



# BEHOLD KC

THE **LARGEST** EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION  
IN KANSAS CITY IN OVER 80 YEARS.



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for the event!

## SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 | 4 - 9:30 PM

### WHO WILL BE THERE?

- Bishop Johnston from the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph
- Archbishop Naumann from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in KS
- Many priests and deacons you already know, and more!

### WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

- Praise, worship, and music from both local and national talent
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
- Rosary led by School of Faith
- Celebration of Holy Mass
- Eucharistic Adoration



The North lawn of the  
National World War I Memorial.

### WHEN IS THE EVENT?

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**  
From 4 - 9:30 pm

### WHERE IS THE EVENT?

**The National World War I Memorial**  
North lawn - the side facing Union Station  
2 Memorial Dr, Kansas City, MO 64108



The first Eucharistic Congress held in Kansas City at the  
National World War I Memorial in 1941.

### WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

- It's been **over 80 years** since a public outdoor Eucharistic Adoration of this size has occurred in Kansas City!
- Boldly praise and worship Jesus present in the Eucharist.
- Gather with Catholics and non-Catholics in a collective expression of love for Jesus.
- Satisfy your weekend Mass obligation in a whole new way.



## THIS EVENT IS BEING CO-HOSTED BY

The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas



For more information, please visit our website: **BEHOLDKC.org**



*Office of the Bishop*

## **DECREE**

### **Behold KC May 4, 2024 Vigil Mass**

Whereas a first major outdoor Eucharistic Adoration event in Kansas City of thousands and thousands of the faithful occurred on the north terrace lawn of the Liberty Memorial on May 4, 1941, as a public proclamation of faith and Catholic belief as seen in the picture posted on [beholdkc.org](http://beholdkc.org); and

Whereas the three-year National Eucharistic Revival sponsored by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops concludes its parish year in 2024 following the diocesan year of 2023 prior to the national Eucharistic Revival gathering in July 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana, which many local Catholics and friends cannot attend; and

Whereas the Diocese of Kansas City – Saint Joseph and the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas in partnering in this public, outdoor Eucharistic gathering on May 4, 2024 seek to worship the Holy Trinity through a 6:30 p.m. Mass followed by Eucharistic adoration; and

Whereas the Mass and adoration will be preceded and/or followed by nationally-recognized live musical talent, local musicians, confessions, and speaker(s); and

Whereas in consultation with both the Presbyteral Council members themselves and of those priests who joined our annual Priest Purgatorial Mass and luncheon on November 9, 2023, giving their assent to my inquiry; and

Whereas pastors of souls in the larger metropolitan area are duly encouraged to assist me as Ordinary of the Diocese of Kansas City – Saint Joseph in witnessing to our Catholic belief, encouraging fellow Catholics, while also demonstrating to all people of good will a large scale, peaceful gathering of unity in faith, hope and love; and

Whereas significant distance, particularly within our rural parishes, make transportation difficult, though admittedly not impossible; and

Whereas Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas and I seek to replicate anew a similar gathering of worshippers and people praying;

*Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph at The Catholic Center*

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I Hereby DECLARE

That all Saturday, May 4, 2024, Vigil Masses within Jackson, Clay and Platte Counties of Missouri, with the exception of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass that is particularly frequented by conventioners, hotel guests, and airline/medical personnel who cannot be alerted, are to be cancelled and priests and people invited to gather on the north terrace lawn of the Liberty Memorial prior to the 6:30 p.m. Mass and Eucharistic adoration. Additionally, pastors in other counties are likewise permitted, but not required, to cancel their Vigil Mass on the same date to facilitate their faithful of their parish and themselves likewise to participate with due consideration to the salvation of souls.

Given at the Chancery  
This 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023



*+James V. Johnston, Jr.*

Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.  
Bishop of Kansas City – Saint Joseph

*Kenneth A Riley*

Very Reverend Kenneth A. Riley  
Vicar General - Chancellor