

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

Making Choices: The Heart of Discipleship

Today's Gospel isn't just about money; it's about the choices we make in life. The man who comes to Jesus has many possessions, but those possessions are not his real problem. His true challenge is the belief that he can have it all—he wants to be a disciple while holding onto everything he already has. He follows the commandments and is a good person with resources to accomplish many good things. But when he asks Jesus what more he can do, Jesus responds by asking him to make a choice. Jesus tells him, "You can be my disciple and inherit eternal life, but first, you must let go of something you already hold dear."



The tragedy of this man's story is that he cannot do it. He is unwilling to give up his possessions, and so he walks away sad. His experience reminds us that in order to embrace certain things in life, we must be willing to let go of others. We cannot have it all. This truth applies to every aspect of our lives. To say yes to something important often requires saying no to something else, even if what we are giving up is good in itself.

For example, to say yes to the intimacy and support of marriage, we must say no to the freedom that the single life offers. Committing to a spouse means letting go of every other potential partner, which can be difficult, but it's essential for deep, lasting love. Similarly, saying yes to a challenging job that stretches us and helps us grow often means saying no to the comfort of a job that may feel easier but offers little in terms of growth. Building meaningful, lifelong friendships requires that we say no to developing other, more casual relationships, simply because we cannot invest deeply in everyone we meet.

This is not an easy path. In fact, the Apostles themselves are overwhelmed by this idea, asking, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus' response gives us hope: "For human beings this is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." When we are called to make difficult choices, to let go of something we love for the sake of something greater, we may feel that we lack the strength to do it on our own. But Jesus reassures us that we are not alone in these decisions. God is with us, and with God's help, all things are possible.

So, we are invited to look at our lives and discern what truly matters most. Then, we can pray, "Lord, you have shown me what to do. Give me the strength to let go of whatever holds me back from choosing what is most important. Teach me to say yes by learning to say no."

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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
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OCTOBER 13, 2024
THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, October 12— 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm †Russ Daly

SUNDAY, October 13— 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, October 14— St. Callistus I

TUESDAY, October 15— St. Teresea of Avila

WEDNESDAY, October 16—St. Hedwig

Noon † Caecilia Anne Kleine

THURSDAY, October 17— St. Ignatius of Antioch

Noon Jennifer Rose and Family & Friends (living and deceased)

FRIDAY, October 18— St. Luke, Evangelist

SATURDAY, October 19— 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Joseph, Paula, and Ronald I Garcia and Regina Garcia Foster

SUNDAY, October 20— 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Liturgical Assignments

10/12 & 13	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

10/19 & 20	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 28th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Tim 4:10-17; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-7; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

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

- Oct 12-13— Social Ministry Collection
- Oct 14— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Oct 15—Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Oct 19— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 19-20— Mission Sunday Collection
- Oct 26— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 2— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 6 — Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Nov 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Nov 9-10— Social Ministry Collection
- Nov 10— Catholic Movie Night (Cabrini) at 5pm
- Nov 16— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 16— Wedding at 6pm
- Nov 19—Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Nov 23— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 29— Wedding at 3:30pm
- Dec 1— Advent Begins
- Dec 4 — Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Dec 5— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Dec 8— Religious Retirement Collection
- Dec 14-15— Social Ministry Collection
- Dec 17—Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Dec 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Dec 25— Christmas Masses (To Be Announced)
- Dec 28— Wedding 1:30pm
- Jan 1— Mary, Mother of God (To Be Announced)
- Jan 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jan 9— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— St. Ignatius of Antioch

Born in Syria, Ignatius of Antioch was a bishop in the time immediately after the Apostles, having been a disciple of St. John the Apostle. Most of his life is unknown, but he is particularly renowned for his 7 letters that he wrote to Christians as he was being led to his death in the circus at Rome at the command of the Roman Emperor Trajan. Ignatius' letters give a vital insight into the life and theology of the early Church and Ignatius spoke of many topics, including the Eucharist, the role of bishops, priests, and deacons to their people, the need for unity in the Church, and the importance of rejecting false teachings about Christ. Ignatius is also considered the first Christian to give the Church the name *Catholic* in his writings. As Ignatius approached Rome, he wrote a letter to the Roman Christians, begging them not to interfere because he longed to die for Christ. He even told them that if the lions did not devour him quickly enough, he would egg them on and beat them with his own hands to enrage them. Ignatius earned the crown of martyrdom around 140 AD.

The Knights of Columbus

Are you looking to make a difference in your community, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships? The Knights of Columbus are calling you! The Knights of Columbus:

****Serves Others**:** Participation in charitable works that support those in need.

****Strengthen Faith**:** Deepening spiritual life through prayer, education, and service.

****Enjoy Brotherhood**:** Connection with like-minded men who share Catholic values with commitment to faith, family, and community.

Please contact Arthur Kovach at (816) 574-0900



Why Do We Do That?

Why do we make the Sign of the Cross before Mass?

There are many times that we make the sign of the Cross before Mass. We make it when we first enter the Church, after dipping our fingers in holy water. This reminds us of our baptism. When we enter the pew, we make a sign of the Cross, acknowledging the holiness of the Tabernacle, which is where Christ dwells in the Church. And finally, we make the sign of the Cross before Mass.

Marking ourselves with a cross is an ancient practice, attributed to the Apostles themselves by the early Christians. It signifies the salvific, redeeming act of Christ's death on the Cross, a death that he died for us to be brought into communion with God. There are so many aspects of our faith that are physical— Jesus taking flesh and dying on the Cross, the empty tomb, the Eucharist, and so much more. The sign of the Cross is another physical reminder that God works through material things to provide us grace.

The Sign of the Cross is closely tied to our baptism, during which we are marked with the Sign of the Cross and baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. When we make the Sign of the Cross, we are made to remember that we belong to Christ:

By beginning the Mass with the Sign of the Cross, we also demonstrate that we are entering into the mystery of our redemption, revisited at each Mass. The Mass presents to us Jesus' Last Supper, Death, and Resurrection, not as a mere memorial or matter of historical fact— but the event itself. When we are present at Mass, we are present at the Last Supper, Calvary, and the Empty Tomb. Marking ourselves with the Sign of the Cross at the beginning is a reminder to us to enter into the Mystery of the Mass with our whole mind and heart so as to receive the graces that Jesus wishes to bestow on us during this time. It also drives away the devil and his forces (who fear and hate the Cross as it represents their eternal defeat), who seek to prevent us from receiving those graces.

Making the Sign of the Cross is ultimately inviting God into our lives and souls. It is all the more essential that we do so when we begin to worship him with all the saints and angels in heaven. So as you make the Sign of the Cross at the Mass, be sure to make an act of faith as you do so and invite Christ to work on your heart and increase your faith.

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 30 to October 6, 2024

Plate	\$469.35
Envelopes	\$1430.00
Candles	\$68.00
Poor Box	\$71.02
Maintenance	\$35.00
Weddings	\$995.00

Prayer of the Week

The Angelus

V/. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R/. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary...
V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord,
R/. Be it done unto me according to your Word.
Hail Mary...
V/. And the Word was made flesh,
R/. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...
V/. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R/. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your
grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of
Christ your Son was made known by the message of an
Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the
glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

World Mission Sunday Collection

Next weekend there will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday.. This goes to supporting missionary efforts throughout the entire world. Please be as generous as you are able.

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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The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every **Monday at 6:00pm in the parish hall except for the last Monday of the month, when we meet at St.**

Monica's. The Legion of Mary is a Marian group that seeks to bring Jesus and Mary to the world through acts of evangelization and spiritual outreach. 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.



Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be Sunday, November 10th at 5pm in the parish hall.** The movie we will be watching is **Cabrini (2024):** *After witnessing disease and poverty in the slums of New York, Italian immigrant Mother Francesca Cabrini embarks on a daring journey to persuade the hostile mayor to provide housing and healthcare for hundreds of orphaned children.* Based on true events from the life of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini. This film is rated PG-13.

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **November 7th at 7pm** and we normally 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' High Priestly Prayer to the Father after the Last Supper. Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.



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 October 12th and 13th,** 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.