



APRIL 28, 2024 FIFTH 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	Apr 27	4:00 pm	Richard King
Sun	Apr 28	8:30 am	Mary & Daniel Brunetti
Mon	Apr 29	8:30 am	Shirley Krier+
Tues	Apr 30	8:30 am	Robert & Claudia Barrett+
Wed	May 1	8:30 am	John Houlehan

Thur	May 2	8:30 am	Joy LaVoi
Fri	May 3	8:30 am	Grace Pizan
Sat	May 4	8:30 am	Mary Gajewski+
Sat	May 4	4:00 pm	Bill Greim+

OFFERING

April 21 \$3,904.31
Online giving \$ 915.00
(Apr 15-21)

Recessional Hymn; April 28
To Jesus Christ, our
Sov'reign King M17

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, read how each of us is called to be both a sacrifice to God and His priest. And understand why Holy Mass is much more than a fraternal banquet ...

From a sermon by Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop (d.450 AD)

Listen to the Lord's appeal: In me, I want you to see your own body, your members, your heart, your bones, your blood. You may fear what is divine, but why not love what is human? You may run away from me as the Lord, but why not run to me as your father? Perhaps you are filled with shame for causing my bitter passion.

Do not be afraid. This cross inflicts a mortal injury, not on me, but on death. These nails no longer pain me, but only deepen your love for me. I do not cry out because of these wounds, but through them I draw you into my heart. My body was stretched on the cross as a symbol, not of how much I suffered, but of my all-embracing love. I count it no loss to shed my blood: it is the price I have paid for your ransom. Come, then, return to me and learn to know me as your father, who repays good for evil, love for injury, and boundless charity for piercing wounds.

Listen now to what the Apostle urges us to do. *I appeal to you*, he says, *to present your bodies as a living sacrifice*. By this exhortation of his, Paul has raised all men to priestly status.

How marvellous is the priesthood of the Christian, for he is both the victim that is offered on his own behalf, and the priest who makes the offering. He does not need to go beyond himself to seek what he is to immolate to God: with himself and in himself he brings the sacrifice he is to offer God for himself. The victim remains and the priest remains, always one and the same. Immolated, the victim still lives: the priest who immolates cannot kill. Truly it is an amazing sacrifice in which a body is offered without being slain and blood is offered without being shed.

The Apostle says: *I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice*. Brethren, this sacrifice follows the pattern of Christ's sacrifice by which he gave his body as a living immolation for the life of the world. He really made his body a living sacrifice, because, though slain, he continues to live. In such a victim death receives its ransom, but the victim remains alive. Death itself suffers the punishment. This is why death for the martyrs is actually a birth, and their end a beginning. Their execution is the door to life, and those who were thought to have been blotted out from the earth shine brilliantly in heaven.

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Cont. Father Drew...

Paul says: *I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a sacrifice, living and holy.* The prophet said the same thing: *Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you have prepared a body for me.* Each of us is called to be both a sacrifice to God and his priest. Do not forfeit what divine authority confers on you. Put on the garment of holiness, gird yourself with the belt of chastity. Let Christ be your helmet, let the cross on your forehead be your unflinching protection. Your breastplate should be the knowledge of God that he himself has given you. Keep burning continually the sweet-smelling incense of prayer. Take up the sword of the Spirit. Let your heart be an altar. Then, with full confidence in God, present your body for sacrifice. God desires not death, but faith; God thirsts not for blood, but for self-surrender; God is appeased not by slaughter, but by the offering of your free will.

THANK YOU Steve and Carol Bean 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.

The Legion of Mary here at St. Ann has now been given a name, "Tower of Ivory", one of Mary's titles in which, in her purity she towers above everything next to her Son. The officers have been chosen and Fr. Drew will be the spiritual director. The meetings at this point will be after 8:30am Mass on Sundays. Anyone over the age of 18, men and women, are welcome to attend and grow in your own spirituality.

The Respect Life Group will hold their meeting on Friday, May 3rd at the Opportunity Cafe after morning mass. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to register to St Ann Parish call, email, or see Fr Drew after Mass.

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. Click on "Listen Live"; aired at 11:00 AM; daily homily airs Monday-Friday at 3:50 PM.



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Victim Assistance Coordinator, Whitney True-Francis, 816-392-0011