

Our Lady of Sorrows Church



ESTABLISHED 1890

2552 GILLHAM ROAD ~ KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64108

Pastoral Thoughts

For every tree is known by its own fruit

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This opening phrase is used in the latter part of our Gospel this week, but stood out to me as I read it, especially with all that is happening with the diocesan plan for restructuring the deaneries and how it may affect our parish.

*As most of you know the first plan submitted by the consulting firm for the diocese would call for the merger and closure of Our Lady of Sorrows. I will reiterate – this is the initial plan – **there will be another revised plan coming out in late April.***

At the Town Hall meeting the reaction was very much united in rejecting the plan and looking for ways to alter the next plan and change the forecast for our parish.

We have met and exceeded all the criteria put forward by the consulting firm for what a healthy parish looks like. The mere fact that we are small is unfortunately hurting us, but also fails to take into consideration that we are very stable and growing in not only membership but in financial security as well, and really what's wrong with a small parish where you know your fellow parishioners unlike a large parish where its too easy to get lost in the numbers.

I encourage you if you feel a need to contact the bishop's office and write letters and call explaining your disapproval of the diocesan plan that he has indorsed. Let your friends and neighbors and those who formally attended Our Lady of Sorrows know as well – so they too can act.

We have accomplished here what many churches have strived to do for years. We have connected with the young people in our community, and it is on display each Sunday. We have built an inviting

Continued page 3

Regardless of where you are from, your occupation, your family, your marital status, your personal history, your age, your background, your race, your ethnicity, your political affiliation, your religion, your gender, or your gender identification, we are happy you are here with us today to worship! We invite you to learn more about our parish and its activities by contacting our office, website or simply by mingling with our parishioners after mass.

FEBRUARY 27, 2022
EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 26—8th Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00pm † Joseph & Paula Garcia

SUNDAY, February 27—8th Sunday in Ord. Time

8:30am OLOS Parishioners

10:30am † Refugio Mora & Family

MONDAY, February 28—Weekday

TUESDAY, March 1—Weekday

WEDNESDAY, March 2—Ash Wednesday

Noon OLOS Parishioners

6:30pm OLOS Parishioners

THURSDAY, March 3—St. Katherine Drexel

Noon † Catherine & Clarence Healy

FRIDAY, March 4—St. Casimir

SATURDAY, March 5—1st Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Russ Daly

† Roger Fogelsong

SUNDAY, March 6—1st Sunday of Lent

8:30am OLOS Parishioners

10:30am † Healy, Hiller & Hoedl Families

Please Note: MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass Intentions list above reflect the intention for each day that are being said. If the intention is on a day when there is no public Mass they are said Privately by Fr. Leonard during his personal daily Mass.

Our Weekend Masses will have the intention for that day. We do have days with openings for intentions coming up. Call or email the office to schedule a Mass intentions you would like to have. 816.421.2112 stephanief@oloskc.org

Readings for the Week of February 27, 2022

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17/
2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51/ Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Resources for the readings can be found at USCCB.org.

Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Debbie Bruening, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Mike Burke, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumming, Susan Walsh, Ken Blundell, Shirley Briscoe, Allan Schaff, Sandra Freeman, Grace Weatherford, Gloria Amador

Praying for our Military Service Members:

Isaac Eyph, Cruz Ibarra, Brian Jansen, Christopher Lamkey, Kyler Brotherton Major Amanda Lamkey, John Huntz, Gabriel Huntz and all military members serving our great nation.

Praying for our First Responders, Doctors, Nurses & Healthcare workers

Emily Tylski, Kathryn Blundell, Lynette Wheeler, Tom Papreck, and ALL who are working to care for our sick through this pandemic. Know that this includes our Police and Fire and ALL first responders.

If you, a loved one or friend are serving in the military, or as a First Responder roll, Fire Department, Police Department, Ambulance, Paramedic, Doctor, Nurse, or Healthcare Worker, please call or email the office to have their names added to our prayer list. We ask our parishioners to remember them, and all who are on our prayer list in their prayers. 816.421.2112 stephanief@oloskc.org

Visit our Website & Facebook Page

Please visit our website at oloskc.org. Once there Visit our Facebook page by clicking where indicated. There is also a link to our YouTube page. Like our Facebook Page and Subscribe to our YouTube Channel.

You may also make donations through our website.

Or use our QR Code for PayPal!



Contributions Received



From February 14-20, 2022

Mail Plate.....\$549.00

Envelopes.....\$2,051.00

Thank You to ALL our parishioners who have provided support, either financially or through your prayers, to the parish during this difficult time. [Click here](#) to donate online

Pastoral Thoughts Continued

and welcoming community, and many have started to become involved in the parish in many ways. This type of ministry and stewardship is in great need for not only our parish, but our diocese, and entire church – so our progress must not be discarded.

Our Lady of Sorrows is known for the fruitfulness of its work in the community, and with our business neighbors in a compassionate and merciful manner.

So let us rally with joined arms to save our parish, but remain respectful in the manner in which we act and avoid spoiling the precious fruit that comes from Our Lady's Church.

*Many Blessings,
Dcn Tyrone*

Ideas for Parish Events

Hello all! This is Stephanie. Thank you to those who emailed with ideas this last week. I am still hopeful that we can grow our community and continue to flourish as a faith community in the Crown Center area. Part of that happens by meeting our fellow parishioners through events and social gatherings.

After last weekends bulletin announcement asking for input, we have gotten a few people who responded. Here is what those who have replied are asking for:

- Lenten Bible Study in the evenings
- Whiskey Tasting
- Prayer Chain
- Men's and women's prayer group
- Communion to the Shut-ins/Hospitals
- Youth and Young Adult Groups or activities
- May Crowning and Mary Devotion for the month of May

Do we have other ideas? Have there been people who haven't responded to the call yet?

Please email me if you are interested in any of these ideas or with more ideas you may have.

With that said, I do need to also have people step forward to help in organizing and facilitating these ideas. I'm the only one in the office and with that need your help to put these plans into action.

So please email me at stephanief@oloskc.org

We can't grow without your ideas, input and attendance. Please join in and get to know others in your parish family, if attending something, bring a friend with you. They may enjoy what we have to offer here at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Weekly Activities & Events

Ash Wednesday Services

It is hard to believe, but we are approaching Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season in just a few weeks.

We will offer Ash Wednesday Service at Noon and 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 2.

There will be NO Confessions before these services.

We hope you will join us to start your Lenten journey to Easter.

Mass Intentions for 2022

Our book for Mass Intentions for 2022 is open. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, we are ready to help you with this.

Call or email the office to request Masses to be said. We will need the name for the intention, if they are living or deceased, if you have a specific day you would like the Mass said on (We will attempt to accommodate your request). Email stephanief@oloskc.org or call 816-421-2112

Confessions

Confessions are being heard on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:40am and on Saturdays at 3:30pm.

To make arrangements outside these times, please email Fr. Leonard directly by emailing him at frleonard@oloskc.org.

If you are unable to email Fr. Leonard, you may call the office and leave a name and number for Fr. Leonard to return the call. 816.421.2112

Office of Child & Youth Protection—Sexual Abuse

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.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Advocate Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Catholic Charities Event

Celebration of Hope Gala – April 9, 2022

Every good Broadway show has a great “cast”: the actors in the story who, bring light from darkness and hope from despair. Be part of the cast of people bringing hope to our community – We are pleased to offer both in-person and virtual attendance this year. There’s something for everyone! However you choose to participate, know that you’re making hope come alive for families throughout our service area. <https://www.catholiccharitiesgala.org/>



Volunteers

| 2/26 & 27 | 4:00pm | 8:30am | 10:30am |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Reader | Debbie Tangen | Lisa Bongers | David Bailey |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Anthony Effertz | Elizabeth Bulley | Kathryn Hogan |
| Servers | John Pileggi | Ben Bongers | George Bryde |
| Ushers | Pat Tangen | Ted Tschirhart | Sierra Bailey |

| 3/5 & 6 | 4:00pm | 8:30am | 10:30am |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Reader | Lynette Wheeler | Callie Flading | Derek Swaymeier |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Maria Binder | Ruth Rider-Seck | Sylvia Gutierrez |
| Servers | John Pileggi | Ben Bongers | George Bryde |
| Ushers | Andrew Hummel | Ted Tschirhart | Mel Hogan |

Parish Calendar of Events

- **March 2—Ash Wednesday Mass** at Noon and 6:30pm (No Confessions this day)
- **March 3—Adoration, Confessions & Mass—** 11:00am-12, Noon-(Confessions at 11:40am)
- **March 5—Church Cleaning** at 9:00am
- **March 9—Confessions & Mass** (11:40 & Noon)
- **March 9—Prayer Service for Our Lady of Sorrows Parish—6:00pm** in the Church
- **March 10—Adoration, Confessions & Mass—** 11:00am-12, Noon-(Confessions at 11:40am)

- **March 16—Confessions & Mass** (11:40 & Noon)
- **March 16—Knights of Columbus meeting—6-8pm** Hall
- **March 17—Adoration, Confessions & Mass—** 11:00am-12, Noon-(Confessions at 11:40am)
- **March 23—Confessions & Mass** (11:40 & Noon)
- **March 24—Adoration, Confessions & Mass—11am**

Keep Watching for more info & dates to come!

Parish Office Hours

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Mon - Fri
Phone (816) 421-2112
Fax (816) 421-6037
Website oloskc.org

Deacon Tyrone Gutierrez

Pastoral Administrator
dcnt@oloskc.org

Rev. Leonard Gicheru

Parochial Vicar
frleonard@oloskc.org

Deacon Michael Elsey

Parish Deacon
melsey@spxkc.org

Stephanie Franke-Ibarra

Director of Operations
stephanief@oloskc.org

Elizabeth Bulley

Volunteer Coordinator
ebower0@gmail.com

John Pileggi

Knights of Columbus
igapileggi@gmail.com 816-547-6574

Report Abuse:

Diocesan Ombudsman
Joe Crayon
816-812-2500

Diocesan Victim Advocate

816.392.0011
true.francis@diocesekcsj.org

Weekend Schedule

Saturday
 Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday
 Masses 8:30 & 10:30 am

Weekdays—Wednesday
 Mass 12 Noon

Thursdays
 Mass 12 Noon

Eucharistic Adoration
 Thursdays 11:00 am

Confessions—Wednesday & Thursday
 at 11:40am; **Saturdays** at 3:30pm;
 and by **Appointment**

New Parishioner Information

Please print your name and address below to receive registration information.



Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Email address _____

Please drop in collection basket, mail, call the Parish Office 816.421.2112, or email to stephanief@oloskc.org