

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH

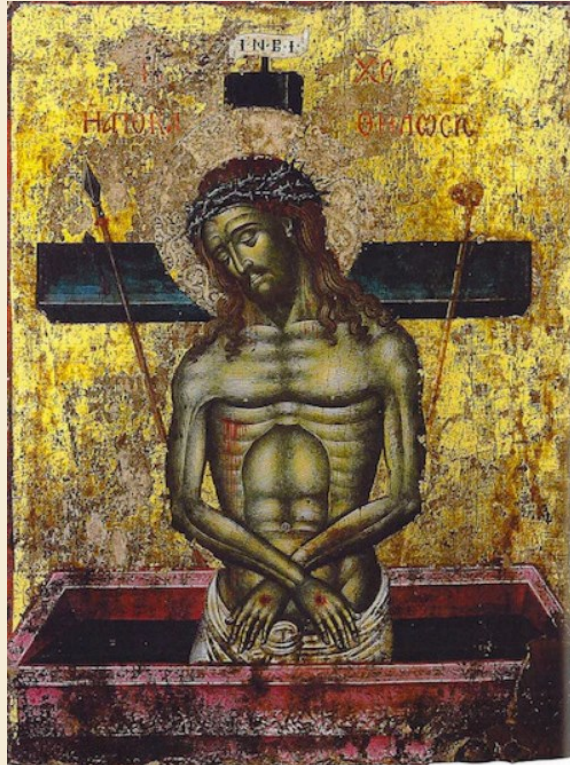


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CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

From our Pastoral Associate:

In our second reading today, St. Paul exhorts his Philippian readers to have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had who, taking the form of a slave, emptied himself and became obedient to God to the point of death, even one so ignominious as one on the Cross. This reading has always struck me deeply, so much so that my wife and I had it read at our wedding Mass. The advice of being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing, doing nothing out of selfishness or vainglory but humbly regarding others as more important than one's self, each looking out not his own interests but also for those of others, is particularly relevant in a Christian marriage. But this passage is really relevant to all walks of life and all communities.



How often do we reflect the same attitude that Jesus had when he came among us to save us? Do we empty ourselves and look out not for our own interests but of those of others? Do we seek to be united with one another in truth, having the same mind? Are we obedient to God in all things, even to the point of death? It's pretty clear that we have a lot to work on. It's something that will take a lifetime of constant effort to get right, and even so, there will be countless failures, big or small, that will occur along the way. Nevertheless, we are called to imitate Jesus who went so far to model this for us that even went to the point of death— even death on a Cross!

We also need to take the time to thank Jesus. He did not need to save us or even come among us. But in his incredibly deep love for us, he emptied himself and became like a slave among us. God has exalted him, but we also should exalt him. Is his name above every other name in our lives? Does he reign supreme or do we allow other things, other pursuits, other persons to reign more supreme in our lives than him? Do we acknowledge him as Lord and bend the knee to his lordship and sovereignty? Do we glorify God the Father for loving us so deeply that he did not hold back even his Son to save us? Let us take the time today and every day to reflect on this message of the humility of Jesus and to acknowledge him as Lord.

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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

OCTOBER 1, 2023
THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, September 30—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, October 1— 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am † Maurice Carey

MONDAY, October 2— The Holy Guardian Angels

TUESDAY, October 3

WEDNESDAY, October 4— St. Francis of Assisi

Noon † Maurice Carey

THURSDAY, October 5— St. Faustina Kowalska

Noon † Maurice Carey

FRIDAY, October 6— St. Bruno

SATURDAY, October 7—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, October 8— 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass Assignments

9/30 & 10/1	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

10/7 & 8	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

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.

Readings for the 26th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-23, 29, Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
 Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Parish Calendar of Events

- Oct 1— KC Chorale Concert at 2pm
- Oct 2— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Oct 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Oct 5— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Oct 7— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 14— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 14-15— Social Ministry Collection
- Oct 17— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Oct 20— Wedding at 5:00pm
- Oct 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 21— Wedding at 6pm
- Oct 21-22— Mission Sunday Collection
- Oct 27— Wedding at 2:30pm
- Oct 28— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 1— All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) at Noon
- Nov 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Nov 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Nov 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 4— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 11— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- Nov 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Dec 2— Parish Christmas Party at 5pm
- Dec 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Dec 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Dec 9-10— Religious Retirement Collection
- Dec 12— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— The Guardian Angels

Before the creation of the world God created the angels, who are pure spirits, to serve him and to worship him. Among these are the guardian angels who protect and pray for human beings. Each human person has a guardian angel assigned to them to help guide them in this life and protect us from physical danger but more importantly spiritual danger. Jesus himself confirmed that we have guardian angels when he said “See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.” (Mt 18:10) Even Jesus himself seems to have had a guardian angel, who is mentioned in the account of the Garden of Gethsemane: “And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony, he prayed the longer. And his sweat became as drops of blood, trickling down upon the ground.” (Lk 22:42-44.) Angels are pure spirits who are not bound by space, time, or matter. They are always present and ready to help. Your angel is always praying for you before God and aids you in your own prayers. It’s important to remember to have a relationship with your guardian angel, who is your protector in this life. When you have difficulties, ask your angel for assistance. When you struggle with anger against someone, ask that person’s guardian angel to pray for you in overcoming that anger and finding a way to forgive them. The guardian angels are here to aid us in our walk to heaven. Let’s be sure not to forget them.

No Masses This Week

Fr. Leonard will be attending the annual Diocesan Priests Convocation this week so there will be no Mass or Confession. Mass intentions will be said by Fr. Leonard while on retreat. For sacramental needs, please call the Redemptorists at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

For Your Reflection:

He has given his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways. Let them thank the Lord for his mercy; his wonderful works are for the children of men. Let them give thanks and say among the nations, the Lord has done great things for them. O Lord, what is man that you have made yourself known to him, or why do you incline your heart to him? And you do incline your heart to him; you show him your care and your concern. Finally, you send your only Son and the grace of your Spirit, and promise him a vision of your countenance. And so, that nothing in heaven should be wanting in your concern for us, you send those blessed spirits to serve us, assigning them as our guardians and our teachers.

He has given his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways. These words should fill you with respect, inspire devotion and instill confidence; respect for the presence of angels, devotion because of their loving service, and confidence because of their protection. And so the angels are here; they are at your side, they are with you, present on your behalf. They are here to protect you and to serve you. But even if it is God who has given them this charge, we must nonetheless be grateful to them for the great love with which they obey and come to help us in our great need.

So let us be devoted and grateful to such great protectors; let us return their love and honor them as much as we can and should. Yet all our love and honor must go to him, for it is from him that they receive all that makes them worthy of our love and respect.

We should then, my brothers, show our affection for the angels, for one day they will be our co-heirs just as here below they are our guardians and trustees appointed and set over us by the Father. We are God’s children although it does not seem so, because we are still but small children under guardians and trustees, and for the present little better than slaves.

Even though we are children and have a long, a very long and dangerous way to go, with such protectors what have we to fear? They who keep us in all our ways cannot be overpowered or led astray, much less lead us astray. They are loyal, prudent, powerful. Why then are we afraid?

We have only to follow them, stay close to them, and we shall dwell under the protection of God’s heaven.

-From a Sermon by St. Bernard, abbot

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 September 18 to September 24, 2023

Plate.....\$807.13

Envelopes.....\$1000.00

Prayer of the Week

The Stabat Mater Dolorosa (9th-12th lines)

O thou Mother! fount of love!
Touch my spirit from above,
make my heart with thine accord:

Make me feel as thou hast felt;
make my soul to glow and melt
with the love of Christ my Lord.

Holy Mother! pierce me through,
in my heart each wound renew
of my Savior crucified:

Let me share with thee His pain,
who for all my sins was slain,
who for me in torments died.

Eucharistic Pilgrimage Passports

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is offering a Eucharistic Pilgrimage Passport that has different stops churches in our diocese. Our parish is on the list. A special prize will be given to any who complete the passport by May. You can find them in the back of the church.

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. We are also establishing a Women's Auxiliary to help support the Knights' charitable works both practically and spiritually. Please contact John Pileggi for more information."



Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, 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.

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 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. If you would like more info contact Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for more information or come to a meeting.



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 next monthly collection of these items will be October 14-15**, and will take 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 Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **October 5th 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 explore Jesus' visit to Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles, the questions swirling around him, and the woman caught in adultery. 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.

Church Cleaning Invitation

October 7th, 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.

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.

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