

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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## Ministry Spotlight: The Legion of Mary

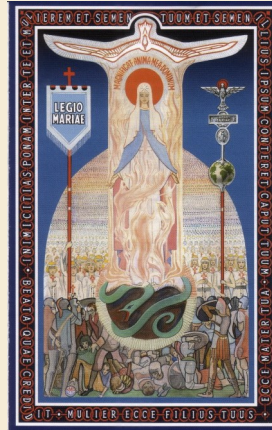
It is a little known fact that a parish priest will have to answer before Our Lord not only for the Catholics in his parish's boundaries, but also for every man, woman, and child within those boundaries, whether or not they are Catholic or even Christian. This is a tremendous responsibility, and the laity are not exempt from that mission. As parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows, we have a duty to aid Fr. Leonard in his mission of reaching souls, whether it is caring for the physical needs or their spiritual needs. This is doubly important as Fr. Leonard is the pastor of not just one, but two parishes as well as having a hospital within the boundaries as well. We have restarted the Legion of Mary to help provide for the spiritual needs of these souls. Through its devotion to Mary, the Legion is focused on bringing souls to Jesus Christ by performing the spiritual works of mercy and other works of evangelization such as comforting the grieving, consoling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, and so much more.

The Legion of Mary is a Marian apostolate that was founded in 1921 in Dublin, Ireland. It has had tremendous success in the century since its founding, now having local groups in every diocese in the world. It has become the largest lay apostolate in the world, comprising over 11 million members. As of right now, there are 3 members being considered for canonization— the Servant of God Frank Duff (the founder), Venerable Edel Quinn (a Legion envoy to Africa), and the Servant of God Alphonsus Lambe (a Legion envoy to South America). The Legion sees itself as the army of Mary, arrayed against that of Satan in the battle for souls. The war of Mary with Satan has been going on since the beginning, when God promised enmity between the serpent and the Woman in Genesis 3. There is no one who desires that someone be brought to Jesus more than the Blessed Virgin herself. By uniting him or herself with Mary, the legionary seeks to become a living copy of her— so that when Jesus is served in the souls we meet, he is served by Mary.

The Legion meets weekly to pray the rosary together before a statue of Our Lady, to study the Legion's handbook (which is packed full of spiritual insights on the Blessed Virgin and the Catholic life), to give reports on each member's legionary works through the week, to give advice and encouragement, and to determine what needs to be done for the coming week.

It is our hope that we will be able to soon start considering door to door ministry, ministry to the sick and homebound, adult spiritual formation in our parish, and many other works in the effort to make our parish grow. In order to do this, however, we need more members.

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## Parish Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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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 22, 2023  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**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

**MONDAY, January 23— Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

**TUESDAY, January 24—St. Francis de Sales**

**WEDNESDAY, January 25—The Conversion of St. Paul**  
Noon Pam Tyrrell

**THURSDAY, January 26—Sts. Timothy and Titus**  
Noon

**FRIDAY, January 27—St. Angela Merici**

**SATURDAY, January 28—4th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, January 29—4th Sunday of 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@oloslkc.org if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

## Parish Calendar of Events

- **January 23—Legion of Mary** at 6pm
- **January 28— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **January 30— Legion of Mary** at 6pm
- **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 21— Water Garden Society** from 5-9pm
- **February 22—Ash Wednesday** at Noon
- **March 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John)** at 7pm

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

# Volunteers

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	

1/23 & 29	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	

## Readings for the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30,

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

## Ushers Needed

We are in need of regular ushers at our weekend Masses. Ushers provide a welcoming face for those coming to our parish, help people find what they need, and help organize and gather the collection during Mass. We are especially in need of ushers for the 11am Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

## 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— Sts. Timothy and Titus

Sts. Timothy and Titus were converts and later friends of St. Paul the Apostle. Timothy was born of a Jewish mother who became a Christian and a Greek father. He worked side by side with Paul for 15 years and was present with Paul at the founding of the church at Corinth. Timothy was often sent on difficult and dangerous missions by Paul, often signing letters to churches with Paul. He became one of Paul's most trusted and beloved friends and was present for Paul during his house arrest in Rome. Titus likewise was a fellow friend of Paul's and hand delivered at least one letter to the Corinthians from Paul and helped to smooth over the difficulties present at this church. With Titus' help, Paul prevailed at the Council of Jerusalem in Acts 16, which passed the judgment that new believers would not be required to follow Jewish dietary and purity laws. Titus was seen as a peacemaker, administrator, and good friend. In the letter written to him by Paul, Titus is described as an administrator in Crete, charged with organizing it, correcting any abuses, and selecting bishops and priests. St. Paul was arguably the greatest evangelizer that the Church has ever known, but he would not have accomplished it had it not been for the support of Sts. Timothy and Titus.

## 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.

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There are two different types of membership— active and auxiliaries. The Active members perform the basic legionary work and attend the weekly meetings. Auxiliary members are tasked with praying a rosary for the Legion every day. Both memberships are essential and the Legion handbook compares them to soldiers on the front lines (active members) and munitions factory workers (auxiliary members). Without the munitions, an army cannot fight. Without the soldiers, the munitions workers would be without a purpose. So it is with the members an active member will soon fail without the prayers of others.

The lowest council of the Legion is known as a praesidium (the Legion borrows its terminology from the Roman Legion, one of the most elite fighting forces in history). Each praesidium adopts a title of Our Lady as a way of expressing that it is not the Legionaries, but Mary that are really in this fight. Our praesidium is a combination of parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Monica, our sister parish. We decided to adopt the name of Our Lady of Kibeho for our praesidium as it spoke to the history and character of Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Monica parishes. Our Lady of Kibeho appeared in Rwanda in the 1980's and described herself as Our Lady of Sorrows. She taught the visionaries (one of whom was a member of the Legion of Mary) many things, among which included the request for everyone to pray the Seven Sorrows Chaplet every day, the need to repent, and a warning of the coming Rwandan Genocide, which, sadly, indeed came to pass. Our Lady of Kibeho is the first Marian apparition in Africa approved by the Catholic Church.

Our praesidium meets every Monday at 6pm in the parish hall. If you would like to learn more, please feel free to attend one of our meetings or contact Brad at the parish office. All are welcome!

## 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 9 to January 15, 2023

Plate.....\$635.00

Envelopes.....\$1,545.00

## Prayer of the Week

### Act of Love

*O my God, I love Thee above all things with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon for all whom I have injured.*

Amen.

Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

Jesus makes charity the *new commandment*. By loving his own "to the end," he makes manifest the Father's love which he receives.

By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love." And again:

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 1822-1823

## 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

Our Holy Hour for Marriage was a big success! The next Holy Hour for Marriage will be held at 6pm on February 16th 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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