

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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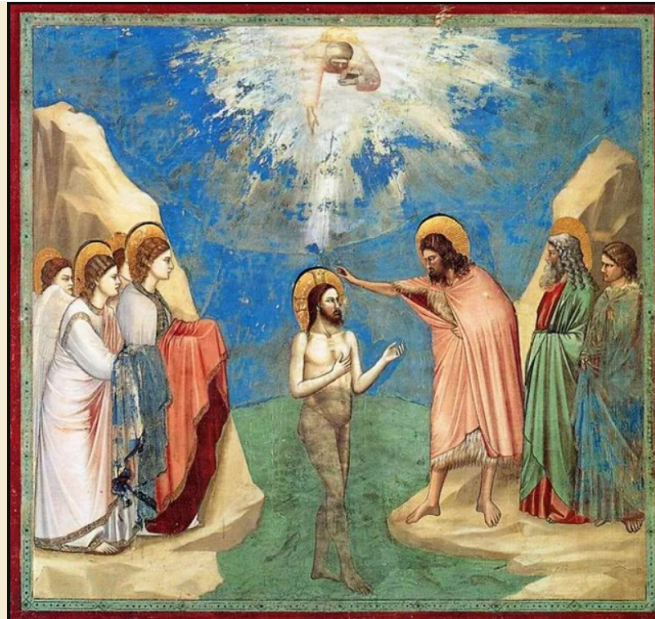
IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastoral Associate:

Today is traditionally named the "Theophany" by the Church, the day on which God (Theo) was revealed. Our Lord came forward to be baptized by the prophet that he had selected to prepare his way— John the Baptist. He who knew no sin came to take on the burden of our sins so that we would, by his Cross and Resurrection be free. We get an indication of this from our first reading: "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am well pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street." Later, he is given the task of opening "the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in the darkness." That darkness, of course, refers to our sin. This action of Jesus being baptized foretells the coming crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus, in his baptism, enters symbolically into death by going beneath the waters. He rises again to new life. It is a symbolism that remains for our own baptism. We were once dead in sin, and now brought to life in the grace of Christ.

Let us take some time today to reflect on our own baptisms and the marvelous gift that it is for us as Christians. Baptism is the gateway to salvation and by it we are admitted to the other sacraments. Our baptism freed us from Original Sin and made us God's children. We were imbued with the graces necessary to live a Christian life, even a heroic one. We should never take that baptism for granted or treat it as ordinary. I encourage you to take time and renew the promises of your baptism. Do this regularly, to remind yourself of what you are bound to by the grace of God. In your heart, as you read each of these sentences, answer with a firm "I do."

Do you reject Satan? And all his works? And all his empty promises? Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth? Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?



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Weekly Schedule

Saturday

Confessions 3:30 pm

Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday

Mass 11:00 am

Wednesday and Thursday

Confession 11:30 am

Mass 12 Noon

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 11:00 am

Baptism and Marriage

Call for information or email
bgeist@oloskc.org

JANUARY 12, 2025
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 11— The Baptism of the Lord

4:00pm † Frank Baccala

SUNDAY, January 12— The Baptism of the Lord

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, January 13— St. Hilary

TUESDAY, January 14

WEDNESDAY, January 15

Noon Anthony and Anastasia Martinez & Family Living and Deceased

THURSDAY, January 16

Noon

FRIDAY, January 17— St. Anthony of the Desert

SATURDAY, January 18— 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, January 19— 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Please Note: MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are available for the posted times in the bulletin, on our church sign, and on our website. We do have days with openings for intentions coming up. Call or email the office at (816) 421-2112 or bgeist@oloskc.org if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

Liturgical Assignments

1/11 & 12	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

1/18 & 19	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 1st Week in Ordinary Time

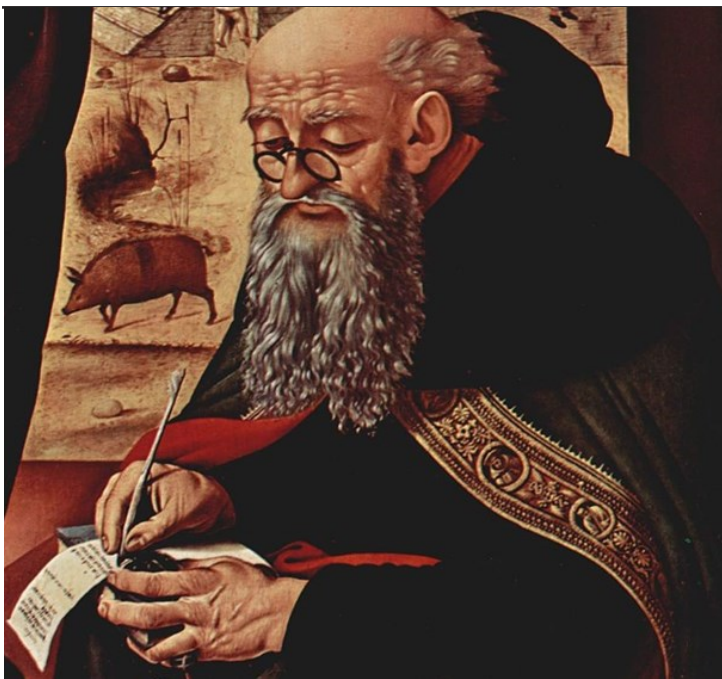
Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-9; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3-4, 6-8; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Parish Calendar of Events

- Jan 11— Parish Christmas Party after 4pm Mass
- Jan 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- Jan 13— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Jan 15— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jan 19—Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Jan 21—Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Feb 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Feb 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Feb 7— Wedding at 5:00pm
- Feb 8-9— Social Ministry Collection
- Feb 18— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Mar 5— Ash Wednesday at Noon
- Mar 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Mar 9— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
- March 15—Wedding at 1:30pm
- March 30— Catholic Relief Service Collection
- Apr 3— Bible Study at 7pm
- Apr 18— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Apr 25— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 2— Bible Study at 7pm
- May 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 3— Wedding at 6pm
- May 9— Wedding at 4:30pm
- May 17— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 17— Wedding at 6pm
- May 18— Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Fund

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Anthony of the Desert

Saint Anthony of the Desert is revered as one of the most famous Christian monks in both the Western and Eastern Churches. He was born in 251 in Lower Egypt to wealthy parents. At the age of 20, Anthony's parents died and he was left to care for his younger unmarried sister. Soon after, he decided to respond to Jesus' invitation in Mt 19:21: "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven." Anthony quickly sold all his lands, gave the proceeds to the poor, and entrusted his sister to the care of a group of consecrated virgins. He went out to a desert to live alone as an ascetic, eating only bread, and drinking saltwater, sometimes fasting from 2-4 days at a time. Eventually his asceticism attracted followers and a group formed that asked him to be their spiritual leader. Because of Anthony's leadership and organization of this group, he is called the "Father of Monasticism." St. Anthony influenced many other saints, including playing an important role in the conversions of St. Augustine and St. John Chrysostom. His influence can be felt in the writings of St. Benedict, who brought monasticism to the Western Church. St. Anthony died in 356 at the age of 105. He was buried in a grave near his cell.

Prayer of the Week

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

"To pray "Jesus" is to invoke him and to call him within us. His name is the only one that contains the presence it signifies. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2666)

For Your Reflection:

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him. John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water. The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptized by you: we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet. Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.



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 the Victim Advocate Whitney True-Francis, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From December 30, 2024 to January 5, 2025

Plate	\$15.00
Envelopes	\$4596.00
Candles	\$17.00
Poor Box	\$80.78
Maintenance	\$400.00
Lighthouse	\$5.00

Christmas Party Today

Due to inclement weather last weekend, our Parish will celebrate its annual Christmas Party this weekend on Saturday, January 11th after the 4pm Mass. This is a wonderful time to enjoy one another's company in festive cheer. Please plan on attending this wonderful celebration!

The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every **Monday at 6:00pm in the parish hall except for the last Monday of the month, when we meet at St.**

Monica's. The Legion of Mary is a Marian group that seeks to bring Jesus and Mary to the world through acts of evangelization and spiritual outreach. This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica's, our sister parish. Our praesidium does homebound visits of parishioners, takes communion to the sick, leads ministries, and many other vital ministries in our parish.



Email Prayer Chain

If you would like to request prayers, please email our prayer chain at AnnMarie@oloskc.org. If you would like to join the prayer chain to pray for these intentions, please send an email request to be added to the list.

Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Nolan Davidson, Jay Keen

A Note From The Editor

Announcements and changes for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office in writing no later than Thursday by Noon. Please indicate which dates you would like the notice to run. Please mail the information to the office or email Brad at the office at bgeist@oloskc.org.

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The Knights of Columbus

Are you looking to make a difference in your community, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships? The Knights of Columbus are calling you! The Knights of Columbus:

****Serves Others**:** Participation in charitable works that support those in need.
****Strengthen Faith**:** Deepening spiritual life through prayer, education, and service.

****Enjoy Brotherhood**:** Connection with like-minded men who share Catholic values with commitment to faith, family, and community.

Please contact Arthur Kovach at (816) 574-0900



Catholic Home Missions Appeal

There will be a second collection after Mass on January 18th and 19th for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal which helps to pay for mission dioceses in the United States that cannot afford to provide their people with their pastoral needs without financial help. Please be as generous as you are able.

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **February 6th at 7pm** and we normally meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month. We are studying the Gospel of John, known as the Spiritual Gospel due to its emphasis on Christ's divinity. Our next session will walk through Jesus' passion, beginning with his arrest and trials. You do not want to miss this session! Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.



Social Outreach Ministry

The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of perishable and non-perishable food, toiletries, hygiene products, diapers, and laundry items for donation to the food pantry at St. Monica's. **Our monthly collection of these items will take place today, January 11 and 12th**, and takes place on the second weekend of each month. You can leave your items in the back of the church. If you would like to help with the social outreach ministry, please contact Bill Capotosto at bcapotosto@gmail.com.