

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH

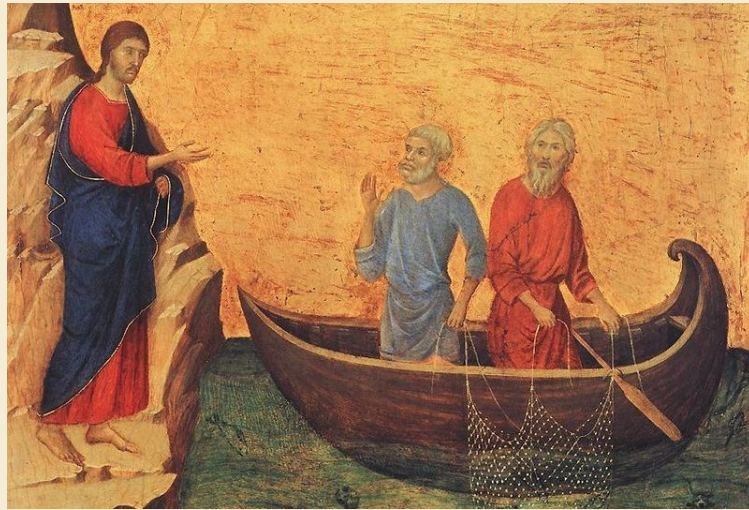


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CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

From our Pastoral Associate:

In our Gospel today, we are told the story of the calling of Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John. All the men are fishermen and Jesus invites them to lay down their profession to become “fishers of men.” They leave everything to follow Jesus. These men would go on to become the first priests and bishops.



These men would end up giving everything to Jesus, counting as

nothing the loss of goods, comfort, and even their lives in service to Our Lord and to the expansion of the Church. Their efforts were astounding— thousands converted throughout the Roman Empire, eventually leading to the legalization of Christianity under Constantine. Now, there’s not a place in the Western World (and much of the Eastern World) that does not have a Christian church in each town.

We should foster in our families and in our daily lives an openness to the calling of God, now matter what our vocation or where we are in life. The Apostles dropped everything they were doing, leaving their nets, their livelihood, their families and all their possession behind. We should respond with the same generosity of spirit in whatever God may be calling us to. Are we called to leave everything we own and do the same? Maybe. Some people are called to this, but most aren’t. Even so, we should still be willing to give to God our time, talents, and treasure, whether that be volunteering at food pantries and soup kitchens, joining one of our parish ministries, preaching the Gospel, or tithing to our parish and elsewhere.

Finally, in the Church today, we are dealing a difficult vocation shortage of men who are called to be priests, deacons, and religious. Without priests, we would not be able to receive the seven sacraments, or be forced to travel far to receive them at long intervals. As we read and consider this passage today, let’s remember to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and even the married life, as good families are the fertile soil for vocations in the Church. We should encourage young people as they are in their discernment period to consider each of these vocations in the Church and to put their focus on where God is leading them. And let us be sure not to forget to thank those that have already answered the call.

Parish Office

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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 21, 2024
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, January 20—The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, January 21—The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, January 22— Day of Prayer for Legal

Protection of Unborn Children

TUESDAY, January 23— St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope

WEDNESDAY, January 24— St. Frances de Sales

Noon † Maurice Carey

THURSDAY, January 25— The Conversion of St. Paul

Noon † Maurice Carey

FRIDAY, January 26— Sts. Timothy and Titus

SATURDAY, January 27—The 4th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, January 28—The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am † Maurice Carey

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

1/20 & 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

1/27 & 28	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mt 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-10, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

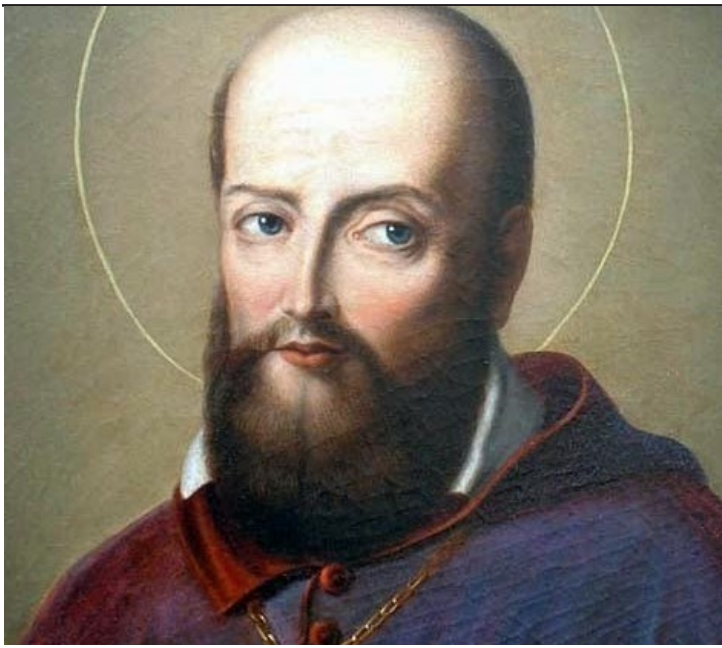
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28

Parish Calendar of Events

- Jan 20-21— Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Jan 22— Legion of Mary Meeting at 6pm
- 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
- Apr 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 27— Wedding at 6pm
- May 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- May 3— Wedding at 2:00pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales was born in 1567 in France to noble parents. His father desired that he become a soldier but he suspected that he was called to be a priest. Francis obeyed his father however, and began studies. However, he became convinced that he was called to be a priest and was ordained in 1593. Francis had always desired to be a missionary to Switzerland, which had largely converted to Calvinism in the previous half century and bring the people back to the Catholic Faith. Having no one that would take him in, he trudged through the icy countryside, having doors slammed in his face, rocks thrown at him, and often sleeping in barn lofts or trees to avoid wolves. His feet often bled in the icy conditions. He regularly preached sermons to empty churches. Francis didn't give up however. He soon became friends with the children, playing games with them and earning their affection. The parents, seeing this friendship, decided to hear him out. Francis also recognized that the social pressure against conversion was also significant, so he wrote pamphlets which he would slip under the doors of homes in order to allow people to consider the arguments for Catholicism privately. His efforts were met remarkable success. He died of a stroke in 1662, having just given a nun his last word of advice "Humility."

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:

Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the Eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.*

Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father.

It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man's sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members.

Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a preeminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.

-The Second Vatican Council: *Sacrosanctum Concilium: The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*

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 8 to January 14, 2023

Plate	\$147.33
Envelopes	\$1201.00
Weddings	\$2000.00
Candles	\$41.00

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. Please be as generous as you are able.

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.

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.

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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 announced soon and will be 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. Previous topics covered Advent, the O Antiphons, and the Marian Dogmas.



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.

