

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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From The Pastoral Associate

In today's Gospel, we read of how Jesus chooses to reach the Samaritan people with the most unlikely person imaginable— a woman who had been ostracized from her community for her many perceived sins, not the least having had five different husbands and now living with a sixth man. His choice of a woman was also peculiar. Rabbis in that time did not interact with women in public at all, not even their own wives. But he was clearly looking for her— going to a well at the hottest time of the day when no one was supposed to be there. Jesus was thirsting for her faith and enters into a dialogue with her— culminating in him telling her that he is the Messiah. She runs off, no longer self-conscious of her identity, only conscious of her joy at having met the Messiah. The results are astounding. Soon, the Samaritans flock to come meet Jesus and he spends two days there, profitably preaching the coming Kingdom of God— leading them to proclaim that Jesus is “indeed the Savior of the World.” This would have been impossible with the woman.



What can Jesus do with us? How can he use you and I to reach others? In our country and community today, the light of God's truth is fading. Fewer and fewer are being impacted by the Gospel. And we can see the results— mass isolation, addiction, polarization, despair, and confusion. But Jesus' thirst for the faith of others has not abated. He longs for each and every person to come to him and find rest for their souls. He wishes to heal and bring everyone to the light of his truth, as well as give the joy of being known and loved by him. Are we willing to help him in that mission? What are some ways that we can reach out to others for him? In our parish, there are many ways. We have several faith groups that are actively doing this work in our parish social ministry, the Knights of Columbus, and the Legion of Mary. Perhaps you could invite someone to attend with you one of these meetings, or to come with you to our weekly holy hour at 11 am, to Mass, a parish Bible study session, the Stations of the Cross, the weekly Lenten study, or bring them a CD or book from the Lighthouse stands near the entrances of the Church. It doesn't require much effort to make the invitation and yet it can make a massive difference in the life of the person that you are reaching. We don't need to fear that we aren't holy enough or respected enough by the person to make the invitation. After all, Jesus called the woman at the well, someone who was shunned and rejected by her entire community. Yet despite her social status, her testimony changed the lives of those around her forever. Do not underestimate the impact that a simple invitation can bring. You might just be introducing them, and many others, to Jesus Christ.

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 or email

bgeist@oloskc.org

MARCH 12, 2023
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, March 11— 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, March 12— 3rd Sunday of Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, March 13

TUESDAY, March 14

WEDNESDAY, March 15

Noon

THURSDAY, March 16

Noon

FRIDAY, March 17—St. Patrick of Ireland

SATURDAY, March 18— 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, March 19— 4th 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@olosc.org if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

Volunteers

3/11 & 12	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Brad Geist
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	Bill Capotosto

3/18 & 19	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Brad Geist
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the Third Week of Lent

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Parish Calendar of Events

- March 11-12—Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- March 13— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- March 14— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- March 16— The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- March 17— Stations of the Cross at 3pm
- March 17— Lenten Study at 7pm
- March 18-19— Catholic Relief Service Collection
- March 25— Parish Potluck after the 4pm Mass
- April 2— Palm Sunday
- April 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- April 6— Holy Thursday at 6pm
- April 7— Good Friday Service at 3pm
- April 7— Holy Land Collection
- April 8— Easter Vigil at 8pm
- April 9— Easter Sunday at 11am
- April 13— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- April 15— Wedding at 2pm
- April 15— Wedding at 6pm
- April 15-16— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- April 16— Divine Mercy Sunday
- April 18— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- April 20— The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- April 22— Wedding at 1:30pm
- April 29— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 4— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- May 6— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 13— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week—St. Patrick of Ireland

St. Patrick was born at the end of Roman Rule in the British empire in what is now England in the 5th century. At the age of 16, Patrick was captured by Irish pirates and spent 6 years as a slave. During this time, he converted to Christianity. At the end of this time he heard a voice telling him he would go home and he fled, finding a ship to take him home. He later had a vision of an Irish bishop appearing to him with a letter from the Irish asking him to walk among them. Patrick went to Europe and was ordained by St. Germanus of Auxerre as a priest and then returned to Ireland as a missionary. He eventually became a bishop. He baptized thousands and ordained priests to care for the new communities. He began many convents of women. His was as simple but deep faith. He died at Saul, where he built his first Irish church. He is credited with converting the nation of Ireland, and for that is called the Patron Saint of Ireland along with St. Brigid of Kildare and St. Columba. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral in Downpatrick.

“I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, Through belief in the Threeness, Through confession of the Oneness.”

of the Creator of creation.

-From his prayer known as the Breastplate of St. Patrick

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 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. If you would like more info contact Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for more information or come to a meeting.



For Your Reflection:

There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting, and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy, and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other. Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petitions of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself. When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery. Let this be the pattern for all men when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you. Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor. Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: *A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.* Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving. To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.

-From a sermon by St. Peter Chrysologus (lived 380-450)

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 27 to March 5, 2023

Plate.....\$490.36

Envelopes.....\$1,806.00

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week there will be a second collection for the Catholic Relief Services. The Catholic Relief Services provides international relief and solidarity efforts, especially for those displaced by persecution, natural disasters and war as well as the poor. Please be as generous as you are able.

The Stations of the Cross

We will have the Stations of the Cross every week during Lent at 3pm in the church.



Parish Potluck

Our parish will have a potluck dinner on March 25th after the 4pm Mass in the parish hall. We encourage you to bring a main dish, side, salad, dessert, or bread dish and leave it in the parish hall before Mass. This will be a great time for fellowship among our parishioners from both Masses and a great way for our members to get to know each other better. Sign up sheets are available at the back of the Church. Please consider coming for this fun time!

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. 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.

Parish Bible Study— The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **April 13th 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 explore the Wedding at Cana, John's portrayal of Mary, the Cleansing of the Temple, what Jesus means when he calls himself the Son of Man, and what is meant when Jesus speaks of his "hour". All are welcome! Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.

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.

The Holy Hour for Marriage

Our next Holy Hour for Marriage **will be held this week at 6pm on March 16th** at Our Lady of Sorrows and is monthly on the third Thursday of every month. The Holy Hour is 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 and confession. 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.

Lenten Study

There is a Lenten study group that meets on Fridays during Lent at 7pm in the parish hall. This group studies the readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass and discusses its themes. Contact Rita Witt rita.l.witt@gmail.com (the letter between the periods is an L) for more information.

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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