



MAY 8, 2022

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE
Weekends: 4:00PM Saturday - 8:30AM Sunday
Daily: 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday
Hour Hour 7pm Wednesday Adoration 7:30am Saturday
Confessions 30 minutes prior to every Mass

Mass Intentions

Sat	May 7	4:00 PM	Dan Warren+
Sun	May 8	8:30 AM	St Ann Parishioners
Mon	May 9	8:30 AM	Nancy Gorski+
Tue	May 10	8:30 AM	Virginia Bauer
Wed	May 11	8:30 AM	Michael Dirkes

Thur	May 12	8:30 AM	Nancy Gorski+
Fri	May 13	8:30 AM	Nancy Gorski+
Sat	May 14	8:30 AM	Sir Knight James Gerling+
Sat	May 14	4:00 PM	Paul V. Mercurio

OFFERING	
May 1	\$5,264.50
Online giving	\$ 700.00

PRAYER REQUESTS
Bill Greim, Tim Pingell, Michael Sena,
Stephan 'Doc' Kohl

FROM FATHER DREW

St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, May 2

St Athanasius was born about 300 years after Christ in the beautiful and important Egyptian city of Alexandria. A brilliant young man, educated at the finest schools, Athanasius rose fast within the ranks of the Church. As a young deacon he assisted at the Council of Nicaea in 325. This council produced the Nicene Creed that we say at Mass every Sunday.

That council had to be called and the Creed formulated in part because another priest from Alexandria named Arius had started a heresy. Arius contended that Christ was created by the Father, and therefore did not share his divinity. This of course attacked the very foundation of Christianity. St Jerome, a contemporary of Athanasius, wrote that he woke up one morning and the whole world had become Arian. Most of the world's ruling class, including most of the bishops had gone over to this horrible heresy that denied Christ was God.

How could a tragedy like this have happened? Part of the cause was Arius's flamboyant and contentious manner in attracting followers. Athanasius called him effeminate. Arius' heresy became popular in part because he wrote snappy sounding songs (*Thalia, The Banquet*), similar to TV commercial jingles that got into people's heads. A 4th century historian, a contemporary of Arius wrote:

Arius, after his secession from the church, composed several songs to be sung by sailors, and by millers, and by travelers along the high road, and others of the same kind, which he adapted to certain tunes ... and thus by degrees seduced the minds of the unlearned by the attractiveness of his songs to the adoption of his own impiety. (Philostorgius, Epitome (Bk. 2, Ch. 2)

Athanasius began his book Orations Against the Arians with a critique of the songs of Arius. He argued that Arius imitated the dissolute and effeminate tone of the ancient Greek poet Sotades, known for his lewdness and for his obscene and "pederastic satirical poems." He compared Arius to the daughter of Herodias, who in her dance reeled and frolicked in his blasphemies against the Savior.

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Arius was popular because he was fashionable, or as we say “with the times.” If he were alive today, no doubt he would be on TV and wined and dined by Hollywood and Washington DC, he would be popular on Facebook. Athanasius was not popular, because he championed orthodoxy. As bishop of Alexandria, Athanasius was exiled five times by four different emperors. His “crime” was his rigid defense of the true faith in a world that wanted a cool, contemporary Christianity that suited its own selfish needs. The epitaph on his grave is *Athanasius contra mundum*, Athanasius against the world.

Arius was wined and dined. Athanasius suffered in exile. But history now remembers Arius for what he was – a heretic. He was a prideful ex-priest who did his will and the will of the popular jet-setting crowd. And Athanasius, Saint Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church, is remembered for his brilliance and courage in defending Christ against the world.

Both men, Athanasius and Arius have received their just rewards. As shall we. When it is you against the world, pray to an exiled bishop, the great pillar of truth and orthodoxy, the champion and defender of the faith, St Athanasius.

FIRST COMMUNIONS Congratulations to our young people making their first communions this Sunday. What a glorious thing for them, receiving a real taste of heaven for the first time on this 4th Sunday of Easter. Thank you to Denise Sanders for helping with the prep.

Sign up for our **Catholic Youth Summer Camp** (School, Boot camp) **Tuesday, Wednesday June 7, 8.**
From 8:00-2:30. We will have some instruction and fun and games built around Pope Benedict XVI's quote: "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." Sign up sheet in vestibule, questions see Carrie Watson.

Tomorrow's Priest Collection | May 14-15

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph ask you to prayerfully consider donating to the Tomorrow's Priest Collection held the weekend of May 14-15—this collection offsets expenses for our men in formation for the priesthood. A mailer with donation envelope will be sent to all registered parishioners in the diocese, but you can also contribute via the 2nd collection at Mass the weekend of May 14-15 or donate online at kcpriest.org/tomorrows-priest-collection. In addition to financial support, please pray that Our Lord will continue to increase the number of men from our Diocese being called to the priesthood.

Make a holy hour early on Saturday mornings. Friends, for almost a year I have exposed the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 am on Saturdays. Get up early and come, especially on First Saturdays of the month, which Our Lady asked to be devoted to her. Bask in the silence and "stay awake and watch" (see Mt 26:41) with Our Lord.

MISSOURI PRIESTS vs KANSAS PRIESTS

Pitching for Priests softball game between the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph & the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas priests is BACK! Come cheer on our team as they defend rights to keep the Pitching for Priests trophy. Gametime 7 pm Friday. Tailgating begins at 4:00. June 10 at the KC Monarchs Stadium. Money goes to seminarians' education. Sponsored by Catholic Radio Network. Go to the link below to order tickets.

<https://catholicradionetwork.ticketspice.com/pitching-for-priests-2022>

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.



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

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