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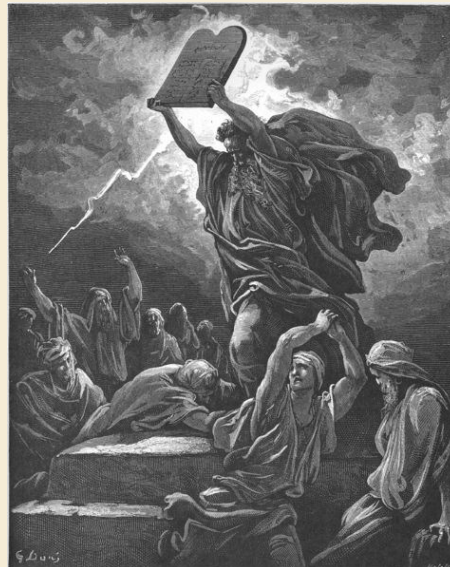
Letter from Fr. Leonard Regarding the Annual Catholic Appeal

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to those of you who have already contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Over the past month, your generous donations have helped us raise our total from \$2,200 to an impressive \$6,710, which now represents 52% of our annual goal of \$12,850. With five months still ahead, we are confident that, with your continued generosity, we will successfully reach our target. For those of you who haven't had the chance to make a contribution yet, I kindly urge you to consider taking an ACA envelope available at the back of the church. Your participation and support in this vital appeal for our diocese are greatly appreciated. Once again, thank you for your unwavering support.

From our Pastoral Associate:

In our first reading today, Moses tells the people that "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen." This was because when the Israelites were at Mt. Sinai, God came down to the mountain to talk with the people and give the Ten Commandments. God descended on the mountain in fire and it was covered in a great smoke and the whole mountain shook. There was a great trumpet blast and God answered Moses' questions in booming thunder. The Israelites, understandably terrified, asked Moses to be their representative before God. In our reading today, Moses is nearing the end of his life and so he predicts that God will raise up another prophet like him. This prophet would be none other than Jesus, whom God commands us at the Baptism in the Jordan and on the Mountain during the Transfiguration to "listen to him."

Jesus is the new Moses who, as we hear in the Gospel today, teaches with authority in a way that they had only known from Moses. Jesus is also the God that thundered upon the mountain and caused such fear and trepidation among the Israelites. Whereas Moses sinned in striking the stone that gave water more than he ought and forfeited his ability to enter the Promised Land, in this new Moses, God and Moses are one and the same, uniting in him the perfect prophet capable of accomplishing God's will perfectly and lead his people into the true promised land of redemption and eternal life. Whereas only God gave the manna to the people in the desert, our new Moses gives us the manna of his body and blood for us to eat in the Eucharist. We also should take the time to "listen to him."



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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 28, 2024
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

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

MONDAY, January 29

TUESDAY, January 30

WEDNESDAY, January 31— St. John Bosco

Noon † Brian Waldbillig

THURSDAY, February 1

Noon † Maurice Carey

FRIDAY, February 2— The Presentation of the Lord

SATURDAY, February 3—The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, February 4—The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am † Maurice Carey

Mass Assignments

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

2/3 & 4	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 4th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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

- Jan 29— 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
- May 18— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Blaise

St. Blaise lived around the end of the third century and the beginning of the fourth in Armenia. He began his life studying philosophy in his youth and became a physician, healing bodily ailments. He performed this task with miraculous ability, good-will, and piety. When the bishop of Sabastea died, the people as one chose Blaise as their new bishop. His holiness was manifested by many miracles and people came to him from near and far to be healed by him. In 316, the Governor of Cappadocia and Lesser Armenia began a persecution of him by order of the Emperor Licinius. Blaise was arrested and, on the way to jail a mother brought her only son, choking on a fish bone, and laid him at his feet. Her son was healed immediately. The governor was unable to make Blaise recant his faith and ordered him to be beaten with sticks, have his flesh ripped with iron combs, and eventually beheaded. Because of the healing that St. Blaise performed on the child who was choking, St. Blaise is considered an intercessor for ailments of the throat. St. Blaise quickly became one of the most popular saints of the Middle Ages. Every year near his feast day on February 3rd, it is customary for priests to bless the throats of people with two candles, been blessed at Candlemas the previous day, tied together in the shape of a cross.

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:

It may be possible for each to think too much of his own potential glory hereafter; it is hardly possible for him to think too often or too deeply about that of his neighbor. The load, or weight, or burden of my neighbor's glory should be laid on my back, a load so heavy that only humility can carry it, and the backs of the proud will be broken.

It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or other of these destination. It is in the light of these overwhelming possibilities, it is with the awe and the circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all our dealings with one another, all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics. There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.

This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of the kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously—no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption. And our charity must be a real and costly love, with deep feeling for the sins in spite of which we love the sinner—no mere tolerance, or indulgence which parodies love as flippancy parodies merriment.

Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses. If he is your Christian neighbor, he is holy in almost the same way, for in him also Christ *vere latitat*—the glorifier and the glorified, Glory Himself, is truly hidden.

-C.S. Lewis, Essay: *The Weight of Glory*

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 15 to January 21, 2023

Plate	\$726.00
Envelopes	\$2155.00
Weddings	\$1995.00
Candles	\$55.00
Home Missions Appeal	\$506.00
Poor Box	\$10.00



Church Cleaning Invitation

January 6th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning. Please come and lend a hand for the work is light and rewarding. Stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

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.

