

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023



From our Pastoral Associate:

Today marks the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which is always celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. On this day, we are called to reflect on what it means for Christ to be the King, not just of our hearts, not just of our lives, but over the entirety of creation. All things are under the loving will of this most august King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who has conquered death in order to bring us to glory. Jesus reigns throughout the universe by his nature as God. He speaks but a word and the universe is made, the planets spin in orbit, land is raised from the sea. At his command all of creation comes into existence from nothing. He is all powerful, all knowing, and all wise. He is everywhere present. He writes history as if it's a book. But even so, he asks us to reign in our hearts. Consider that God, who can do all things and create out of nothing, waits for our permission to enter our hearts and to bring us joy and salvation. He willed that we be free, even to the extent of rejecting him, our very life and source of being. He waits on our word, our acceptance in faith. He has given us healing and a new life in which we may be truly free from our sin. Let us be sure to thank him for the gift he has given us in faith. Let us spend time with him in prayer and give him the first fruits of every day. I encourage you to take the time to reflect and ask yourself— how can Jesus reign more perfectly in my life as my Lord and King? How am I keeping him from doing so?

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

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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 26, 2023
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, November 25—Solemnity of Christ the King

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, November 26— Solemnity of Christ the King

11:00am † Maurice Carey

MONDAY, November 27

TUESDAY, November 28

WEDNESDAY, November 29

Noon † Maurice Carey

THURSDAY, November 30—St. Andrew the Apostle

Noon † The souls of the departed members of the Legion of Mary

FRIDAY, December 1

SATURDAY, December 2—1st Sunday of Advent

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, December 3— Solemnity of Christ the King

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

11/25 & 26	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Tim Healey
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

12/2 & 3	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 34th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16-17; 19, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Parish Calendar of Events

- Nov 27— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Dec 2— Rediscover Your Faith at 10am at St. Monica's
- 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 8— Immaculate Conception Mass at Noon
- Dec 9-10— Religious Retirement Collection
- Dec 9-10— Social Ministry Collection
- Dec 10— Catholic Movie Night at 6pm
- Dec 12— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Dec 17— Rediscover Your Faith at 10am at St. Monica's
- 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
- Jan 20-21— Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Feb 1— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Andrew the Apostle

St. Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter. In the Orthodox tradition, Andrew is described as the “First-called.” According to the Gospel of John, Andrew was standing with the apostle John when St. John the Baptist cried out “Behold the Lamb of God!” (Jn 1:36). Andrew and John immediately started to follow Jesus and it was Andrew that first brought Simon Peter to Jesus (v. 41-42). At a later time, Andrew and Peter were fishing when Jesus climbed into their boat to preach. Jesus told them to put down their nets for a catch. The result was so overwhelming (two boats so full of fish that they were in danger of sinking) that they dropped everything to be Jesus’ disciples. It was Andrew that brought the boy with loaves and fish to Jesus. Andrew later preached in many places including Thrace and Byzantium, as well as around the Black Sea and as far as Kiev. He is considered to be the patron saint of Ukraine, Romania, and Russia. The Eastern Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople is considered to be the successor of St. Andrew. St. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Achaea in 60 AD. When given the pronouncement of his death sentence, St. Andrew asked to be crucified on an X-shaped cross because he did not feel himself worthy to die on the same kind of cross as Jesus.

Catholic Movie Night

Our first Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be on Sunday, Dec 10th at 6pm.** 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. Msgr. O’Flaherty is soon identified by the SS as the leader of the escape organization 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.**

For Your Reflection:

*The kingdom of God, in the words of our Lord and Savior, does not come for all to see; nor shall they say: Behold, here it is, or behold, there it is, but the kingdom of God is within us, for the word of God is very near, in our mouth and in our heart. Thus it is clear that he who prays for the coming of God’s kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it may grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of his holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with him Christ reigns, according to the words: We shall come to him and make our home with him. Thus the kingdom of God within us, as we continue to make progress, will reach its highest point when the Apostle’s words are fulfilled, and Christ, having subjected all his enemies to himself, will hand over his kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all. Therefore, let us pray unceasingly with that disposition of soul which the Word may make divine, saying to our Father who is in heaven: *Hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come.* Note this too about the kingdom of God. It is not a sharing of justice with iniquity, nor a society of light with darkness, nor a meeting of Christ with Belial. The kingdom of God cannot exist alongside the reign of sin. Therefore, if we wish God to reign in us, in no way should sin reign in our mortal body; rather we should mortify our members which are upon the earth and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ. In us the Lord will sit at the right hand of that spiritual power which we wish to receive. And he will sit there until all his enemies who are within us become his footstool, and every principality, power and virtue in us is cast out. All this can happen in each one of us, and the last enemy, death, can be destroyed; then Christ will say in us: *O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?* And so, what is corruptible in us must be clothed in holiness and incorruptibility; and what is mortal must be clothed, now that death has been conquered, in the Father’s immortality. Then God will reign in us, and we shall enjoy even now the blessings of rebirth and resurrection.*

-From a Notebook on Prayer by Origen of Alexandria

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 November 13 to November 19, 2023

Plate	\$592.00
Envelopes	\$1515.00
Maintenance	\$210.00
Weddings	\$1000.00

Come to Our Christmas Party!

Our annual Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 2nd (next weekend) following the 4pm Mass in the parish hall. There will be food, drinks, music, 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.



Rediscover Your Faith

Our first meeting will be on **Dec 2nd at 10am** at St. Monica's and will focus in on the Advent Season and the traditions that follow. Come learn about the history of the season, its various traditions both at home and in the Church and how you can get more from this period of preparation. Come learn about our beautiful Catholic Faith!

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.



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.

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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.

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 December 9-10**, 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.



Church Cleaning Invitation

December 2nd, 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.

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 for more information or come to a meeting.



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 for updates and details.