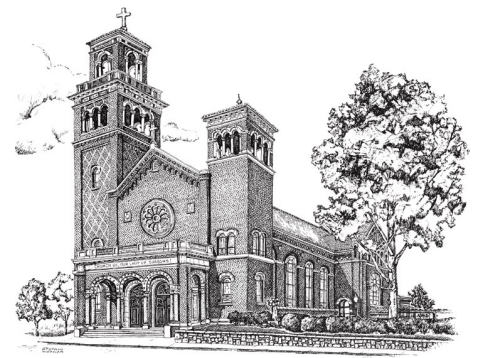


Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



ESTABLISHED 1890

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

From our Pastoral Associate:

In our second reading today, St. Paul exhorts us that our bodies are members of Christ. This doesn't mean members of a club or the members of a group, but of a body (the way we speak of our limbs), more specifically, the Body of Christ. St. Paul regularly spoke of the Body of Christ, and there is no wonder that he did— it was part of his own conversion. While on the road to Damascus to arrest and persecute Christians, Paul saw a bright light which struck him blind and knocked him from his animal. A voice said to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" When Paul inquired as to who was speaking, Jesus said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." The point was very clear— that attacks on Christians are attacks of Christ himself, because they are members of his body.



In baptism, we become members of Christ's body— the Church. This is not a mere metaphor and St. Paul does not mean it to be. We are part of Christ's mystical body in the same way that your eye or your finger is part of your body. In this way, we should not misuse our bodies— committing grave sins and immorality. To do so is to subject Christ to this very behavior. St. Paul is adamant about this: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God with your body." It is not enough that we are redeemed at baptism. We must shun immorality, as it is a sin not just against ourselves, and against others, but against Christ himself. When we mistreat others, particularly in the Church, or do dishonorable things with our own bodies, we commit a vulgarity against the Lord. We should shun these things and seek repentance and healing from Our Lord.

So we should ask ourselves— what ways have I failed in honoring the body that Christ gave me and redeemed? In what ways have I neglected to take care of my body and soul? Have I been to confession for these things? When was the last time I went to confession? How can I more appropriately treat myself and others in my day to day life? What are some ways that I can begin seeing Christ in others and in myself? And finally, ask Christ for the help and strength you need to follow through on the resolutions that follow.

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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 14, 2024
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, January 13—The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, January 14—The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am † Maurice Carey

MONDAY, January 15

TUESDAY, January 16

WEDNESDAY, January 17— St. Anthony of the Desert

Noon † Maurice Carey

THURSDAY, January 18

Noon † Maurice Carey

FRIDAY, January 19

SATURDAY, January 20—The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, January 21—The 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.

Mass Assignments

1/13 & 14	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

1/20 & 21	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23;
Mk 2: 18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10;
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7;
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20

Parish Calendar of Events

- Jan 13-14— Social Ministry Collection
- Jan 15— Legion of Mary Meeting at 6pm
- Jan 16— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Jan 20— Rediscover Your Faith at 10am at St. Monica's
- Jan 20-21— Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Feb 1— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Feb 3— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Feb 8—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Feb 10-11— Social Ministry Collection
- Feb 14— Ash Wednesday Mass at Noon
- Feb 17-18— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
- Feb 18— Catholic Movie Night at 6pm
- Feb 20— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Mar 2— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Mar 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Mar 9-10— Catholic Relief Services Collection
- Mar 19— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Mar 29— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Apr 1— Easter Sunday
- Apr 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Apr 4— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Apr 6— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Apr 6— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 16— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Sebastian

St. Sebastian lived in the mid third century during the Diocletian persecution of Christians. He joined the Roman Army in an attempt to covertly help Christians on their way to martyrdom. During this time, he converted several people to being Christians. His faith was soon discovered and the Emperor Diocletian, angered by his supposed betrayal, ordered him tied to a stake in a field to be the target of his chosen archers. The archers shot him as full of arrows as an urchin is full of spikes and left him for dead. When a Christian came to get his body to bury him, she was surprised to learn that he had somehow not died. She took him to her home and slowly nursed him back to health. Not deterred, Sebastian went to a staircase where the emperor was going to pass and upbraided Diocletian for his cruelty to Christians. Diocletian was astonished by this sudden appearance of one supposed to be dead, but he recovered and ordered his soldiers to beat him to death with cudgels and throw his body in the sewer. St. Sebastian then appeared to a holy lady and she recovered his body. His remains are now housed in Rome, in the Basilica of St. Sebastian. Some of his relics are also in France and Germany. He became famous in later times when people associated his intercession with recovering from the bubonic plague.

Catholic Movie Night

Our first Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be on Sunday, Feb 18th at 6pm.** Our next movie will be **There Be Dragons** (2011), a fictional retelling of the life of St. Josemaría Escrivá, the founder of *Opus Dei: Arising out of the horror of the Spanish Civil War, a candidate for canonization, Josemaría Escrivá, is investigated by a journalist who discovers that his own estranged father had a deep, dark and devastating connection to the saint's life. As he uncovers the truth, he learns more about his origins and learns much about forgiveness and the power of faith. Don't miss such an excellent movie!*

For Your Reflection:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made through him, and without him nothing was made. In these words John the theologian teaches that nothing exists or remains in being except in and through the Word.

Think of a musician tuning his lyre. By his skill he adjusts high notes to low and intermediate notes to the rest, and produces a series of harmonies. So too the wisdom of God holds the world like a lyre and joins things in the air to those on earth, and things in heaven to those in the air, and brings each part into harmony with the whole. By his decree and will he regulates them all to produce the beauty and harmony of a single, well-ordered universe. While remaining unchanged with his Father, he moves all creation by his unchanging nature, according to the Father's will. To everything he gives existence and life in accordance with its nature, and so creates a wonderful and truly divine harmony.

To illustrate this profound mystery, let us take the example of a choir of many singers. A choir is composed of a variety of men, women and children, of both old and young. Under the direction of one conductor, each sings in the way that is natural for him: men with men's voices, boys with boys' voices, old people with old voices, young people with young voices. Yet all of them produce a single harmony. Or consider the example of our soul. It moves our senses according to their several functions so that in the presence of a single object they all act simultaneously: the eye sees, the ear hears, the hand touches, the nose smells, the tongue tastes, and often the other parts of the body act as well as, for example, the feet may walk.

Although this is only a poor comparison, it gives some idea of how the whole universe is governed. The Word of God has but to give a gesture of command and everything falls into place; each creature performs its own proper function, and all together constitute one single harmonious order.

-From a Discourse Against the Pagans by Saint Athanasius, bishop and Doctor of the Church

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 January 2 to January 7, 2023

Plate	\$324.00
Envelopes	\$1936.00
Mother of God	\$408.00
Maintenance	\$125.00
Weddings	\$745.00
Candles	\$78.25
Poor Box	\$2.00
Other	\$569.00

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You may also make donations through our website.

Or use our QR Code for PayPal!



The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council #2457 meets in the parish hall on the first Wednesdays beginning with recitation of the Rosary at 6:30pm. We are also establishing a Women's Auxiliary to help support the Knights charitable works both practically and spiritually. Please contact John Pileggi at (816) 547-6574, or jgapileggi@gmail.com.



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

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 fax it to 816.421.6037 or email Brad at the office at bgeist@oloskc.org.

Counters Needed!

We are in need of counters that can come in pairs on Monday mornings to count the Sunday collection and take it safely to the bank. This task only requires a few hours every few weeks. Training will be provided. This is a vitally important task to keep our parish running smoothly. To learn more, please contact our parish office.

Parish Office Closed

Our parish office will be closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King day. We will be open again on Tuesday at our normal hours.

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 on February 10-11**, 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.

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on **February 1st at 7pm** and we 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 explore Jesus' teaching on himself as the Good Shepherd. All are welcome! There is no need to have come to prior meetings to come to this one. Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.



Rediscover Your Faith

Our next meeting will be on **January 20th at 10am** at St. Monica's, our sister parish in the building connected to the church. During each meeting we focus in on a special topic to explore. Our next topic will be on Mary and the Four Marian Dogmas. Emphasis will be on understanding her biblical role in our salvation and how to defend these teachings to others.



The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every **Monday at 6:00pm in the parish hall**. The Legion of Mary is a Marian group that seeks to imitate Mary in serving Jesus in those they meet by advancing the Gospel. 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.

