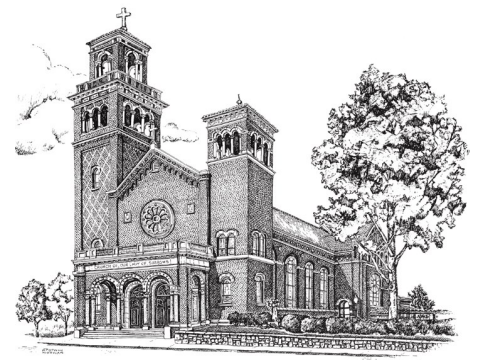


# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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## From the Pastoral Associate:

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the testimony of John the Baptist regarding the baptism of Jesus. This is a unique look at Jesus' baptism through the eyes of the Baptizer. Upon seeing Jesus walking by, John tells those around him (and us) that this is the person he was coming to herald and the one for whom he came to baptize. John then reveals that God gave him a sign to watch out for: "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. (Jn 1:33). And so John bears witness to the fact that he did see the Spirit descend as a dove and remain on Jesus, declaring Jesus to be the Son of God.



This passage has some interesting parallels with the anointing of King David in 1 Samuel 16. King Saul had been unfaithful to God's command and so he was rejected from the kingship. God ordered the prophet Samuel to go and anoint a new king who would be revealed to him among the sons of Jesse. Samuel does so and when he sees the first of Jesse's sons he believes that he has found him. "But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.'" Having thus been corrected, Samuel watches each of Jesse's six other sons go by, declaring that none had been chosen by God, before David arrives. "And the Lord said, 'Arise, anoint him for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward."

We can see many similarities here. Both men, of the tribe of Judah, are revealed by prophets. Like Samuel, John was given an indication of who was chosen to be the Lamb of God and had to wait for the right person to come along. Like David, Jesus was not recognizable as God's chosen simply by his appearance, but rather for his spiritual qualities that God alone could see. We also see a similarity with the confirmation of God's election by the descent of the Holy Spirit. For David, the Spirit of the Lord comes upon David to guide and lead him. For Jesus, the Spirit descends and remains on him at his baptism. We see the Spirit continuing to work throughout Jesus' ministry and Jesus makes clear that one of the reasons that he came is to reveal and send the Holy Spirit to us (Jn 16:4b-15).

The intention of the Apostle John is clear— Jesus is the new David, the Son of God through whom the Holy Spirit performs mighty works both in deed and speech. We should always listen to Our Lord and follow him, as John the Baptist's disciples eventually do: "The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus." (Jn 1:37) In response to John's testimony, we also should do the same.

## Parish Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Monday-Friday

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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

JANUARY 15, 2023  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, January 14—2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm Pam Tyrrell

**SUNDAY, January 15—2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, January 16**

**TUESDAY, January 17—St. Anthony**

**WEDNESDAY, January 18**  
Noon David and Leticia Tyrrell Family

**THURSDAY, January 19**  
Noon † Russ Daly

**FRIDAY, January 20—St. Fabian, St. Sebastian**

**SATURDAY, January 21—3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, January 22—3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
11:00am Noah Creedon

## 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.

## Parish Calendar of Events

- **January 16— Legion of Mary** at 6pm
- **January 19— Holy Hour for Marriage** from 6-7pm
- **January 23—Legion of Mary** at 6pm
- **January 28— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **February 2— Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)** at Noon.
- **February 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John)** at 7pm
- **February 16—Holy Hour for Marriage** from 6-7pm
- **February 22—Ash Wednesday**

**Keep watching for more info & dates to come!**

# Volunteers

1/14 & 15	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Brad Geist
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	Jim Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	Richard Grindell

1/21 & 22	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Pat Tangen	

## Readings for the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21  
 Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

## Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Today we have a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions appeal, which provides for dioceses in the United States that have limited resources, difficult financial situations, vast distances, difficult terrain, and a lack of priests and lay ministers. Your contribution will go toward helping these dioceses to grow and thrive. Please be as generous as you are able.

## Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports over 30 ministries and the people they serve to provide spiritual, educational, and social needs in our Diocese. This is an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no one parish could provide on its own. You will receive an invitation from Bishop Johnston inviting you to participate. Our goal is 100% participation. No gift is too small. Please join the effort.

# Weekly Activities & Events



## 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. 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.

## New Ministries Beginning!

Our new ministries are beginning. Stay tuned in the next few weeks for more info as they all begin to get days and times on the schedules. Here's some to look forward to:

**Refresh Your Faith**  
**Book Club**  
**Fellowship Sunday**  
**Social Outreach**  
**Giving Tree**

To learn more about these ministries, please contact the parish office.

## For Your Reflection

How did the Dark Power [Satan] go wrong? Here, no doubt, we ask a question to which human beings cannot give an answer with any certainty. A reasonable (and traditional) guess, based on our own experiences of going wrong, can, however, be offered. The moment you have a self at all, there is a possibility of putting yourself first— wanting to be the center— wanting to be God, in fact. That was the sin of Satan: and that was the sin he taught the human race. Some people think the fall of man had something to do with sex, but that is a mistake. (The story in the Book of Genesis rather suggests that some corruption in our sexual nature followed the fall and was its result, not its cause.) What Satan put into the heads of our remote ancestors was the idea that they could 'be like gods'— could set up on their own as if they had created themselves— be their own masters— invent some sort of happiness for themselves outside God, apart from God. And out of that hopeless attempt has come nearly all that we call human history— money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery— the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.

The reason why it can never succeed is this. God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.  
-C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

## 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](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 Whitney True-Francis, at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Weekend's Collection

From January 2 to January 8, 2023

Plate.....\$320.00

Envelopes.....\$2,010.00

## Prayer of the Week

### Act of Hope

*O My God, relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.*

"Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.

The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man; it takes up the hopes that inspire men's activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps man from discouragement; it sustains him during times of abandonment; it opens up his heart in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, he is preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 1817-1818

## The Knights of Columbus

Our Knights of Columbus Council #2457 meets in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesdays beginning with recitation of the Rosary at 6:30pm. In addition to serving our Pastor, the Council has established Roundtables for Our Lady of Perpetual Help as well as Our Lady of Good Counsel. We are also establishing a Women's Auxiliary to help support the Knights' charitable works both practically and spiritually. Please contact Brad Geist or John Pileggi for more information."



## Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Mike Burke, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Sandra Freeman, Grace Weatherford, Jim Randolph, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera

## 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

## The Legion of Mary

The 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, confident in the help of Mary, seeks to imitate her in serving Jesus in those they meet by evangelizing and performing spiritual works of mercy. This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica Catholic Church, our sister parish. If you would like to join the Legion or want more information, please contact Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for more information or come to the meeting.



## Parish Bible Study— The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **February 2nd at 7pm** and it will meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month. The first book that we will study will be the Gospel of St. John. The Gospel of John is known as the Spiritual Gospel due to its emphasis on Christ's divinity. Our next session will explore the Prologue of John's Gospel and explore the rich similarities between it and the first chapter of Genesis. We will also explore what Christ being the Eternal Word of God means to us as Christians. All are welcome!

## The Holy Hour for Marriage

The Holy Hour for Marriage is a new ministry that will be held at 6pm on January 19th at Our Lady of Sorrows and will be done monthly on the third Thursday of every month. The Holy Hour will be for married and engaged couples to come and pray in eucharistic adoration over each other and for the needs of their marriage. There will be a short reflection on an aspect of married life, confession, and ample time to pray. When it is over, all couples are encouraged to go on a date with their spouse or fiancé. This event is open to any Catholic couple throughout the city. Please plan on attending this beautiful time of prayer and support the vocation of marriage in our community and diocese.

## Email Prayer Chain

If you would like to request prayers, please email our prayer chain at [AnnMarie@oloskc.org](mailto:AnnMarie@oloskc.org). If you would like to join the prayer chain to get alerts to pray for these intentions, please feel free to send an email request.

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