

# APRIL 7, 2024, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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## THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Joseph, Trenton:** 8:30 am Sunday  
 6:30 pm Tuesday  
 9:00 am Wednesday through Saturday  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary, Princeton:** 10:30 am Sunday  
**Blessed Sacrament, Bethany:** 5:00 pm Saturday



Sat	Apr 6	5:00 pm	BS	People of Blessed Sacrament Parish & Saint Joseph's Parish
Sun	Apr 7	8:30 am	SJ	All Souls in Purgatory
Sun	Apr 7	10:30 am	IHM	People of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mission
Tue	Apr 9	6:30 pm	SJ	
Wed	Apr 10	9:00 am	SJ	
Thu	Apr 11	9:00 am	SJ	

Fri	Apr 12	9:00 am	SJ	
Sat	Apr 13	9:00 am	SJ	
Sat	Apr 13	5:00 pm	BS	People of Blessed Sacrament Parish
Sun	Apr 14	8:30 am	SJ	Lucy Meservey
Sun	Apr 14	10:30 am	IHM	People of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mission & Saint Joseph's Parish

## Contribution Status

3/31/2024	Good Friday	Contribution	Week Bdgt	YTD Income	YTD Bdgt
St. Joseph's	\$ 20.00	\$ 850.00	\$ (723.92)	\$ 66,780.91	\$ 5,341.85
IHM	—	345.00	(363.65)	25,485.76	(2,176.98)
Blessed Sacrament	185.00	1,054.00	(136.21)	44,766.23	(1,694.41)
Combined	\$ 205.00	\$ 2,249.00	\$ (1,281.48)	\$ 137,032.90	\$ (781.59)

### Key

Good Friday: Collection for the Holy Land  
 Contribution: Easter Mass Contribution  
 Week Bdgt: Difference between actual Mass contribution and budgeted expense per week  
 YTD Income: Cumulative actual Mass contribution from beginning of

fiscal year (July 1)  
 YTD Bdgt: Difference between actual Mass contribution and scheduled year-to-date budgeted expense through date of report  
 (Number): Parentheses indicate a negative amount

### Adoration

Saint Joseph's: Tuesdays, 5:15 pm, with Benediction at 6:15 and Mass at 6:30

### Rosary

Blessed Sacrament: Saturday, 4:30 pm  
 Saint Joseph's: Sunday, 8:00 am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Blessed Sacrament: Saturday, 4:30 to 4:55 pm  
 Saint Joseph's: Sunday, 8:00 to 8:25 am  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary: Sunday, 10:15 to 10:25 am  
 or by appointment

### Prayer Requests:

Denise Babinski  
 Bill Betz  
 Beverly Cochrane  
 Scott Coates

Sean Crowley  
 Kevin Crowley  
 Cindy Delp  
 Richard Easton

Penny Nelson  
 Art McGuire  
 Earl & Carol McKee  
 Leo Millburg

Mike Penley  
 Marie Untiedt  
 Jerry Wagner  
 Leonard Wilmes

## Garage Sale at Saint Joseph's, Trenton

The Trenton city-wide Garage Sale is April 27<sup>th</sup>. Our St. Ann's Altar Society has plenty of material from their last garage sale, so they are planning on their garage sale on April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. We are now accepting items for sale! Please help us organize our garage sale by indicating the times you want to work on the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule. If you can help, contact [Peggy](mailto:Peggy).



## Jesus and the Eucharist

**Blessed Sacrament:** We are meeting on Wednesdays at 5:00 *pm* in the Church Hall. Our next meeting is this Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup>. Please let [Fr. Bill Fox](#) know that you are coming.

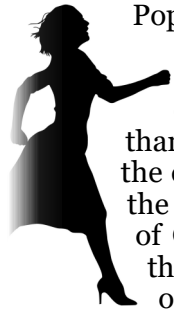


Do you want to run your own group for this study? Contact [Fr. Fox](#). For more information about this program, please visit [www.eucharisticrevival.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist)

Khóa học về Chúa Giêsu và Bí tích Thánh Thể này có sẵn bằng tiếng Việt. Hãy liên hệ với Cha Bill Fox để biết thêm chi tiết và được trợ giúp.

Este estudio Jesús y la Eucaristía está disponible en español. Comuníquese con Padre Bill Fox para obtener detalles y ayuda.

## Pope's Rosary Intention for April: the Role of Women



Pope Francis asks the Church to pray with him “For the Role of Women.” “Let us pray,” [the Holy Father asks](#), “that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.” Back in 1988, Saint John Paul II taught that “The Church gives thanks for *all the manifestations of the feminine ‘genius’* which have appeared in the course of history, in the midst of all peoples and nations; she gives thanks for all the charisms which the Holy Spirit distributes to women in the history of the People of God, for all the victories which she owes to their faith, hope and charity: she gives thanks for all *the fruits of feminine holiness*” ([Mulieris Dignitatem](#), N<sup>o</sup> 31.5, italics in official English translation).



## Easter Flower Memorials

Our celebrations of the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday was beautified by the many flowers decorating our churches. Thank you for your contributions!

### Blessed Sacrament

- Karen Coates
- Nancy Stewart
- Darlene Winter
- RosaLee McGuire
- Julie Wieland-Cornelison
- Four Anonymous Donors



### Saint Joseph's

- Robert & Monica Beck in memory of Bill Hamilton, Eleanor Hamilton, and Mary Brill.
- Robert Hehr in memory of Betty Hehr
- Phil & Kristie Fox in memory of Robert & Virginia Fox, Wayne & Lillian Eaton, Dorothy Brown, Bob & Rosie O'Neill
- Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Jiménez
- Dan & Julea Lentz
- Bill & Karen Fries
- Leroy & Cecilia Marsh in memory of George Bichsel, Mary Marsh, and Mary Lou Bichsel
- Don Scott in memory of his mother

## Confirmations for Blessed Sacrament Teens

Please pray for our six young people preparing to be Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit:

Beverly R. Logan C. Karli F. Joshua R. Victoria P. Jackeline M.



These young members of our parish have been working hard to prepare for this important Sacrament. They will be Confirmed by Bishop Johnston this Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 *pm*, at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Smithville. Following the 5:00 *pm* Mass on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have a potluck to celebrate our brand-new *confirmandi*. Please plan on joining us for dinner!

## Important Bishops' Letter — Carta Importante de los Obispos



Please see an important letter on the next page about the Abortion Initiative Petition from the bishops of Missouri. Please read it carefully and consider it prayerfully. *Consulte una carta importante en la página siguiente sobre la Petición de Iniciativa de Aborto de los obispos de Missouri. Por favor léalo atentamente y considérela en oración. La versión en español de esta carta sigue a la versión en inglés.*

“There can be no true democracy without a recognition of every person's dignity and without respect for his or her rights.”

~ Saint John Paul II, [Evangelium Vitae](#), N<sup>o</sup> 101.5

“En efecto, no puede haber verdadera democracia, si no se reconoce la dignidad de cada persona y no se respetan sus derechos.”

~ San Juan Pablo II, [Evangelium Vitae](#), N<sup>o</sup> 101.5

# Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference on the Abortion Initiative Petition

The Catholic Church supports and defends society's most vulnerable, especially women and children, through accompaniment, social services, and material assistance.

A misleading proposed amendment to the Missouri Constitution suggests that a "right to an abortion" is needed to protect women, while the amendment could actually put women at risk and endanger preborn children. This ballot initiative would legalize abortions in this state and remove long standing health and safety standards for women. In addition, this initiative does nothing to reduce or eliminate the underlying social causes for abortion and does not further a true culture of life in the state.

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2024 ballot. **We encourage all Catholics and people of good will to not sign any petition that would put this amendment on the ballot.**

The Catholic Church in Missouri will continue to provide spiritual and material support to expectant mothers and their families through our parishes and ministries, and to advocate on their behalf and on behalf of their preborn children. For those women suffering from the pain of an abortion, the Church will continue to offer true healing and hope through its Post Abortive Healing Ministries. We ask all to help us in these efforts to safeguard the right to life.

We look forward to the day when every child, born and unborn, has the love and support needed to thrive and reach his or her full potential. Let us pray for a greater recognition of the gift of each and every human life in our society.

## CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF MISSOURI



+ *Mitchell T. Rozanski*

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
General Chairman  
Archbishop of St. Louis



+ *James V. Johnston, Jr.*

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Vice Chairman  
Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph



+ *Shawn McKnight*

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight  
Executive Chairman  
Bishop of Jefferson City



+ *Edward M. Rice*

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Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

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## Declaración de la Conferencia Católica de Missouri (MCC) sobre la iniciativa ciudadana en materia de aborto

La Iglesia católica apoya y defiende a las personas más vulnerables de la sociedad, especialmente a las mujeres y a los niños, mediante el acompañamiento y la asistencia tanto espiritual como material.

Una engañosa enmienda a la constitución de Missouri sugiere que el “derecho al aborto” es necesario para proteger a las mujeres, cuando realmente dicha enmienda pondría a las mujeres y a sus hijos no nacidos en riesgo. Tal iniciativa ciudadana legalizaría el aborto en el estado y eliminaría los estándares de seguridad en materia de salud para las mujeres. Además, la iniciativa no hace nada para solucionar las causas sociales de fondo que ocasionan el aborto y no contribuye a construir una verdadera cultura de la vida en Missouri.

Actualmente, hay grupos que ya están recabando firmas para que la iniciativa ciudadana sea sometida a referéndum en las elecciones de noviembre de 2024. **Alentamos a los católicos y a todas las personas de buena voluntad a no firmar ninguna petición que busque llevar esta enmienda a las urnas.**

La Iglesia católica en Missouri seguirá proveyendo apoyo espiritual y material a las futuras madres y a sus familias, a través de las parroquias y ministerios, además de abogar por ellas y por sus hijos no nacidos. Asimismo, para todas aquellas mujeres que sufren a causa del dolor provocado por las heridas emocionales y espirituales del aborto, la Iglesia ofrece verdadera sanación y esperanza por medio de sus ministerios de sanación postaborto. Pedimos a todos que nos sigan ayudando en estos esfuerzos por salvaguardar el derecho a la vida.

Anhelamos que llegue un día en que cada niño, nacido y no nacido, tenga el amor y el respaldo que necesita para disfrutar de una vida plena y alcanzar su máximo potencial. Oremos para que nuestra sociedad sepa reconocer que cada vida humana es un don.

### OBISPOS CATÓLICOS DE MISSOURI



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## **BeholdKC**

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is organizing an important Eucharistic Gathering on May 4th on the North Lawn of the National World War I Museum & Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri. Bishop Johnston and Archbishop Naumann ask us to come together as a regional community of faith for a historic Eucharistic celebration and behold the true presence of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This free, public outdoor event is a gathering of the “one holy catholic and apostolic Church,” from the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. BeholdKC will include Mass, Confession, nationally-recognized live musical talent, local choirs and the largest Eucharistic adoration opportunity in our city in more than 80 years.

For more information about BeholdKC, visit [www.beholdkc.org](http://www.beholdkc.org)

## **Divine Mercy Sunday**

This Second Sunday of Easter is celebrated as “Divine Mercy Sunday.” As feast days go, Divine Mercy Sunday is relatively new. Established in 2000 by Saint John Paul II, Divine Mercy Sunday was first revealed to Saint Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s. During a series of apparitions, the Lord told Faustina, in part:

“I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.... My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout eternity.”

Saint John Paul II held a fondness for Divine Mercy Sunday throughout his life. When he officially established the feast day on the second Sunday of Easter, Pope John Paul II reiterated the power of God’s mercy towards all of His children:

“To all of humanity, who often appear lost and overwhelmed by the prevalence of evil, self-centeredness, and fear, the Risen Lord extends His loving gift — a love that forgives, brings reconciliation, and renews hope within the soul.”

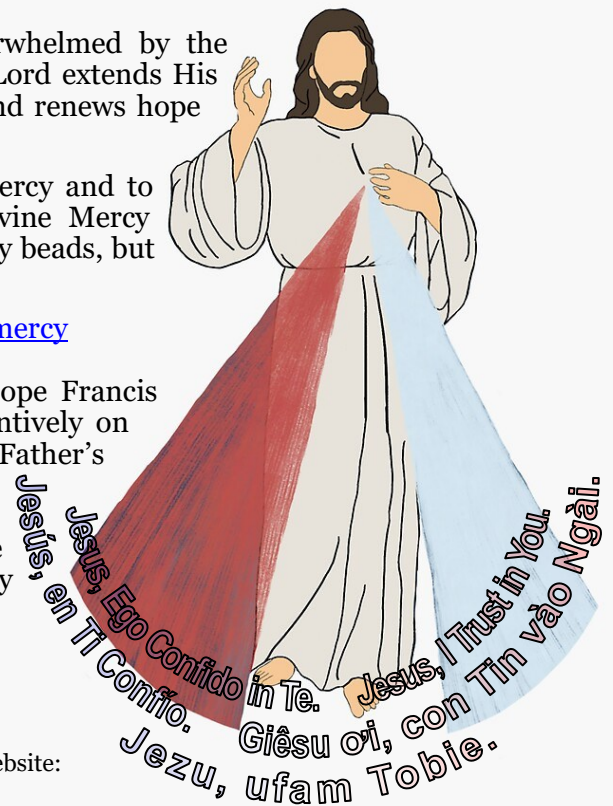
A wonderful way to venerate the image of the Divine Mercy and to meditate more deeply on Divine Mercy is to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. To pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, you use your rosary beads, but use different prayers. For more information, visit:

[www://www.usccb.org/prayers/chaplet-divine-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/prayers/chaplet-divine-mercy)

Back in 2015, in declaring the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis taught that “at times, we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy to that we may become a more effective sign of the Father’s action in our lives” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, N<sup>o</sup> 3.1). In addition, Pope St. John Paul II issued a plenary indulgence for the faithful who go to Confession, actively participate in Divine Mercy Sunday Mass, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

**“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy on us and on the whole world!”**

Portions for this article was from the Franciscans of the Atonement website:  
<https://www.atonementfriars.org/>



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](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Whitney True-Francis at 816.392.0011 or [true-francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true-francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.