

# Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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## From The Pastoral Associate

Most of us know Lent as a time to “give something up.” It’s common for Catholics to ask each other— what are you giving up for Lent? We usually respond that we’re going to give up Netflix, or snacking, or maybe even sleeping on the hard floor. While these practices are great, we should also know what the season is truly about.

The season of Lent has traditionally been 40 day period leading up to the most important liturgical celebration of the Triduum in the leadup to Easter. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that “by the solemn forty days of *Lent* the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.” (540) When Jesus was baptized, the Spirit immediately drove him into the desert. This was a time of preparation, penance, and temptation for Jesus. In this season, we should seek to unite ourselves to him in his trial in the desert.

During Lent, Catholics are encouraged to do the following things:

**Pray**— We should seek to deepen our prayer life with God. Spending time reading the Bible or sitting in front of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the liturgy of the hours or the rosary, saying morning and night prayers, or even the simple but intentional turning of the mind to Jesus throughout the day is a good way to deepen your prayer life. Consider joining our parish Bible Study or attending the Holy Hour for Marriage (See pg 4) or our holy hour before the noon Mass on Thursdays.

**Go on a Retreat**— Lent is a great time to get away from the normal day to day to attend a spiritual retreat. Can’t find a place to go? Just turn off your internet, cell phone, and tv for a day and spend it by consciously praying and reading the Bible or other spiritual works.

**Go to confession**— Lent is the perfect time to take stock of the sins that you have committed and have them lifted from you through confession. Confessions in our parish are at 3:30 on Saturdays and 11:30 on Wednesdays and Thursdays or by appointment.

**Fast**- Fasting from those things that we may have become attached to is a great spiritual practice. Be sure to always connect it with prayer. Fasting is not about going on a diet but is about removing attachment to worldly things that should be given only to God.

**Give alms**- Giving to the poor is a duty that every Christian is bound by but it is all the more important during Lent. Give to the parish, to Catholic Charities, to food banks, and other means of assisting those who have real physical and spiritual needs. We have kicked off social ministries in our parish and help is needed at the St. Monica Food Pantry and other charities (Please see the article on page 3).

**Give of yourself**— The catechism states that charitable and missionary works can also be a part of a penitential practice. Consider finding ways of spreading the Gospel. In our parish, The Legion of Mary and Knights of Columbus are excellent groups focused on doing just this (see pg 4 to learn more).

Finally, don’t let the progress you have made get lost after Easter. These spiritual practices are meant to be build upon and to be a regular part of the Christian life. By doing them, we draw nearer to Christ and place ourselves more closely to his Sacred Heart. I hope that all of you have a blessed and fruitful Lent!

Brad Geist

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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

FEBRUARY 19, 2023  
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, February 18—7th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm † Isabella Creedon

**SUNDAY, February 19—7th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, February 20**

**TUESDAY, February 21—St. Peter Damien**

**WEDNESDAY, February 22—Ash Wednesday (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)**

Noon

**THURSDAY, February 23—St. Polycarp**

Noon

**FRIDAY, February 24**

**SATURDAY, February 25—1st Sunday of Lent**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, February 26—1st Sunday of Lent**

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.

## Parish Calendar of Events

- February 20— Legion of Mary at 6pm
  - February 21— Water Garden Society from 5-9pm
  - February 22—Ash Wednesday Mass at Noon
  - February 27— Legion of Mary at 6pm
  - March 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
  - March 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
  - March 11-12—Food Pantry Collection after Mass
  - March 16— Holy Hour for Marriage from 6-7pm
  - April 6— Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday)
  - April 9— Easter Sunday
  - April 16— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Keep watching for more info & dates to come!**

# Volunteers

2/18 & 19	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	

2/25 & 26	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	

Ash Wednesday	Noon
Reader	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi
Usher	Bill Capotosto

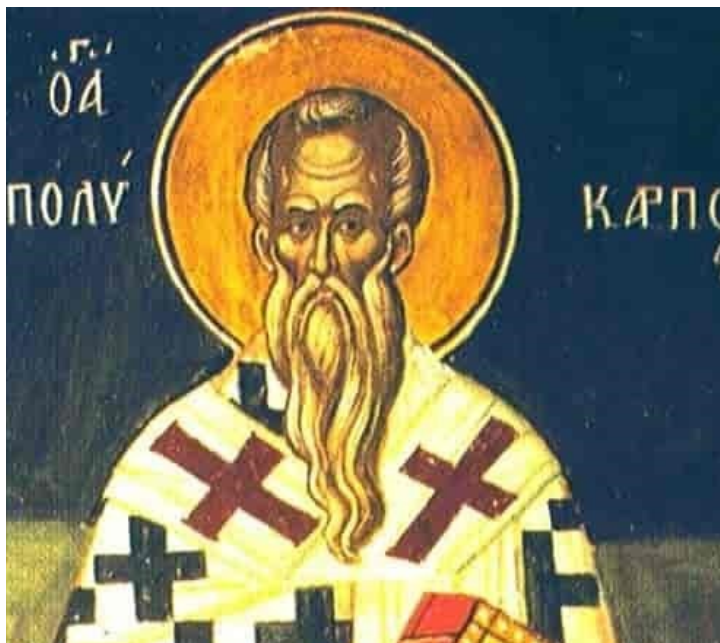
## Readings for the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

## CC Emergency Assistance Appeal

Next weekend (February 25-26) we will have a collection for the Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal. Your money will go toward providing emergency assistance to families in need of basic emergency assistance such as food pantries, educational and vocational advancement services, family safety and stabilization services, immigration and refugee assistance, behavioral health and substance use treatment, and youth and family support services. Last year, Catholic Charities assisted 134,00 individuals, families and children. Please be as generous as you are able.

# Weekly Activities & Events



## Saint of the Week—St. Polycarp of Smyrna

St. Polycarp was a disciple of the Apostle John and lived from 69-155. He was converted by the preaching of the Apostles and was ordained a bishop by John the Apostle. He was well known for his preaching and the example he provided. Some of Polycarp's writings still exist to this day, some of the earliest in existence. In his old age, Polycarp was arrested and brought before the local proconsul who interrogated him. Polycarp responded back wittily, leaving the proconsul irritated. At one point he was told to say "Away with the atheists!" (Atheists were those who did not believe in the Roman gods) Polycarp, gesturing to the mob, looked up to heaven and cried "Away with the atheists!" He told Polycarp to curse Christ and he would be freed. Polycarp responded, "Eighty-six years I have served Him. He had never done me wrong. How then can I blaspheme my King who has saved me?" Polycarp was sentenced to burn at the stake. When the soldier came to nail his hands, Polycarp stopped him telling him that he would stand in place by God's grace. As he stood in the flames, it was reported that the smell of baking bread and the aroma of incense spread throughout the area. Polycarp did not die and a soldier was soon sent to dispatch him with a dagger.

## Social Outreach Ministry

The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of 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 during the weekend of March 11-12th and will take place on the second weekend of each month. You can leave your items in the back of the church. If you forget, you can always bring the items later. If you would like to help with the social outreach ministry, please contact Bill Capotosto at [bcapotosto@gmail.com](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).

## For Your Reflection:

### Bearing with the Faults of Others

Until God ordains otherwise, a man ought to bear patiently whatever he cannot correct in himself and in others. Consider it better thus -- perhaps to try your patience and to test you, for without such patience and trial your merits are of little account. Nevertheless, under such difficulties you should pray that God will consent to help you bear them calmly.

If, after being admonished once or twice, a person does not amend, do not argue with him but commit the whole matter to God that His will and honor may be furthered in all His servants, for God knows well how to turn evil to good. Try to bear patiently with the defects and infirmities of others, whatever they may be, because you also have many a fault which others must endure.

If you cannot make yourself what you would wish to be, how can you bend others to your will? We want them to be perfect, yet we do not correct our own faults. We wish them to be severely corrected, yet we will not correct ourselves. Their great liberty displeases us, yet we would not be denied what we ask. We would have them bound by laws, yet we will allow ourselves to be restrained in nothing. Hence, it is clear how seldom we think of others as we do of ourselves.

If all were perfect, what should we have to suffer from others for God's sake? But God has so ordained, that we may learn to bear with one another's burdens, for there is no man without fault, no man without burden, no man sufficient to himself nor wise enough. Hence we must support one another, console one another, mutually help, counsel, and advise, for the measure of every man's virtue is best revealed in time of adversity -- adversity that does not weaken a man but rather shows what he is.  
-Thomas a Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ* (Book 1, ch 16)

## 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 February 6 to February 12, 2023

Plate.....\$374.00

Envelopes.....\$1,450.00

## Prayer of the Week

### A Night Prayer

Salva nos, Dómine, vigilántes, custódi nos dormiéntes; ut vigilémus cum Christo, et requiescámus in pace. Amen.

*Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace. Amen.*

## Lenten Study

There will be a Lenten study group that will meet on Fridays during Lent at 7pm in the parish hall. This group will study the readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass and have a discussion about its themes. This seven session study is great for those just beginning their faith journey as well as for those that want to dive deeper into the Scriptures during Lent. For learn more, please contact Rita Witt [rita.l.witt@gmail.com](mailto:rita.l.witt@gmail.com) (the letter between the periods is an L).

## 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. 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 Gumminger, 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 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 **March 2nd at 7pm** and it will 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 dive into the preaching of John the Baptist and the calling of the first disciples, including John the Evangelist himself, Andrew, Peter, Phillip, and Nathanael. All are welcome! Come learn more about these men! Please email Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for updates and details.

## 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.



## Counters Needed

Our parish is in need of regular volunteers who are able to count the money collected at the weekend Masses and through the mail each week and to take them to the bank. This task only requires 2-3 hours on Mondays, 1-2 times a month. This is a vital task needed in our parish office. If you are interested and able to help, please contact Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org), talk to Fr. Leonard, or come by the parish office for more information.

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Mass will be at Noon at Our Lady of Sorrows or at 9am and 6pm at St. Monica's.

## 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.

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