

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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From our Pastor

In the midst of Lent, the Church brings our attention to a poignant narrative that resonates with each of us: the encounter of the Samaritan Woman with Jesus at the well. This story serves as a mirror reflecting our own search for meaning and fulfillment in life. Just like the Samaritan Woman, we all find ourselves at various wells throughout our lives,



seeking to quench an insatiable thirst. These wells are the places, habits, things or people we turn to, hoping to find satisfaction. For some, it might be the pursuit of career success, where endless hours of work promise fulfillment but often lead to burnout and a sense of emptiness. For others, it might be in the fleeting pleasures of material possessions, the instant gratification of social media likes, or even in the numbing escape provided by substances or alcohol. Each of these wells represents our attempt to fill a void that seems perpetually unfulfilled.

The narrative of the Samaritan Woman teaches us a profound lesson about human nature and divine grace. Despite drawing water from Jacob's well daily, the woman remained thirsty until Jesus offered her "living water." This encounter illustrates our own futile attempts to find lasting happiness in things that are, by their very nature, transient and unsatisfying. It's a vivid reminder that what we often seek in the wells of this world is, in truth, a deeper yearning for spiritual nourishment and connection with God. G.K. Chesterton's insightful observation, "Every man who knocks on the door of a brothel is looking for God," underscores this profound truth. Our deepest desires are not wrong; they are simply misdirected. Every pursuit of pleasure, every attempt to fill the emptiness within, is essentially a search for the Divine. We are creatures made for communion with God, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in Him, as St. Augustine eloquently put it.

Each of us can identify moments when we've stood at our wells, drawing water that never satisfies. Each of these actions reveals a thirst for something greater, a thirst that can only be quenched by the living water Christ offers.

As we journey deeper into Lent, let us ponder the invitation Jesus extends to the Samaritan Woman and to each of us: "Give me a drink." In doing so, He asks for our trust, inviting us to abandon the wells that leave us wanting and to draw instead from His wellspring of eternal life.

This season of lent, may we reflect on the areas of our lives where we seek fulfillment outside of God. Let us remember that true joy and peace are found not in the wells of this world but in the living water offered by Jesus. Through Him, our deepest thirsts are satisfied, and our souls find their rest.

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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 3, 2024
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions and Feasts

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

MONDAY, March 4— St. Casimir

TUESDAY, March 5

WEDNESDAY, March 6
† Theresa Ann Sandhoefner

THURSDAY, March 7— Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
Noon † Mary Saluzzi Pileggi

FRIDAY, March 8— St. John of God

SATURDAY, March 9—The 4th Sunday of Lent
4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, March 10—The 4th Sunday of Lent
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

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.



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

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

3/9 & 10	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 3rd Week in Lent

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15, Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-9; 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, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Parish Calendar of Events

- Mar 4— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- 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 25— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. John of God

John of God was a former Portuguese soldier who tired of his profession. He had an idea to go to Africa to seek martyrdom among the Muslims but he was spiritually counseled not to do so and spent time wandering Spain. On St. Sebastian's day of 1537, he experienced a profound conversion after hearing a sermon by St. John of Avila. He subsequently beat himself so violently in the streets on account of his sins that he was put into an insane asylum. John of Avila arrived and counseled him that he should be more actively involved in helping others than in enduring hardships. John gained peace of heart and subsequently began to help the poor. He regularly begged for supplies for the poor. The bishop, in order to stop him from constantly giving away his cloak to the poor, clothed him in a religious habit and gave him the name John of God. He slowly gathered to himself followers and he founded the Order of Hospitallers, which was approved by the Holy See in 1572. The order cares for the sick in countries around the world. The order has the distinct privilege of being officially entrusted with the care of the Pope. John died on his 55th birthday in 1550, having died of pneumonia after plunging into a river to save a young man from drowning. He was canonized in 1690 by Pope Alexander VIII.

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:

In the book of Deuteronomy Moses says to the people: *The Lord your God made a covenant on Horeb; he made this covenant, not with your fathers but with you. Why did God not make this covenant with their fathers? Because the law is not aimed at the righteous. Their fathers were righteous: they had the power of the Decalogue implanted in their hearts and in their souls. That is, they loved the God who made them and did nothing unjust against their neighbor. For this reason they did not need to be admonished by written rebukes: they had the righteousness of the law in their hearts. When this righteousness and love for God had passed into oblivion and had been extinguished in Egypt, God had necessarily to reveal himself through his own voice, out of his great love for men. He led the people out of Egypt in power, so that man might once again become God's disciple and follower. He made them afraid as they listened, to warn them not to hold their Creator in contempt. He fed them with manna, that they might receive spiritual food. In the book of Deuteronomy Moses says: *He fed you with manna, which your fathers did not know, that you might understand that man will not live by bread alone but by every word of God coming from the mouth of God. He commanded them to love himself and trained them to practice righteousness toward their neighbor, so that man might not be unrighteous or unworthy of God. Through the Ten Commandments he prepared man for friendship with himself and for harmony with his neighbor. This was to man's advantage, though God needed nothing from man. This raised man to glory, for it gave him what he did not have, friendship with God. But it brought no advantage to God, for God did not need man's love. Man did not possess the glory of God, nor could he attain it by any other means than through obedience to God. This is why Moses said to the people: *Choose life, that you may live and your descendants too; love the Lord your God, hear his voice and hold fast to him, for this is life for you and length of days. This was the life that the Lord was preparing man to receive when he spoke in person and gave the words of the Ten Commandments for all alike to hear. These words remain with us as well; they were extended and amplified through his coming in the flesh, but not annulled.***

-From the treatise Against Heresies by Saint Irenaeus

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 19 to February 25, 2024

Plate	\$532.00
Envelopes	\$1477.00
Weddings	\$1000.00
Candles	\$60.00
Poor Box	\$61.60
Catholic Charities	\$351.27
Maintenance	\$100.00
Easter Flowers	\$75.00

Parish Brunch

Please join us for our quarterly parish fellowship brunch on **March 10th after the 11am Mass in the Parish Hall**. We promise great food and wonderful fellowship. IF you are able to bring a dish to share, great! IF you are unable to bring a dish, come anyway! Visitors are welcome! Please sign the sign-up sheet located on the tables at the back or side of the Church to help us know how to plan.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week we will have a second collection for the Catholic Relief Services, which support the work of Catholic organizations that aid victims of war and natural disasters. Please be as generous as you are able.

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, Jim McMannis

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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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. 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 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.