

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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From Fr. Kasoma:

Hello, I am Fr. Aloysius Kasoma, a Catholic priest from St. Agatha Parish in Uganda. We have 15,000 people in our parish. We cover about 1200 square miles. Seventy percent of our parish is in an area we call the BUSH. This area is made up of Rain Forest and grassland which is used to farm coffee, cotton, corn and bananas. Our climate consists of 6 months of rain and six months of dry weather. We have 21 local chapels under our parish umbrella in the BUSH where young Catholics are taught up to the 8th grade. To obtain higher education they must walk two or three hours through the BUSH to attend our secondary school. There is no roads or school buses to take children to school. We have 654 students in our school and approximately 70% of our students have to walk to and from school each day. During the rainy season children cannot walk to school because the rivers and valleys are all flooded. Children miss school for many months, limiting their chances to obtain good grades in their examinations.

In those cases when a student has to walk 6 hours a day to go to school they face a lot of dangers. One of these dangers is from groups of nomads who walk through the countryside escorting their cattle to feed or to go to market. These nomads are lawless and attack people in the bush. They beat up and rob our students. Unfortunately our police do not have any authority in the BUSH so they can't prevent these attacks by the nomads.

In order to address some of these problems we have built a dormitory for the boys. Thank God we were able to complete the girls' dormitory. We have 120 girls sleeping in the new dormitory. The boys' dormitory is about 60% complete. Here they can stay as long as they need to complete their education and then can get work to help their families and not be forced to work in poverty raising and harvesting food. Getting education will help the boys to stay away from child labor, trafficking drugs, joining muslim fundamentalist groups like Boko haram, al Shabab and others which recruit child soldiers to kill people.

Once our dormitory is completed we anticipate we should be able to accept about 120 more male students. We look forward to continue to expand our facility to meet more and more of the needs of our community.

We are asking for your help to complete the dormitory. We need about \$40,000 to complete it. With your support we can bring about a huge positive difference for the lives of many children. Please donate generously so that together, through education, we can bring about real and substantive improvements in children's rights and well-being.

To make a donation please, make a check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows, on the memo indicate "Ugandan Kids"

Parish Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm
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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 6, 2022
32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, November 5—31st Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 pm † Joseph and Paula Garcia

SUNDAY, November 6—31st Sunday in Ord. Time

11:00 am Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, November 7

† Manuel Mora Sontoyo

TUESDAY, November 8

WEDNESDAY, November 9—Ded. of the Lateran Basilica

Noon † Wanda Mae Coffman

Lucie Mactal Special Intention

THURSDAY, November 10—St. Leo the Great

Noon

FRIDAY, November 11—St. Martin of Tours

SATURDAY, November 12—32nd Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 pm † Geraldine DeGuzman

SUNDAY, November 13—32nd Sunday in Ord. Time

11:00 am Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows
Carole Faltermeier

Note From the Pastor:

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows,

I hope this finds you well. After prayerful consideration, I have accepted the invitation from Bishop Johnston to take a few days away from the parish this coming week, including the weekend of November 5-6, to evaluate my health, interactions, and general well-being as your priest. I ask you to keep me in your prayers that this may be a moment of recollection, discernment, and healing. God bless.

Fr. Leonard Gicheru, Pastor

Volunteers

11/5 & 6	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	Richard Grindell

11/12 & 13	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Mike Eley	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	Richard Grindell

Readings for the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Parish Calendar of Events

- **November 9— Legion of Mary Meeting** 6pm in the parish hall
- **November 11— Wedding** at 2:00pm
- **November 11-12— Archdiocese of Military Services Collection**
- **November 19— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **November 24-25—Thanksgiving** Office Closed
- **November 27— First Sunday of Advent**
- **December 3— Parish Christmas Party**
- **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 4pm
- **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

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Weekly Activities & Events



Saint of the Week— St. Martin of Tours

St. Martin of Tours was a Roman soldier who lived during the 300's AD. He became a Christian catechumen at the age of 10 when it Christianity had first become legal, but still not accepted. At the age of 15, he was made a soldier of the Roman army (he was required to join because his father was a veteran). While outside of Amiens, he met a naked beggar who asked for alms. St. Martin divided his cloak, an act of complete generosity as half of his gear belonged to the Roman army. Splitting his cloak in half was St. Martin's way of giving everything that he owned. Later that night, St. Martin had a dream of Christ dressed in the half of Martin's cloak and he understood that the beggar he had met was Christ. When he woke up, his cloak had been restored. Martin took this as a sign and was baptized at the age of 18. Martin would go on to become disciple of St. Hilary of Poitiers. He became a monk for a time and then later would be made a bishop at Tours. St. Martin's veneration has a long history, particularly during the middle ages.

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights are reconvening following the pandemic. The Knights of Columbus is the single largest Fraternal organization in Church history. Its 7 million members and their families are dedicated to the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We work to benefit our communities, our Church and our fellow men and women. Knights have long placed a special emphasis on programs to benefit people with various needs, giving both financially and through community service. We will be having our annual Tootsie Roll drive for those with intellectual disabilities in October, and have been asked to help Our Lady of Good Counsel at their new Academy this fall, patrolling the parking lot before and after each school day. Please contact Brad Geist or John Pileggi for more information.

For your reflection:

The contemplation of Christ has an *incomparable model* in Mary. In a unique way the face of the Son belongs to Mary. It was in her womb that Christ was formed, receiving from her a human resemblance which points to an even greater spiritual closeness. No one has ever devoted himself to the contemplation of the face of Christ as faithfully as Mary. The eyes of her heart already turned to him at the Annunciation, when she conceived him by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the months that followed she began to sense his presence and to picture his features. When at last she gave birth to him in Bethlehem, her eyes were able to gaze tenderly on the face of her Son, as she "wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger" (Lk2:7).

Thereafter Mary's gaze, ever filled with adoration and wonder, would never leave him. At times it would be a *questioning look*, as in the episode of the finding in the Temple: "Son, why have you treated us so?" (Lk 2:48); it would always be a *penetrating gaze*, one capable of deeply understanding Jesus, even to the point of perceiving his hidden feelings and anticipating his decisions, as at Cana (cf. Jn 2:5). At other times it would be a *look of sorrow*, especially beneath the Cross, where her vision would still be that of a mother giving birth, for Mary not only shared the passion and death of her Son, she also received the new son given to her in the beloved disciple (cf. Jn 19:26-27). On the morning of Easter hers would be a *gaze radiant with the joy of the Resurrection*, and finally, on the day of Pentecost, a *gaze afire* with the outpouring of the Spirit (cf. Acts 1:14).

-Pope St. John Paul II, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*

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 for more information.

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Weekend's Collection

From October 24 to October 30, 2022

Plate.....\$168.90

Envelopes.....\$1220.00



Prayer of the Week

In Paradisum

May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs receive you at your arrival and lead you to the holy city Jerusalem. May choirs of angels receive you and with Lazarus, once poor, may you have eternal rest."

This prayer was an antiphon traditionally prayed as the body leaves the church during a funeral and is fitting for the month of the November.



Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

OLOS Knights of Columbus Council 2457 is having its annual Tootsie Roll drive for our brothers & sisters with intellectual and developmental disabilities this weekend. 100% of the profits from this effort go directly to those that need help the most. Please feel free to take a Tootsie Roll or two on your way out of Church, donations are optional. And, please leave your name & number or email if interested in learning more about the Knights or Women's Auxiliary here at Our Lady of Sorrows.

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.

The Legion of Mary– First Meeting

A new praesidium of the Legion of Mary will be having its first meeting on **Wednesday, November 9th at 6:00pm.**

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 will be a group that will collaborate 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 for more information.



Archdiocese of Military Services Collection

The National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), was first approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2012 and is scheduled to be taken every three years on the Sunday closest to Veterans Day. This collection goes to helping Catholic U.S. armed-service members throughout the world. Please be as generous as you are able.

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.

Ministry Surveys

We are still accepting Ministry Surveys! Make your voice heard about what kind of ministries you would like to see offered at our parish. Let us know what needs you have and how we can help you grow ever closer to Christ. Please find them in the back of the Church, fill them out, and return them either to the office or to the collection basket at the next Mass.

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