

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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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 have no anxiety, which to us may seem like a tall order! How on earth can we not have anxiety when there are so many troubles and difficulties that either require or clamor for our attention? St. Paul is clear that this freedom from anxiety comes from prayer. When we offer our needs to God, we need not be anxious about them any longer. They are in his hands and out of ours (thank goodness). St. Paul tells us that once we have made our needs known to God in confidence and faith, we will receive a peace that surpasses all understanding. He tells his readers that instead of being anxious, they should think about *“whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, anything worthy of praise.”*



St. Paul's words echo that of Jesus on the Sermon at the mount when he said, *“do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ...And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? ...But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious about itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day.”* (Mt 6:25,27,33-34)

Both Jesus and St. Paul are clear on this. We should be entirely confident in the loving help of God and rather set our minds to the higher matters—namely prayer, the study of the Faith, the exercise of virtue, the manifold wonders of God's creation. Above all, we should avoid being anxious about these things. We should seek to enter into the peace and joy that God truly desires for us.

So take some time, especially today on the Sabbath, to pull your Bible or Catechism or other spiritual book down from the shelf and open your minds to God's truth that he has given through the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church. Take time to rest and let today's troubles be sufficient for today.

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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 8, 2023
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

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

MONDAY, October 9— St. Denis and Companions

TUESDAY, October 10

WEDNESDAY, October 11— St. John XXIII, Pope

Noon † Carcelia Ann Kline

THURSDAY, October 12

Noon † Maurice Carey, In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, October 13

SATURDAY, October 14—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, October 8— 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass Assignments

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

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

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 27th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1-4, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16; Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Parish Calendar of Events

- Oct 9— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- 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 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

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Denis

St. Denis was the bishop of Paris in the 3rd century. Around 250 AD, Denis was sent by Pope Fabian from Italia to Gaul to convert the pagan people there. He was accompanied by 6 other missionaries and was named the bishop of Paris (at that time called Lutetia). The previous Christian community in Paris had been dissolved by persecutions. He and his companions were so successful at converting people that the pagan priests, alarmed by their loss of followers, reported them to the Roman governor there, who promptly arrested the missionaries. After a long imprisonment, Denis and his companions were taken to a druidic holy place and beheaded. Miraculously, the body of St. Denis got up, picked up his head, and began to walk. He went for several miles, preaching a homily on repentance the entire time, making him one of most celebrated *cephalophores*, or head carrier saints, in history. The site where he finally died and was buried was soon marked by a small shrine that developed into the Basilica of Saint-Denis in Paris. The Merovingian princes were particularly instrumental in building the Shrine and the church became a burial place of the Kings of France. Over time, St. Denis became known, along with St. Louis, as the patron of France and the French People.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

Our Lighthouse Catholic Media displays are back up in the church! Come see our selection of books, CD's, DVD's, and more at the main and side entrance of the Church. Among the Selections is *Rome Sweet Home* by Drs. Scott and Kimberly Hahn. This book tells the story of the incredible spiritual journey that led them to embrace Catholicism. Their conversion and love for the Church has captured the hearts and minds of thousands Catholics and has brought many lukewarm Catholics back into active participation in the Church.

For Your Reflection:

Offer God a sacrifice of praise and fulfill your vows to the Most High. So the Samaritan leper, healed by the Lord's word of command, gained greater credit than the other nine; he alone returned to Christ, praising God and giving thanks. Jesus said of him: *There was no one to come back and thank God except this foreigner.* He tells him: *Stand up and go on your way, for your faith has made you whole.*

The Lord Jesus, in his divine wisdom, taught you about the goodness of the Father, who knows how to give good things, so that you might ask for the things that are good from Goodness itself. He urges you to pray earnestly and frequently, not offering long and wearisome prayers, but praying often, and with perseverance. Lengthy prayers are usually filled with empty words, while neglect of prayer results in indifference to prayer.

Again, Christ urges you, when you ask forgiveness for yourself, to be especially generous to others, so that your actions may commend your prayer. The Apostle, too, teaches you how to pray; you must avoid anger and contentiousness, so that your prayer may be serene and wholesome. He tells you also that every place is a place of prayer, though our Savior says: *Go into your room.*

But by "room" you must understand, not a room enclosed by walls that imprison your body, but the room that is within you, the room where you hide your thoughts, where you keep your affections. This room of prayer is always with you, wherever you are, and it is always a secret room, where only God can see you.

You are told to pray especially for the people, that is, for the whole body, for all its members, the family of your mother the Church; the badge of membership in this body is love for each other. If you pray only for yourself, you pray for yourself alone. If each one prays for himself, he received less from God's goodness than the one who prays on behalf of others. But as it is, because each prays for all, all are in fact praying for each one.

To conclude, if you pray only for yourself, you will be praying, as we said, for yourself alone. But if you pray for all, all will pray for you, for you are included in all. In this way there is a great recompense; through the prayers of each individual, the intercession of the whole people is gained for each individual. There is here no pride, but an increase of humility and a richer harvest from prayer.

-From a treatise on Cain and Abel by St. Ambrose, 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 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 September 25 to October 1, 2023

Plate.....\$506.00

Envelopes.....\$1875.00

Prayer of the Week

Servite Consecration to Our Lady of Sorrows

Holy Mary, Mother of God and Queen of Martyrs,
I do this day choose you as my model, protectress, and advocate.

Receive me as your special servant,
as a partaker in your sufferings.

Give me strength always to remain close to Jesus your Son
who died on the cross for me.

Accept every good work that I may perform
and offer it to your Son for me.

Dear Mother, stand by me in all my actions,
that they may be directed to the glory of God.
Amen.

*By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity. Thus she is a "preeminent and . . . wholly unique member of the Church"; indeed, she is the "exemplary realization" of the Church... After speaking of the Church, her origin, mission, and destiny, we can find no better way to conclude than by looking to Mary. In her we contemplate what the Church already is in her mystery on her own pilgrimage of faith, and what she will be in the homeland at the end of her journey. There, "in the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity," "in the communion of all the saints," the Church is awaited by the one she venerates as Mother of her Lord and as her own mother.
-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 967, 972*

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.

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 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 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.

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.



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. 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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