

# 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:

This Sunday's readings are about standing in readiness for the coming of Jesus. The Church chooses these readings intentionally – as we near the end of the liturgical year (as well as the calendar year), we pray for the coming of our Lord at the end of time. We need to always hold ourselves in readiness for when our Lord will come again. We do not know the day or the



hour. He could come 10 seconds from now, 10 decades from now, or even 10 centuries from now. We do not know. What we do know is that we should hold ourselves in readiness for his coming. Our Lord desires that he finds us awake and ready when he comes again, free of attachments, vices and anything that gets in the way of fidelity to him and his commandments. He desires that he will come back to us attentive in prayer, living a life of virtue, ready to rejoice when the trumpet calls us to him. We cannot let the world get in the way of our focus on this pivotal moment. As it is, some of us may see death before that time. We should, as St. Benedict put it so well, "keep death daily before our eyes," as like the coming of Christ, come at any time or moment. The monastic tradition of the Church has always viewed monks and nuns as prophetic witnesses of what is to come— they are watchmen upon the battlements, waiting to welcome the King home at last. Their practice of rising to pray, even in the late hours of the night or the early morning is a reflection of being ready at any time for the coming of Jesus.

Ask yourself this— if you were to die today, or Christ would come today, would you be ready to meet him and stand before his fearful judgement? Could you even say you are eager to see him? If the answer is no, what do you need to do to be ready? Do you need to go to confession? How can you improve your spiritual life? What small step can you take today to make yourself ready to welcome Jesus when he comes?

### Christmas Mass Times

Dec 24- 8:30am– 4th Sunday of Advent  
Dec 24- 3pm- Christmas Eve Mass  
Dec 24- 5pm- Christmas Eve Mass  
Dec 25– 10am– Christmas Day Mass

## Parish Office

2552 Gillham Rd  
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Next to the church at the top  
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

NOVEMBER 12, 2023  
THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, November 11—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, November 12— 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, November 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

**TUESDAY, November 14**

**WEDNESDAY, November 15—St. Albert the Great**

Noon † Maurice Carey

**THURSDAY, November 16— St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude**

Noon † Maurice Carey

**FRIDAY, November 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

**SATURDAY, November 18—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, November 19— 33rd 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.

# Mass Assignments

11/11 & 12	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Tim Healey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

11/18 & 19	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 32nd Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22-8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Nov 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- Nov 13— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Nov 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 21—Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- 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 9-10— Social Ministry Collection
- Dec 12— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Dec 24— 4th Sunday of Advent Sunday Mass time changed to 8:30.
- Dec 24— Christmas Eve Mass at 3pm
- Dec 24— Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm
- Dec 25— Christmas Mass at 10am
- Dec 30— Wedding at 2pm
- Dec 31— Sunday Mass at 11am
- Dec 31— Wedding at 4pm
- Jan 1— Mary, Mother of God Mass at 11am
- Jan 3—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jan 4—Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jan 13-14— Social Ministry Collection
- Feb 1— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Feb 8—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Feb 10-11— Social Ministry Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Margaret of Scotland

St. Margaret was born in Hungary around 1045, the daughter of Edward the Exile, a claimant to the throne of England. She soon came to England with her father when he was crowned king but he died almost immediately upon arrival. She was forced to flee from William the Conqueror as he invaded England from Normandy. A storm blew the ship that Margaret was journeying in off course to Scotland, where King Malcolm III took her family in as refugees. Malcolm was captivated by Margaret and they were married in 1070. They had 8 children together. Margaret was a devout Christian and her faith had a tremendous impact on Malcolm's reign. She regularly read the Bible to Malcolm and they prayed together, fed the hungry, and provided a powerful example of living faith in action. She encouraged care for the poor and encouraged people to live a devout life, earning for her the title of the Pearl of Scotland. She worked to conform the practices of the Scottish Church to that of Rome and built many churches.. She is considered an exemplar of a just ruler and her children grew up to be just and holy, particularly her son, St. David of Scotland, who succeeded Malcolm. St. Margaret died in 1093 and was canonized a saint in 1250 by Pope Innocent IV.

## Catholic Movie Night

The Legion of Mary plans to host a Catholic movie night every other month.

Our first movie will be **The Scarlet and the Black: When the Nazis took control of Italy during WWII, they occupied Rome. A priest in the Vatican, Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty (Gregory Peck) is in charge of the escape network of those that are wanted by the Nazis. O'Flaherty is soon identified as the leader and the real cat and mouse game between the Irish priest and Colonel Herbert Kappler (Christopher Plummer), head of the Gestapo, begins.** Based on a true story. If you would like to come, see the sign up sheet in the back of the church.

## For Your Reflection:

Husband and wife, by the covenant of marriage, are no longer two, but one flesh. By their intimate union of persons and of actions they give mutual help and service to each other, experience the meaning of their unity, and gain an even deeper understanding of it day by day. This intimate union in the mutual self-giving of two persons, as well as the good of the children, demands full fidelity from both, and an indissoluble unity between them. Christ the Lord has abundantly blessed this richly complex love, which springs from the divine source of love and is founded on the model of his union with the Church. He remains with them in order that, as he loved the Church and gave himself up for her, so husband and wife may, in mutual self-giving, love each other with perpetual fidelity. True married love is caught up into God's love; it is guided and enriched by the redeeming power of Christ and the saving action of the Church, in order that the partners may be effectively led to God and receive help and strength in the sublime responsibility of parenthood. Christian partners are therefore strengthened, and as it were consecrated, by a special sacrament for the duties and the dignity of their state. By the power of this sacrament they fulfill their obligations to each other and to their family and are filled with the spirit of Christ. This spirit pervades their whole lives with faith, hope, and love. Thus they promote their own perfection and each other's sanctification, and so contribute together to the greater glory of God. Hence, with parents leading the way by example and family prayer, their children— indeed, all within the family circle— will find it easier to make progress in natural virtues, in salvation, and in holiness. Husband and wife, raised to the dignity and the responsibility of parenthood, will be zealous in fulfilling their task as educators, especially in the sphere of religious education, a task that is primarily their own. Children, as active members of the family, contribute in their own way to the holiness of their parents. With the love of grateful hearts, with loving respect and trust, they will return the generosity of their parents and will stand by them as true sons and daughters when they meet with hardship and the loneliness of old age.

-Second Vatican Council; *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World: Gaudium et Spes*

## 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 victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate Whitney True-Francis, at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org)

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From October 30 to November 5, 2023

Plate	\$297.00
Envelopes	\$1436.00
Maintenance	\$250.00
All Saints	\$279.00
Anonymous	\$400.00
Poor Box	\$101.00
Other	\$63.00

## Rediscover Your Faith

We will soon begin a new ministry at our parish for adults that will focus on catechesis. The first meeting will be a presentation on the ancient art form of the icon and its role in the liturgy and spiritual life. Further topics will be explored. We plan to do this on a monthly basis. If you are interested in coming or learning more, see the sign up sheet in the back of the church.

## The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus has welcomed the following new Knights to Council 2457: Stanley Coppedge, Joe Creedon, Anthony Effertz, Brandon Fry, Floyd Gaddy, Lorenzo Johnson, and Arthur Kovach. Congratulations! To learn more about the Knights of Columbus here at Our Lady of Sorrows, please contact John Pileggi at (816) 547-6574, or [jgapileggi@gmail.com](mailto:jgapileggi@gmail.com).



## 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.

## All Souls Memorial Envelopes

Memorial Gift envelopes for those that have died are available in the back of the Church. A memorial gift goes toward Masses said for your loved one. They can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the office.

## 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

## 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 **December 7th 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 explore Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the controversy that surrounds the healing. 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 take place on November 11-12**, 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

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 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.

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