go to the “Podcast” app on your phone. Search “Daily Homily Father Kevin Drew”. Touch that screen and listen to current and past episodes of his homilies.

Two ways to listen to the daily Mass at St. Ann, tune into Catholic Radio 1090 AM or go to [catholicradionetwork.com](http://catholicradionetwork.com). Click on “Listen Live”; aired at 11:00 AM; daily homily airs Monday-Friday at 3:50 PM.



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