

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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Ministry Spotlight: Social Outreach

In Early August 258 A.D., the Roman emperor Valerian issued an edict that all bishops, priests, and deacons were to be put to death. Less than a week later, Pope Sixtus II was arrested while celebrating Mass at the cemetery of St. Callixtus. He was immediately executed. The deacon assisting the Mass, St. Lawrence, was given an ultimatum to bring forth the treasures of the Church within three days or he would suffer the same fate. On the third day, St. Lawrence brought forward all the poor, lame, orphans, and widows, declaring that they were the true treasure of the Church. For this, St. Lawrence was burned alive over a gridiron. The mark of a true Christian life is attentiveness to those in need around us. Jesus himself told us to care for those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who are in need, to visit the prisoner, and to clothe the naked. Jesus insisted that those who do these things do them for him, as if he is the one receiving this charity. The Church has always taken this command seriously. In our first reading today, God instructs us to "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them and do not turn your back on your own." In fact, in the early days of the Church, it was one of the most defining features of being a Christian. St. Justin Martyr, when describing how Christians worship, talks about a collection being taken for the poor: "And they who are well to do, and willing, give what each thinks fit; and what is collected is deposited with the presider, who succours the orphans and widows and those who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds and the strangers sojourning among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need." (1 Apology 67)



This has been a defining mark of the Church down through the centuries and has led to the creation of hospitals, orphanages, soup kitchens, shelters, schools, and so much more. The Catholic Church remains the largest charitable organization in the world.

Our parish is relaunching its Social Outreach to the poor and suffering in our community following the pandemic. We will have monthly collections in the back of the Church for laundry items, toiletries and hygiene products (including diapers), and non-perishable food. These items will be taken to the food pantry at our sister parish, St. Monica Catholic Church. Our first collection of these items will be next weekend.

The Social Outreach Ministry will at times assist the food pantry at Monica's and we are looking for volunteers to help with one or more hours from 11-2 on Mondays. There will also be opportunities for volunteers to sort donations at Harvesters. Please stay tuned for more announcements for all of these initiatives. If you would like to join the effort, please contact Bill Capotosto at bcapotosto@gmail.com.

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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 5, 2023
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, February 4—5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, February 5—5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, February 6—St. Paul Miki and Companions

TUESDAY, February 7

WEDNESDAY, February 8—St. Jerome Emiliani
Noon † Mary Saluzzi Pileggi

THURSDAY, February 9
Noon

FRIDAY, February 10—St. Scholastica

SATURDAY, February 11—6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, February 12—6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
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 4-10—KofC St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Visit
- February 6—Legion of Mary at 6pm
- February 13—Legion of Mary at 6pm
- February 16—Holy Hour for Marriage from 6-7pm
- February 21—Water Garden Society from 5-9pm
- February 22—Ash Wednesday at Noon
- March 2—Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- March 16—Holy Hour for Marriage from 6-7pm
- April 6—Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday)
- April 9—Easter Sunday

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Volunteers

2/4 & 5	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Brad Geist
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Brad Geist
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	

2/11 & 12	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Eley	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	

Readings for the 5th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

Ushers Needed

We are in need of regular ushers at our weekend Masses. Ushers provide a welcoming face for those coming to our parish, help people find what they need, and help organize and gather the collection during Mass. We are especially in need of ushers for the 11am Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

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.

Weekly Activities & Events



Saint of the Week— St. Scholastica

St. Scholastica was born in 480 and was the twin sister of St. Benedict, the founder of western monasticism. She was consecrated to God from an early age and, together with some other consecrated virgins, founded a monastery for women. It is likely that she settled at the base of Monte Cassino, below the monastery founded by her brother. The two had a tradition that once a year they would meet together to spend the day worshipping God, having dinner, and discussing spiritual matters. On one of these occasions, knowing that she was likely to die soon, she asked her brother to stay after dinner. Not wanting to violate his own rule, Benedict insisted he go back to his own cell. Scholastica closed her hands in prayer, and after a moment, a wild storm started outside of the guest house in which they were staying. Benedict asked, "What have you done?", to which she replied, "I asked you and you would not listen; so I asked my God and he did listen. So now go off, if you can; leave me and return to your monastery." Benedict was unable to return to his monastery, and they spent the night in discussion. Three days later, Benedict had a vision of Scholastica's soul going to heaven in the form of a dove. She was laid to rest at the Abbey of Monte Cassino.

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 February 11-12th and will take place on the second weekend of the 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.

For Your Reflection

Christians are not distinguished from other men by country, language, nor by the customs which they observe. They do not inhabit cities of their own, use a particular way of speaking, nor lead a life marked out by any curiosity. The course of conduct they follow has not been devised by the speculation and deliberation of inquisitive men. They do not, like some, proclaim themselves the advocates of merely human doctrines.

Instead, they inhabit both Greek and barbarian cities, however things have fallen to each of them. And it is while following the customs of the natives in clothing, food, and the rest of ordinary life that they display to us their wonderful and admittedly striking way of life.

They live in their own countries, but they do so as those who are just passing through. As citizens they participate in everything with others, yet they endure everything as if they were foreigners. Every foreign land is like their homeland to them, and every land of their birth is like a land of strangers. They marry, like everyone else, and they have children, but they do not expose their offspring. They share a common table, but not a common bed.

They exist in the flesh, but they do not live by the flesh. They pass their days on earth, but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the prescribed laws, all the while surpassing the laws by their lives. They love all men and are persecuted by all. They are unknown and condemned. They are put to death and restored to life. They are poor, yet make many rich. They lack everything, yet they overflow in everything.

They are dishonored, and yet in their very dishonor they are glorified; they are spoken ill of and yet are justified; they are reviled but bless; they are insulted and repay the insult with honor; they do good, yet are punished as evildoers; when punished, they rejoice as if raised from the dead. They are assailed by the Jews as barbarians; they are persecuted by the Greeks; yet those who hate them are unable to give any reason for their hatred.

-Letter to Diognetus (written A.D. 130)

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.

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Last Weekend's Collection

From January 23 to January 29, 2023

Plate.....\$50.00

Envelopes.....\$1,485.00

Prayer of the Week

Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

*Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

"It is our duty to be grateful; to show our sense of the benefit conferred upon us, and to endeavor to repay our benefactor. Gratitude is due to almighty God in the first place, because from Him comes down every best gift and every perfect gift. Men are His servants, the instruments He employs; therefore we owe thanks to them in the second place. Whenever Our Lord received a favor from His heavenly Father He raised His eyes to Heaven, and said: "Father, I thank Thee."

-The Catechism Explained by Fr. Francis Spirago

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a pilgrim icon of St. Joseph at our parish for this weekend as it travels throughout the United States. This icon was blessed by Pope Francis. We encourage you to take a holy card and booklet, and say a prayer to St. Joseph for the Church, for fathers, and to entrust him with your needs. Additionally, the Knights are taking a collection the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund to aid those in war-torn Ukraine.



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 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.

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! Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.

The Holy Hour for Marriage

The first Holy Hour for Marriage was a big success! The next Holy Hour for Marriage will be held at 6pm on February 16th at Our Lady of Sorrows and will be done monthly on the third Thursday of every month. The Holy Hour will be for married and engaged couples to come and pray in eucharistic adoration over each other and for the needs of their marriage. There will be a short reflection on an aspect of married life, confession, and ample time to pray. When it is over, all couples are encouraged to go on a date with their spouse or fiancé. This event is open to any Catholic couple throughout the city. Please plan on attending this beautiful time of prayer and support the vocation of marriage in our community and diocese.

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 for more information or come to the meeting.



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.

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