

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

In our Gospel today, Jesus leaves a synagogue and heals Simon Peter's mother-in-law from a fever. News of Jesus' preaching in the synagogue and of the subsequent healing spreads and by evening the entire town comes to the door of Peter's house. They brought all who were ill or possessed by demons. One can get a sense of the chaos of it all— people in tremendous suffering, the mix of both hope and despair. There are those that are possessed— likely being held in place by



those who love the person and want to see them free. You would likely have heard cursing, smelled the sweat of those who strained and wrestled about. It's a crowd full of misery and suffering, being healed by the Redeemer of Israel. The healings probably go late into the night. Eventually Jesus sleeps, but he rises very early before dawn to go to a lonely place to pray.

Jesus teaches us something important here— prayer is essential to our lives— more so than great wonders and miracles or even sleep. He takes the time for himself and does not seek the attention of anyone as he does it. He goes in the dark when no one will see him and goes out to a deserted place where he won't be found. Jesus demonstrates his own teaching in action— "But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you." (Mt 6:6) Jesus also shows us that his ministry and his very identity are bound up in prayer and conversation with the Father.

We are rapidly approaching the beginning of Lent (only 10 days away). During Lent, we are called to renew our lives of prayer and to do extra penances and fasting to prepare us for the great feasts of Holy Week and Easter. It's never too early to begin thinking about our Lenten resolutions and the need to grow deeper in our intimacy with Christ and his heavenly Father. I encourage you to begin thinking of what stands in the way of your relationship with Christ— is it too much time on the computer or the TV? Is a hobby of yours getting out of hand? Are you too busy to pray? Let us carefully consider this in light of Jesus' teaching in action of the need for prayer in our lives.

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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 4, 2024
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, February 3—The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, February 4—The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am † Maurice Carey

MONDAY, February 5— St. Agatha

TUESDAY, February 6— St. Paul Miki and Companions

WEDNESDAY, February 7

Noon † Brian Waldbillig

THURSDAY, February 8— St. Jerome Emiliani; St.

Josephine Bakhita

Noon † Maurice Carey

FRIDAY, February 9

SATURDAY, February 10—The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, February 11—The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am † Maurice Carey

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

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

2/10 & 11	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 5th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37; 40;
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15;
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34;
Ps 106:6-7, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Parish Calendar of Events

- Jan 29— Legion of Mary Meeting at 6pm
- Feb 1— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Feb 3— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Feb 8—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Feb 10-11— Social Ministry Collection
- Feb 14— Ash Wednesday Mass at Noon
- Feb 17-18— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
- Feb 18— Catholic Movie Night at 6pm
- Feb 20— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- 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 19— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- 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— Wedding at 6pm
- May 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- May 3— Wedding at 2:00pm
- May 18— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine was born in 1869 in Darfur (what is now western Sudan). In 1877 she was abducted by Arab slave traders. She endured tremendous suffering as a slave, once being beaten so badly that she was unable to move from her bed for a month. She was eventually bought by an Italian official and went back to Italy to be a nanny to his daughters. While in Italy, she met the Canossian sisters, who taught her about Christianity. When her master decided to go back to Sudan, Bakhita refused to leave. When it was brought to the courts it was decided that she was in fact a free woman, Italy never having recognized slavery. Bakhita chose to remain with the Canossian sisters and in 1890 was baptized into the Church by the future Pope St. Pius X. She joined the Canossian sisters and lived a life of joy as a religious sister. Showing complete forgiveness, A young student once asked Bakhita: "What would you do, if you were to meet your captors?" Showing complete forgiveness and her characteristic joy, without hesitation, she replied: "If I were to meet those who kidnapped me, and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands. For, if these things had not happened, I would not have been a Christian and a religious today." She died in 1947. She was canonized by St. John Paul II in 2000.

Catholic Movie Night

Our first Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be on Sunday, Feb 18th at 6pm**. Our next movie will be **There Be Dragons** (2011), a fictional retelling of the life of St. Josemaría Escrivá, the founder of *Opus Dei*: *Arising out of the horror of the Spanish Civil War, a candidate for canonization, Josemaría Escrivá, is investigated by a journalist who discovers that his own estranged father had a deep, dark and devastating connection to the saint's life. As he uncovers the truth, he learns more about his origins and learns much about forgiveness and the power of faith. Don't miss such an excellent movie!*

For Your Reflection:

The Catholic Church glories in every deed of Christ. Her supreme glory, however, is the cross. At Siloam, there was a sense of wonder, and rightly so. A man born blind recovered his sight. But of what importance is this, when there are so many blind people in the world? Lazarus rose from the dead, but even this affected only Lazarus. What of those countless numbers who have died because of their sins? Those five miraculous loaves fed five thousand people. Yet this is a small number compared to those all over the world who were starved by ignorance. After eighteen years a woman was freed from the bondage of Satan. But are we not all shackled by the chains of our own sins? For us all, however, the cross is the crown of victory! It has brought light to those blinded by ignorance. It has released those enslaved by sin. Indeed, it has redeemed the whole of mankind! Do not, then, be ashamed of the cross of Christ; rather, glory in it. Although it is a stumbling block to the Jews and folly to the Gentiles, the message of the cross is our salvation. Of course it is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. In the Mosaic law a sacrificial lamb banished the destroyer. But now *it is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*. Will he not free us from our sins even more? The blood of an animal, a sheep, brought salvation. Will not the blood of the only-begotten Son bring us greater salvation? He was not killed by violence, he was not forced to give up his life. His was a willing sacrifice. Listen to his own words: *I have the power to lay down my life and take it up again*. Yes, he willingly submitted to his own passion. He took joy in his achievement; in his crown of victory he was glad and in the salvation of man he rejoiced. He did not blush at the cross for by it he was to save the world. No, it was not a lowly man who suffered but God incarnate. He entered the contest for the reward he would win by his patient endurance. Certainly in times of tranquility the cross should give you joy. But maintain the same faith in times of persecution. Otherwise you will be a friend of Jesus in times of peace and his enemy during war. Now you receive the forgiveness of your sins and the generous gift of grace from your king. When war comes, fight courageously for him.

-From the Catecheses by St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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 January 22 to January 28, 2023

Plate	\$391.00
Envelopes	\$1951.00
Weddings	\$1000.00
Candles	\$72.31
Maintenance	\$110.00
Catholic Appeal	\$8.00
Other	\$500.00



A Special Thank You

We want to extend a special thank you to all those that helped clean the church this last Saturday. Thank you for keeping our church beautiful, bright, and clean for the worship of Christ our King!

Counters Needed!

We are in need of counters that can come in pairs on Monday mornings to count the Sunday collection and take it safely to the bank. This task only requires a few hours every few weeks. Training will be provided. This is a vitally important task to keep our parish running smoothly. To learn more, please contact our parish office.

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.

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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 February 10-11**, 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.

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 Jesus' teaching on himself as the Good Shepherd. 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. Previous topics covered Advent, the O Antiphons, and the Marian Dogmas.



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.

