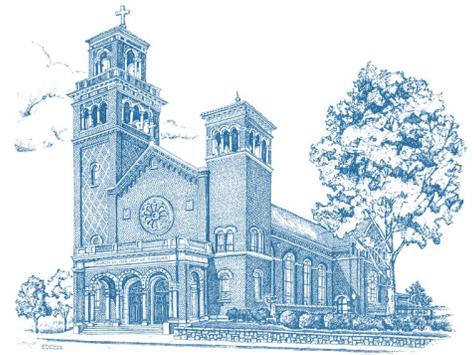


# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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## From the Pastor:

Dear Friends and Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows,

This coming Thursday we will be gathered around our tables with family and friends in a day for thanksgiving and rest. While the holiday dates back to long before the establishment of the country, Thanksgiving became an official holiday for the whole U.S. when President Abraham Lincoln made it so in 1863.

In the midst of the American Civil War, Lincoln noted that despite war, the American people had much to give thanks for, and he credited the blessings of our country to nothing else but God's grace. He wrote, "No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy."

As I am writing this article, I cannot forget a note I just received this past week from a friend. She was recently discharged from a hospital suffering from cancer of the jawbone. The surgeon removed the right side of her jaw and a certain degree of reconstructive surgery followed after that.

What was truly painful were the many weeks of radiation therapy she went through. Her children told me that the pain their mom experienced had no equal. But amidst all that she wrote me a note and said "How fortunate I am! As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday. I can count on my blessings. God has been on my side. I must admit I was humbled by this woman's faith and gratitude amidst such personal suffering.

I share all of this with you because no matter the challenges we may have gone through; no matter the pain we have endured in our lives or even in our families. We do have a cause to give thanks. It may not have been a year we would like even to remember but God has been on our side.

So take charge in your Thanksgiving gatherings this, lead your families in turning to God, to thank Him for his loving deeds and glorious acts. We may not have everything we would like to have but, "give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever!" (Psalms 107:1)



## Parish Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Monday-Friday

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## Report Abuse:

### Ombudsman, Joe Crayon

816-812-2500

### Diocesan Victim Advocate

### Whitney True-Francis

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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

**To register to become a parishioner, return slip on back page or call the office**

NOVEMBER 20, 2022  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, November 19—Solemnity of Christ the King**

4:00 pm † Russ Daly, † Roger Fugelsong, † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, November 20—Solemnity of Christ the King**

11:00 am Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, November 21—The Presentation of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary**

**TUESDAY, November 22—St. Cecilia**

**WEDNESDAY, November 23— St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Pro**

Noon † Frank Scimeca

**THURSDAY, November 24— Thanksgiving**

9:00am Communion Service

**FRIDAY, November 25— St. Catherine of Alexandria**

**SATURDAY, November 26—1st Sunday of Advent**

4:00 pm † Joseph and Paula Garcia

**SUNDAY, November 27—1st Sunday of Advent**

11:00 am 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 to schedule a Mass intention you would like to have. 816.421.2112 or bgeist@oloskc.org

# Volunteers

11/19 & 20	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	Richard Grindell

11/26 & 27	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Richard Grindell
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	Richard Grindell

## Readings for the 34th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28  
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36  
 Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

# Parish Calendar of Events

- **November 21— Legion of Mary** at 6pm
- **November 28— Legion of Mary** at 6pm
- **November 24-25—Thanksgiving** Office Closed
- **November 24— Thanksgiving Communion Service** at 9am.
- **November 27— First Sunday of Advent**
- **December 7— Knights of Columbus** at 6:30pm
- **December 3— Christmas Party** after 4pm Mass
- **December 8— Immaculate Conception** at 12:00pm  
Holy Day of Obligation, Office Closed
- **December 9— Voces Festivas Concert** at 7:30pm
- **December 10— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **December 10— Wedding** at 6:00pm
- **December 11— Religious Retirement Collection**
- **December 13— Water Garden Society** at 5-9PM
- **December 17— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **December 17— Wedding** at 6:00pm
- **December 23-24— Office Closed**
- **December 24— Christmas Eve Vigil Mass** at 3:30pm and 5:30pm.
- **December 25— Christmas Day** at 11 am
- **December 31— Vigil of Mary Mother of God** at 4pm
- **January 1— Mary Mother of God** at 11 am
- **January 14— Wedding** at 6:00pm
- **January 28— Wedding** at 1:30pm

**Keep watching for more info & dates to come!**

# Weekly Activities & Events



## Saint of the Week— St. Cecilia

St. Cecilia is one of the seven women martyrs mentioned by name in the Roman Canon (first Eucharistic prayer). She was born around 200 in Rome into a very wealthy family. She was arranged to be married to a young man named Valerian and just prior to the wedding told him that she had taken a vow of virginity and that her angel would protect it. Valerian converted to Christianity along with his brother. St. Cecilia, spent her time preaching and converted over 400 people, most of whom were baptized by the pope. When she was arrested, the Romans failed to kill her by suffocating her in the baths and her executioner failed to kill her after striking her three times in the neck with a sword. St. Cecilia lived for 3 days after this, preaching to large crowds. Later on, she was exhumed and was the first saint to be found to be incorrupt. She is known as a patroness of musicians because at her wedding she is described as having music to God in her heart. She is traditionally portrayed playing the organ in church windows above the choir loft (as can be seen in our own church).

## New Ministries Beginning!

Our new ministries are beginning to start. Stay tuned in the next few weeks for more info as they all begin to get days and times on the schedules. Here's some to look forward to:

**Bible Study**

**Refresh Your Faith**

**Email Prayer Chain**

**Holy Hour for Marriage (Eucharistic Adoration)**

**Book Club**

**Fellowship Sunday**

**Social Outreach**

**Giving Tree**

To learn more about these ministries, please contact the parish office.

## For Your Reflection:

“Men are reluctant to pass over from the notion of an abstract and negative deity to the living God. I do not wonder. Here lies the deepest tap-root of Pantheism and of the objection to traditional imagery. It was hated not, at bottom, because it pictured Him as man but because it pictured Him as king, or even as warrior. The Pantheist's God does nothing, demands nothing. He is there if you wish for Him, like a book on a shelf. He will not pursue you. There is no danger that at any time heaven and earth should flee away at His glance. If He were the truth, then we could really say that all the Christian images of kingship were a historical accident of which our religion ought to be cleansed. It is with a shock that we discover them to be indispensable. You have had a shock like that before, in connection with smaller matters—when the line pulls at your hand, when something breaths beside you in the darkness. So here: the shock comes at the precise moment when the thrill of *life* is communicated to us along the clue we have been following. It is always shocking to meet life where we thought we were alone. ‘Look out!’ we cry, ‘it's *alive*’. And therefore this is the very point at which so many draw back—I would have done so myself if I could—and proceed no further with Christianity. An ‘impersonal God’—well and good. A subjective God of beauty, truth and goodness, inside our own heads—better still. A formless life-force surging through us, a vast power which we can tap—best of all. But God Himself, alive, pulling at the other end of the cord, perhaps approaching at an infinite speed, the hunter, king, husband—that is quite another matter. There comes a moment when the children who have been playing at burglars hush suddenly: was that a *real* footstep in the hall? There comes a moment when people who have been dabbling in religion (‘Man's search for God!’) suddenly draw back. Supposing we really found Him? We never meant it to come to *that*! Worse still, supposing He had found us?”  
-C.S. Lewis, *Miracles*

## 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) for more information.

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Weekend's Collection

From November 7 to November 13, 2022

Plate.....\$103.95

Envelopes.....\$1696.00

## Prayer of the Week

### A Prayer to Christ the King

*O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray Most Faithful One. Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment. Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you. Jesus, You are a King of Mercy. We have deserved Your Just Judgment. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in Your Great Mercy. O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray; May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen.*

## 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. In addition to serving our Pastor, the Council has established Roundtables for Our Lady of Perpetual Help as well as Our Lady of Good Counsel. We are also establishing a Women's Auxiliary to help support the Knights' charitable works both practically and spiritually, convinced that 'behind every good man is a great woman!' Please contact Brad Geist or John Pileggi for more information."



## Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Mike Burke, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumming, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Sandra Freeman, Grace Weatherford, Jim Randolph, 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 Wednesday 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).

## 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, confident in the help of Mary, seeks to imitate her in serving Jesus in those they meet by evangelizing and performing spiritual works of mercy. This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica Catholic Church, our sister parish. If you would like to join the Legion or want more information, please contact Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for more information or come to the meeting.



## Thanksgiving Day Communion Service

There will be a communion service offered at 9am on Thanksgiving Day led by our own Deacon Mike Elsey. There will be a special blessing of food during the service so we encourage you to bring an item from your table— rice, potatoes, bread, etc. that you will be serving for your thanksgiving meal to be blessed.

## Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports over 30 ministries and the people they serve to provide spiritual, educational, and social needs in our Diocese. This is an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no one parish could provide on its own. You will receive an invitation from Bishop Johnston inviting you to participate. Our goal is 100% participation. No gift is too small. Please join the effort.

## Come to Our Christmas Party!

Our annual Christmas Party will be on December 3rd following the 4pm Mass in the parish hall. There will be food, drinks, music, caroling, and a white elephant gift exchange. To sign up to attend, please see the sign up sheet in the back of the Church or contact the parish office. Come join in for some good fellowship and camaraderie!



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