

# 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, we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus. One aspect of the story is the immediate danger Jesus is in as the episode progresses. In the previous chapters, Jesus healed a man that was born blind. When the pharisees bristle at Jesus' declaration that they are blind, Jesus declares that he is the Good Shepherd. Ultimately, he concludes by stating that, "I and the Father are one." (Jn



10:30) The Judeans, correctly understanding this to mean that he is claiming to be God, take up stones, to kill him for what they perceive as blasphemy, but Jesus escaped. Jesus leaves the area and goes across the Jordan. This is where Mary and Martha's message about Lazarus finds him. When Jesus declares after some days that he is going to go visit his friends, the Apostles are alarmed, knowing this will take him back to close proximity with those that were just trying to kill him. Even Martha and Mary know that Jesus is in serious danger. Those that were witnesses of the healing of the blind man and had tried to stone Jesus are among the group of mourners. So Martha goes to meet him outside of the village. Then she sends in secret to Mary to tell her that Jesus has arrived. Unfortunately, the mourners follow Mary, bringing the entire group to Jesus. The miracle that Jesus performs of the healing of Lazarus will be the final straw for the pharisees and high priest. Afraid for the safety and preservation of the nation of Israel, they determine that Jesus must die. From that point on, they begin looking for an opportunity to put him to death.

Jesus, of course, knew of the danger but proceeded to go anyway. His love for Mary, Martha, and, above all, Lazarus, as well as the necessity of following the Father's will, leads him on this dangerous and fateful journey that will ultimately result in his death. This should remind us that what Jesus endured on the Cross was for love of us. He freely chose to accept it and to give his life for our sins. He chose this road out of love for all those that would benefit from it. And the cost was clear and apparent to him.

At the sight of the mourners, who suffer from the ravages of sin, particularly its worst effect—death—Jesus weeps. This is what he ultimately came for—to free us from unending death. As we approach Holy Week, I encourage you to take time and reflect on the great and profound gift that Jesus has given us through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

## Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday— 6pm  
Good Friday—3pm  
Easter Vigil—8pm  
Easter Sunday—11am

## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

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 or email  
bgeist@oloskc.org

MARCH 17, 2024  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, March 16—The 5th Sunday of Lent**

4:00pm † John Pileggi

**SUNDAY, March 17—The 5th Sunday of Lent**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, March 18— St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

**TUESDAY, March 19—St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**

**WEDNESDAY, March 20**

† Gloria Amador

**THURSDAY, March 21**

Noon † Judy Amador

**FRIDAY, March 22**

**SATURDAY, March 23—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, March 24—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

# Mass Assignments

3/16 & 17	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

3/23 & 24	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon Arthur Kovach Lynette Wheeler	Ann Creedon Maureen Kramanek Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 5th Week in Lent

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6;  
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21;  
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:53-56;  
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10; Ls 50:4-7;  
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;  
Mk 14:1-15:47

### 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.

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Mar 17— Catholic Movie Night (The Passion of the Christ) at 6pm
- Mar 18— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Mar 19— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Mar 23— Rediscover Your Faith at 10am at St. Monica's
- Mar 24— Palm Sunday
- Mar 28— Holy Thursday at 6pm
- Mar 29— Good Friday at 3pm
- Mar 29— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Mar 30— Easter Vigil at 8pm
- Mar 31— Easter Sunday at 11am
- 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

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Joseph

St. Joseph was an Israelite man born during the first century BC. A humble carpenter, he was a descendent of David and by the account of St. Matthew, a righteous man. He was betrothed to the Blessed Virgin Mary but before they had come together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. St. Joseph intended to divorce her quietly, but after a visit from an angel in a dream, he took her into his home but did not have spousal relations with her. He was her protector throughout the pregnancy and helped to find her a place in Bethlehem to deliver her child when no one would house them. He became the foster father of Jesus and, when prompted by another angel, fled Israel to Egypt to escape the wrath of Herod. He eventually returned with his family and settled at Nazareth. Little else is known of his life, except that he provided for his family and taught Jesus his trade. It is widely accepted that he died before Jesus' public ministry, and for this he is known as the patron of a happy death— having died in the arms of Jesus and Mary. He is also named as the protector of the Church, as his role of caring for the safety of the body of Christ was a special mission entrusted to him by God. St. Joseph has two feast days— that of March 19th and on Mary 1st, which remembers him in particular as a worker.

## 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:

God's will is to save us, and nothing pleases him more than our coming back to him with true repentance. The heralds of truth and the ministers of divine grace have told us this from the beginning, repeating it in every age. Indeed, God's desire for our salvation is the primary and preeminent sign of his infinite goodness. It was precisely in order to show that there is nothing closer to God's heart that the divine Word of God the Father, with untold condescension, lived among us in the flesh, and did, suffered, and said all that was necessary to reconcile us to God the Father, when we were at enmity with him, and to restore us to the life of blessedness from which we had been exiled. He healed our physical infirmities by miracles; he freed us from our sins, many and grievous as they were, by suffering and dying, taking them upon himself as if he were answerable for them, sinless though he was. He also taught us in many different ways that we should wish to imitate him by our own kindness and genuine love for one another. So it was that Christ proclaimed that he had come to call sinners to repentance, not the righteous, and that it was not the healthy who required a doctor, but the sick. He declared that he had come to look for the sheep that was lost, and that it was to the lost sheep of the house of Israel that he had been sent. Speaking more obscurely in the parable of the silver coin, he tells us that the purpose of his coming was to reclaim the royal image, which had been coated with the filth of sin. *You can be sure there is joy in heaven, he said, over one sinner who repents.* So also he cried out: *Come to me, all you that toil and are heavy of heart. Accept my yoke, he said, by which he meant his commands, or rather, the whole way of life that he taught us in the Gospel.* He then speaks of a burden, but that is only because repentance seems difficult. In fact, however, *my yoke is easy, he assures us, and my burden is light.*

Then again he instructs us in divine justice and goodness, telling us to be like our heavenly Father, holy, perfect and merciful. *Forgive, he says, and you will be forgiven. Behave toward other people as you would wish them to behave toward you.*

*-From a Letter by St. Maximus the Confessor*

## 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)

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Financial Statement 2/29/24

Income	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contributions	107,154	136,670	(29,516)
Fundraising	724	0	724
Operations	64,986	57,336	7,650
Parish Allocations	10,739	9,504	1,235
Other Income	10,768	0	10,768
Total Income	194,371	203,510	(9,139)

Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference
Personnel	85,050	82,817	2,333
Building & Grounds	35,915	39,220	(3,305)
General Operations	60,135	59,865	270
Prayer & Worship	8,454	12,682	(4,228)
Extra Expenses	3,500	3,500	0
Total Expenses:	193,054	198,084	(5,030)

Net Income (Loss)	1,317	5,426	(4,109)
Savings Account	<b>\$85,341.00</b>		

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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.



## 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 devotion. This next Friday will be our final Stations for this Lent.



## 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](mailto:jgapileggi@gmail.com).



## 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.

## 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, John Pileggi

## 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 next Bible study session is on **April 4th 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 Jn 12 and the events leading up to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. 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](mailto: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. 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.



## 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 April 13th and 14th**, 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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).