

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

This Sunday we reflect on Jesus' Transfiguration on the Mount. This event happens in the leadup to his crucifixion, as he approaches Jerusalem. Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John, showing his full glory in his divinity. Both Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets respectively and who have had their own unique experiences of God on mountaintops, appear to him to discuss the coming events in Jerusalem. There are two purposes to Jesus' transfiguration – the first is for the



Apostles— that when Jesus undergoes his passion, they will not despair. The second is also interesting. Luke recounts that Moses and Elijah spoke to Jesus of “his exodus, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem.” We know that later on, Jesus will struggle with the burden of his approaching death in the Garden of Gethsemane. He, in his human nature, was repulsed by his coming death. But it seems that he struggled with it even before as is evidenced at the Transfiguration. We know in the Garden of Gethsemane that an angel appeared to him, strengthening him in his agony. We also know that angels came to him in the temptation in the desert to minister to him. It seems that Moses and Elijah appeared to him for the same purpose— of providing strength, consolation, and fortitude as he accomplished God's will. Though the salvation of the entire world is something that could only be accomplished by him, Jesus does not seek to “go it alone.” He has the help of the angels and saints and those around him that love him. Even at the cross, he has his mother and disciples present. As we move through Lent with our fasts and resolutions, we should seek out the help of our fellow Christians, the saints, and our guardian angel. We are not meant to accomplish God's will alone. We need the strength and encouragement of others as we fast and pray and go through the struggles of our daily lives. Seek out the help of our parish community. We were never meant to go it alone.

Parish Office

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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

FEBRUARY 25, 2024
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, February 24—The 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, February 25—The 2nd Sunday of Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, February 26

TUESDAY, February 27— St. Gregory of Narek

WEDNESDAY, February 28

† Brian Waldbillig

THURSDAY, February 29

Noon † Anna A Nachtigall

FRIDAY, March 1

SATURDAY, March 2—The 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, March 3—The 3rd Sunday of Lent

11:00am † Regina Foster

Mass Assignments

2/24 & 25	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto
3/2 & 3	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Nancy Lowdon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

CCEAA

We will have a second collection for the Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal. Please be as generous as you are able.

Readings for the 2nd Week in Lent

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-56

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

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

- Mar 2— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Mar 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Mar 9-10— Catholic Relief Services Collection
- Mar 17— Catholic Movie Night (The Passion of the Christ) at 6pm
- Mar 19— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Mar 23— Rediscover Your Faith at 10am at St. Monica's
- Mar 24— Holy Week Begins
- Mar 29— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Apr 1— Easter Sunday
- Apr 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Apr 4— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Apr 6— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Apr 6— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 16— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Apr 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 27— Rediscover Your Faith at 10am at St. Monica's
- Apr 27— Wedding at 6pm
- May 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- May 3— Wedding at 2:00pm
- May 5— Catholic Movie Night (Fatima) at 6pm
- May 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 19— Tomorrow's Priests Collection
- May 26— Peter's Pence Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— Bl. Concepcion de Armida

Concepcion Cabrera de Armida was born in 1862 in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, the daughter of well-to-do parents, the seventh of twelve children. She was affectionately known as Conchita. Since childhood, Conchita was attracted to God, especially in the Eucharist, and distinguished herself for her purity, humility, and spirit of sacrifice. On November 8, 1884, she married Francisco Armida Garcia. Together they had nine children. When she was 39, her husband died, leaving her to care for the children, the youngest being 2. In 1889, she attended her first Spiritual Exercises and discovered her mission of saving souls. She founded the Apostolate of the Cross in 1895 and other apostolates and ministries followed. Though not having any known visions of Jesus and Mary, she is considered a mystic due to her deep prayer life, recorded in her writings, which took up over 60,000 pages— rivaling that of St. Thomas Aquinas. She reported God telling her, “Ask me for a long suffering life and to write a lot... That’s your mission on earth”. When the Mexican Revolution raged and took the lives of many Catholics, Conchita remained at peace in prayer, showing remarkable tranquility in her writings despite the horror around her. She was beatified in 2019 by Pope Francis, the first Mexican laywoman to receive the honor.

Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be Sunday, March 17th at 6pm in the Parish Hall.** Our next movie will be **The Passion of the Christ** (2004), a highly realistic portrayal of the last twelve hours of Jesus’ life on earth— detailing the Agony in the Garden to the burial in the tomb. Directed by Mel Gibson, this film is based on the mystical revelations of Anne Catherine Emmerich. Please note that the movie is rated R for severe violence and parental discretion is advised. Our next movies will be: **Fatima on May 5th and A Man For All Seasons on June 22nd.**

For Your Reflection:

Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. This is a prayer we can all say. This is not my prayer, but that of the whole Christ. Rather, it is said in the name of his body. When Christ was on earth he prayed in his human nature, and prayed to the Father in the name of his body, and when he prayed drops of blood flowed from his whole body. So it is written in the Gospel: *Jesus prayed with earnest prayer, and sweated blood.* What is this blood streaming from his whole body but the martyrdom of the whole Church? *Lord, I have cried to you, hear me; listen to the sound of my prayer, when I call upon you.* Did you imagine that crying was over when you said: *I have cried to you?* You have cried out, but do not as yet feel free from care. If anguish is at an end, crying is at an end; but if the Church, the body of Christ, must suffer anguish until the end of time, it must not say only: *I have cried to you, hear me;* it must also say: *Listen to the sound of my prayer, when I call upon you. Let my prayer rise like incense in your sight; let the raising of my hands be an evening sacrifice.*

This is generally understood of Christ, the head, as every Christian acknowledges. When day was fading into evening, the Lord laid down his life on the cross, to take it up again; he did not lose his life against his will. Here, too, we are symbolized. What part of him hung on the cross if not the part he had received from us? How could God the Father ever cast off and abandon his only Son, who is indeed one God with him? Yet Christ, nailing our weakness to the cross (where, as the Apostle says: *Our old nature was nailed to the cross with him*), cried out with the very voice of humanity: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

The evening sacrifice is then the passion of the Lord, the cross of the Lord, the oblation of the victim that brings salvation, the holocaust acceptable to God. In his resurrection he made this evening sacrifice a morning sacrifice. Prayer offered in holiness from a faithful heart rises like incense from a holy altar. Nothing is more fragrant than the fragrance of the Lord. May all who believe share in this fragrance.

Therefore, *our old nature*, in the words of the Apostle, was *nailed to the cross with him*, in order, as he says, *to destroy our sinful body, so that we may be slaves to sin no longer.*

-From a Commentary on the Psalms by St. Augustine

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 February 12 to February 18, 2024

Plate	\$659.18
Envelopes	\$2496.00
Weddings	\$1295.00
Ash Wednesday	\$347.18
Candles	\$87.00
Catholic Charities	\$180.00
Other	\$196.00

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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. Our praesidium, does homebound visits of parishioners, takes communion to the sick, leads ministries, and many other vital ministries in our parish.



Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on **March 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 the Resurrection of Lazarus and Jesus' teaching on the Resurrection. 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.



Rediscover Your Faith

Our next meeting will be announced soon and will be at St. Monica's, our sister parish in the building connected to the church. During each meeting we focus in on a special topic to explore. Our next topic will be on the Holy Week Liturgy and how to more deeply enter the mystery of the Liturgy. We will meet on **Saturday, March 23 at 10am** at St. Monica Catholic Church in the building across the parking lot from the church.



Stations of the Cross

We will pray the stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 3pm in the Church. Please join us for this ancient and beautiful devotion.



Church Cleaning Invitation

March 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 Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council #2457 meets in the parish hall on the first Wednesdays beginning with recitation of the Rosary at 6:30pm. We are also establishing a Women's Auxiliary to help support the Knights charitable works both practically and spiritually. Please contact John Pileggi at (816) 547-6574, or jgapileggi@gmail.com.



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.

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, Nolan Davidson

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.

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 March 9th**, 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.