

**Office of the Bishop**

November 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Order of Christian Funerals states, "at the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of baptism and strengthened at the eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting word of God and the sacrament of the eucharist." (4) We, and the soul of our beloved, benefit from the rites of the Church but increasingly there are more frequently set aside in parts of American culture today.

I take this occasion to again encourage you, our priests, deacons and parish staffs, to be forthright in recommending our four diocesan Catholic Cemeteries in those instances where the parish does not provide a cemetery. For reference, see pages 18-19 of the 2024-2025 diocesan directory. Unlike many other for-profit cemeteries which often change ownership and oversight, our Catholic cemeteries remain with reliable unchanged ownership, on-going endowed perpetual maintenance, and decades of respectful burial recordkeeping. Our responsibility perdures over decades and centuries. It remains holy ground.

In recent years the practice of cremation has grown. Please assist the faithful and their families in teaching and preaching that "the ancient Christian custom [remains] to bury or entomb the bodies of the dead; cremation is permitted, unless it is evident that cremation was chosen for anti-Christian motives." (19) The cremated remains, preferably after the body is present for the Church's rites (cf., 413-414, 418)—but acceptable to have the cremated remains present for a funeral Mass (415), are to be treated with the same respect given the human body, including the use of a worthy vessel, manner and care in placement, transport and final disposition. (417)

Part of the reason our Catholic cemeteries remain so vitally important is that they call to mind the resurrection of the dead and offer a fitting place to focus the Church's remembering of the dead and offering of prayer for them. Thus, our Church continues in teaching that "the cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires." (417; cf., DDF, *Ad resurgendum cum Christo*, 3-7) Thank you for your efforts to instruct our people on this topic.

Finally, in this month of November when we celebrate All Souls and pastorally remember our beloved dead, it continues to be a salutary practice for us to recommend our Catholic cemeteries to our parishioners, family and friends—as holy ground until the final day of our Lord's return. May the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+ Most Reverend James V. Johnston  
Bishop of Kansas City-Saint Joseph

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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 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, at 816.392.0011 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



*Sacred Heart  
Catholic Church*

205 E. Middle St.  
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**MASS**  
Sundays 7:45 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: To Be Determined**  
**Sacrament of the Sick: By Appointment**

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# SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 24, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS

7:45 am Intentions of the Parishioners

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Send Prayer Requests to Sarah in the Office



## NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Pope Francis:** Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

**Bishop Johnston:** Let us pray for peace in the Holy Land.

## SECOND COLLECTION

The next second collection will be on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> for Religious Retirement.

## ABORTION BILL HOPE

Repeal of Missouri's abortion amendment remains a possibility, the head of the state's Catholic conference says. Read about it at <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/260523/missouri-abortion-amendment-close-vote-sparks-hope-catholic-leader-says>

## MASS MINISTERS

Lector Volunteers are Needed

A Volunteer is Needed to Make the Schedule

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

November 17, 2024

\$524.00

## YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2024

SH Income: \$20,533.70

SH Expenses: \$20,397.55

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are available. They are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, but we do our best to accommodate specific dates *if available*. Mass intention donations are \$10 per Mass. Please place your request and payment in the offertory basket.

“Genuine love is demanding, but its beauty lies precisely in the demands it makes.”

—Pope Francis

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Whenever December 8 falls on a Sunday, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary transfers to Monday, December 9. This year in the US, the obligation to attend Mass also transfers, thus making Monday, December 9 a *Holy Day of Obligation*. There will be Mass on **Monday, December 9 at 5:00 pm at Sacred Heart**. Please make plans to attend Mass on this glorious feast honoring our Blessed Mother!

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The entire parish is invited to a Christmas party on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall following the 5:00 pm Holy Day Mass. The Altar Society will provide a pot luck meal and bingo prizes. We hope you'll join us for fellowship, food, and fun.

## DECEMBER MASSES

Other December Masses will be Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 pm for the Christmas Vigil (NO Christmas Day Mass) and Tuesday, December 31, 5:00 pm for New Year's Eve (No Mass on January 1). The church calendar can be found online at [www.shmicatholic.org/shcalendar](http://www.shmicatholic.org/shcalendar).

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy November Birthday to Everlee Twenter, Mary Ann Bower, Beverly Graham, Emily Horner, and Millie McClain!

Please print your birthday (year optional), and if applicable, wedding anniversary, on the calendar located on the small table, next to the bulletins, at the back of the Church. We want to start listing birthdays and anniversaries in the bulletin. Thank you!

*Congratulations!*

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Congratulations! Sacred Heart has met our parish goal of **\$2,406.00!** The diocese has received 12 gifts totaling **\$3,128.00**, which is **130%** of Sacred Heart's goal. The church will receive half of any overages, will receive half of the overages paid to the ACA, but *feel free to make a donation directly to the church instead of the ACA if you would like*. Thank you for your support! To learn more about the ACA, visit [www.kcsjatholic.org](http://www.kcsjatholic.org).

## NOTIFY THE OFFICE WHEN LEAVING

If you/your family are leaving Sacred Heart Church, it's very important that the *office is notified*. Ways to do so are: Email [shmichurch@gmail.com](mailto:shmichurch@gmail.com), leave a message at 660-663-2146, or place a note in the collection. Thank you!

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADOPTION

There are over 1600 kids 8 years and older in Missouri alone who are currently ready to be adopted. The process to adopt an older youth is quicker, giving you so much more time to spend with your youth, as well as make a life-changing impact on that child. Visit the website to learn more about adoption services: [catholiccharities-kcsj.org/adoption-services/](http://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/adoption-services/)

**BULLETIN LINKS:** All links are *clickable* when the bulletin is viewed from the website at [www.shmicatholic.org/shbulletin.html](http://www.shmicatholic.org/shbulletin.html).