

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

A husband and wife, who had been married for many years, were having a quick breakfast together. As they cleaned up afterward, the wife casually remarked, "I bet you don't remember what today is." The husband, feeling a little insulted, quickly replied, "Of course I do, honey," before gathering his things and heading out the door for work. Determined to prove her wrong, he sprang into action. By 10 o'clock, a dozen red roses had arrived at the house. At noon, a box of her favorite chocolates was delivered. Then, at 3 o'clock, a beautiful dress from her favorite boutique arrived. The wife was overjoyed. She couldn't wait for her husband to come home, eager to thank him. As soon as he walked in the door, she rushed over, hugged him, and exclaimed, "Thank you so much! First the roses, then the chocolates, and the dress! I've never had a better Groundhog's Day!"

There's a difference between a wedding and a marriage.

A wedding is a grand celebration that takes months of preparation.

A marriage is a lifelong commitment that takes years of effort, patience, and faithfulness to fulfill. A wedding is filled with music, flowers, the perfect dress, and joyful parties. A marriage, however, is filled with compromise, forgiveness, listening, and—importantly—putting God at the center of your lives.

While pulling off a wedding can be challenging, it's something most couples can do. But building a strong marriage requires consistent effort, sacrifice, and love over a lifetime. This is why Jesus' words in the gospel are so crucial. He reminds us that from the very beginning of creation, God had a purpose for marriage. It wasn't just about the mutual love between a man and a woman, nor was it solely to create a home where children could grow and thrive. Marriage was also designed to be a witness of God's love to the world. When we see a couple who, year after year, work together, adapt to each

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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 6, 2024
THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, October 5— 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Donnie and Randi Lynn Hann & Family
(living and deceased)

SUNDAY, October 6— 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, October 7— Our Lady of the Rosary

TUESDAY, October 8

WEDNESDAY, October 9— St. Denis

Noon † Caecilia Anne Kleine

THURSDAY, October 10

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

FRIDAY, October 11— St. John XXIII

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

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.

Liturgical Assignments

| 10/5 & 6 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
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| Reader | Nancy Lowdon | Bill Capotosto |
| Eucharistic Minister | Deacon Michael Elsey | Rita Witt |
| Server/Sacristan | John Pileggi | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tschirhart | Bill Capotosto |

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

Readings for the 27th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1-2, 7-10; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1-2; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

Parish Calendar of Events

- Sep 30— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Oct 12— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Oct 12— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 12— Wedding at 6pm
- Oct 12-13— Social Ministry Collection
- 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 6pm
- 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 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)

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— Pope St. John XXIII

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born November 25, 1881. The firstborn son of a farming family in Sotto il Monte, near northern Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down-to-earth roots. In Bergamo's diocesan seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order. After his ordination in 1904, Fr. Roncalli returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop's secretary, Church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper. In 1921, Fr. Roncalli was made national director in Italy of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He also found time to teach patristics at a seminary in the Eternal City. In 1925, he became a papal diplomat, serving first in Bulgaria, then in Turkey, and finally in France. During World War II, he became well acquainted with Orthodox Church leaders. With the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Archbishop Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people. Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953, he was finally a residential bishop. A month short of entering his 78th year, Cardinal Roncalli was elected pope, taking the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome's cathedral, St. John Lateran. Pope John took his work very seriously but not himself. His wit soon became proverbial, and he began meeting with political and religious leaders from around the world. In 1959, he shocked the world by calling for an ecumenical council—what would later be known as the Second Vatican Council. In 1962, he was deeply involved in efforts to resolve the Cuban missile crisis. Pope John XXIII enlarged the membership in the College of Cardinals and made it more international. "Good Pope John" died on June 3, 1963 before the council was finished. St. John Paul II beatified him in 2000, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

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other's needs, listen patiently, and respect one another, their marriage becomes a testimony to all of us. It shows that change, growth, and love are possible even in difficult times. Their relationship reminds us to value others in our own lives and inspires us to strengthen our relationships.

When we witness a couple who continually forgive each other, putting the past behind them to begin loving in new ways, it encourages us to do the same. It shows that we, too, can forgive and keep some of our own relationships alive.

We believe in the power of that witness. Marriage is challenging. But because it is challenging, it holds the power to be a profound witness of faithfulness, patience, and forgiveness to the world.

This is why another part of the gospel is so vital when Jesus says, "Let no one separate what God has joined." We believe that God Himself joins a man and a woman in marriage, and that He is with them every step of the way, giving them the strength they need to continue loving each other.

Of course, not all marriages last. When they fail, we should withhold judgment because only those within the marriage truly understand its complexities. But when marriages endure, when vows are lived out over a lifetime, they become a sacrament and a powerful witness to others.

No husband or wife will ever be a perfect witness. While you might pull off a flawless wedding, a perfect marriage is working progress. Mistakes, flaws, and the need for constant adjustment are part of the journey. But it's this very imperfection that makes marriage such a strong and beautiful witness of God's love to the world. This is why God promises to be with husbands and wives every day of their lives—to help them in this challenging yet beautiful calling.

Prayer of the Week

The Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. This prayer was given by Our Lady to the children during her apparitions at Fatima, the last of which occurred in October.

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 23 to September 29, 2024

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| Plate | \$422.36 |
| Envelopes | \$1326.00 |
| Candles | \$50.50 |
| Poor Box | \$55.10 |
| Maintenance | \$400.00 |
| Weddings | \$3000.00 |
| Lighthouse | \$16.00 |

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



Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, Sep 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.

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 6pm 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' arrest and trial before the High Priest and Pontius Pilate. 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 September 14 & 15th**, 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.