

# Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

## From our Pastoral Associate:

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us of a great wedding feast that a king threw for his son. Many are invited to the feast, but they all end up not coming—some just ignore the invitation, some come up with excuses, and some beat the servants who bring the message. Enraged, the king sends troops to destroy them and then reissues another invitation to anyone will come. Even so, he finds a man not wearing a wedding garment and casts him out.

The imagery of a wedding banquet should readily remind us of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in which we celebrate the wedding of Christ to his Church in the Eucharist. Jesus invites many to the wedding banquet but few come, either from ignoring their need, distractions, or even open hostility to those that invite them. The warning about not wearing "a wedding garment" (which we can take to mean having a clean soul that is prepared for the Mass) is shocking and troubling. Even those that make it to the wedding may still be sent to hell (what is clearly being referred to in "the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth").

We should ask ourselves these questions: Do I ignore Christ's invitation to come to Mass, choosing to sometimes not attend Sunday Mass if something else is going on? Do I take the invitation to go to Mass even on weekdays seriously? Do I prepare myself adequately for Mass? Do I show up to the Church with enough time to pray and properly dispose myself to what is happening in the Liturgy? Do I stay for a little time after Mass thanking Jesus for what I have just received? Do I go to confession regularly, especially if I have sinned in a grave matter? Am I seeking to amend my faults and make progress in virtue?

We should be regularly examining our consciences on these matters. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." (1324) If that is the case, we need the Eucharist for our Christian life just as much as we need air and food for our bodies. There is nothing more important in our lives that we could ever do than to go to Mass. So let's be sure that we're doing it well, and giving Jesus the attention he deserves.



## Parish Office

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of the stairs.

## Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Monday-Friday

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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 15, 2023  
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, October 14—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, October 15— 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, October 16— St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**

**TUESDAY, October 17— St. Ignatius of Antioch**

**WEDNESDAY, October 18— St. Luke**

Noon † Maurice Carey, In Thanksgiving

**THURSDAY, October 19— St. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues**

Noon † Maurice Carey

**FRIDAY, October 20— St. Paul of the Cross**

**SATURDAY, October 21—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, October 22— 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am † Regina Foster

## 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

10/14 & 15	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Tim Healey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

10/21 & 22	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Art Kovach	Tim Healey
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 28th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4, Lk 11:29-32  
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41  
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9  
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-6; Lk 11:47-54  
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7  
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;  
 Lk 12:8-12  
 Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 2-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5;  
 Mt 22:15-21

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Oct 14-15— Social Ministry Collection
- Oct 16— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- 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 3— Advent Begins
- 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
- Dec 25— Christmas (TBD)
- Dec 30— Wedding at 2pm
- Dec 31— Wedding at 4pm
- Dec 1— Mary, Mother of God (TBD)

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— Margaret Mary Alacoque

St. Margaret Mary was born into a large well-to-do family in Burgundy France in 1647. From her childhood, Margaret was deeply devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. As a child she suffered from rheumatic fever which confined her to bed for four years. She was miraculously healed after she promised the Blessed Virgin that she would consecrate herself in religious life. In the convent, she was given many trials to test her vocation. A fellow novice described her as “humble, simple and frank, but above all kind and patient.” During her time in the convent, she had several private revelations of Jesus, which would foster the Sacred Heart Devotion in the Church. He asked her to spread this devotion. Among the chief features of the devotion was Holy Communion on the First Friday of every month, Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays in honor of Christ’s agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and a Feast of the Sacred Heart. Although she ran into obstacles, she was able to convince her superior but she faced severe opposition from several priests and many members of her community. Despite it all, she persisted and the devotion spread, particularly after her death in 1690. The Sacred Heart Devotion is now arguably the most prominent devotion to Jesus in the Western Catholic Church.

## Mission Sunday Collection

On October 21-22 we will have a second collection for the Mission Sunday Collection. In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church and the first collection was received in 1927. This day is celebrated throughout the world as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world. We ask that you be as generous as you are able in support of the Church’s missions throughout the world.

## For Your Reflection:

In our offering of the holy sacrifice we fulfill the command of our Savior, as recorded by the apostle Paul: *The Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me. The same way, after the supper, he took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you shall proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.*

This sacrifice is offered, then, to proclaim the Lord’s death; it is offered in remembrance of him who laid down his life for our sake. As he says: *Greater love than this no one has, that one lay down his life for his friends.* Because Christ died for us out of love, we ask, when we make remembrance of his death at the time of sacrifice, that we too may be granted love through the coming of the Holy Spirit. We pray that by the love which Christ had for us when he braved the cross, we may receive the grace of the Spirit and be crucified to the world, and the world to us. *The death Christ died, he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God.* Let us imitate our Lord’s death, and also *live a new life.* Strengthened with the gift of his love, let us die to sin and live for God. *For God’s love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.* Indeed our sharing in the Lord’s body and blood when we eat his bread and drink his cup teaches us that we should die to the world, and that we should keep our life *hidden with Christ in God, crucifying our flesh with its vices and evil desires.*

That is why all the faithful who love God and their neighbor truly drink the cup of the Lord’s love even though they may not drink the cup of his bodily suffering. And becoming inebriated from it, they put to death whatever in their nature is rooted in earth. They clothe themselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and do not indulge fleshly desires. They do not fix their gaze on visible things, but contemplate things which the eye cannot see. Thus they drink the Lord’s cup by preserving the holy bond of love; without it, even if a man should deliver *his body to be burned*, he gains nothing. But the gift of love enables us to become in reality what we celebrate as mystery in the sacrifice.

*-From a treatise by St. Fulgentius of Ruspe, bishop*

## 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



# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From October 2 to October 8, 2023

Plate.....\$622.59

Envelopes.....\$2357.03

## Prayer of the Week

### The Sub Tuum

*Sub tuum praesidium confugimus,  
Sancta Dei Genetrix.*

*Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus,  
sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper,  
Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.*

*We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not  
despise our petitions in our necessities, but ever deliver from  
all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

This prayer originated around 250 AD and is considered the earliest recorded prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is likely even older than that. Beloved by both the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, this prayer is known as the *Sub Tuum Praesidium* in Latin.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Our parish is in need of Eucharistic ministers for our Masses as well as to take communion to Children's Mercy Hospital on weekends. Training is required. Please contact Brad Geist at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) to sign up for training or call the parish office.

## 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

## Parish Bible Study– The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **November 2nd 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 continue to explore Jesus' visit to Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles, his incredible pronouncement of knowing Abraham and his healing of the man born blind. 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](mailto: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 be this weekend October 14-15**, 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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for more information or come to a meeting.



## 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.

## 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 pray for these intentions, please send an email request to be added to the list.

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