

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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From our Pastor

Dear Friends & Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows,
In this week's gospel reflection, we contemplate the profound encounter between Jesus and His disciples on the road to Emmaus, a moment that illuminates the ways we can find Christ in our lives today: through the Scriptures, in the Eucharist, and in the stranger.

After Jesus' resurrection, two of His disciples walked together, sharing their confusion and sorrow over the events of the past days. Unbeknownst to them, Jesus Himself joined their journey, though they did not recognize Him. It was only through the breaking of bread that their eyes were opened to His presence. This profound encounter is a vivid reminder of the ways Jesus reveals Himself to us.

Firstly, finding Jesus in the Scriptures is akin to the disciples' journey on the road. As they walked, Jesus explained the Scriptures to them, revealing how the events of His life, death, and resurrection were the fulfillment of God's promises. Similarly, when we immerse ourselves in the Scriptures, we allow Christ to speak to us, opening our minds to the truths of God's word. The Bible is not merely a historical document or a collection of moral teachings; it is the living word of God (Heb 4:12), where Christ meets us in a very personal way instructing, comforting, and challenging us.

Secondly, the Eucharist is the most profound means through which Jesus is made known to us. Just as the disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, we encounter Christ in the Eucharist. It is when we are gathered here as a parish community that the risen Lord reveals to us his bountiful love through his Body and Blood. Through the Eucharist, we participate in the Paschal mystery, celebrating and receiving the real presence of Christ. It strengthens our communion with God and with one another, nourishing our souls and empowering us to be the Body of Christ in the world.

Lastly, finding Jesus in the stranger. As these disciples walked and discussed the events surrounding Jesus' crucifixion and the swirling rumors of His resurrection, they were joined by a stranger. This stranger, unknown to them, was the Risen Lord Himself. In our daily lives, Jesus comes to us in the guise of the stranger, the needy, the sick, and the marginalized. Encountering Jesus in these faces calls us to practice hospitality, compassion, and love, recognizing the dignity and worth of every person.

As we reflect on these three ways of encountering Jesus, let us ask for the grace to recognize Him in every moment of our lives. May our hearts be open to the Scriptures, may we cherish the gift of the Eucharist, and may we welcome Jesus in every stranger we meet.

Fr. Leonard



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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

APRIL 14, 2024
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, April 13—3rd Sunday of Easter

4:00pm † Glenn and Julia Morris

SUNDAY, April 14—3rd Sunday of Easter

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, April 15

TUESDAY, April 16

WEDNESDAY, April 17

Noon

THURSDAY, April 18

Noon

FRIDAY, April 19

3:00pm

SATURDAY, April 20—4th Sunday of Easter

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, April 21—4th Sunday of Easter

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.

Mass Assignments

4/13 & 14	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Jim Hardy	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

4/20 & 21	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Jim Carley
OEucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 3rd Week of Easter

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27; 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1; Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8; Ps 66:1-7, Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

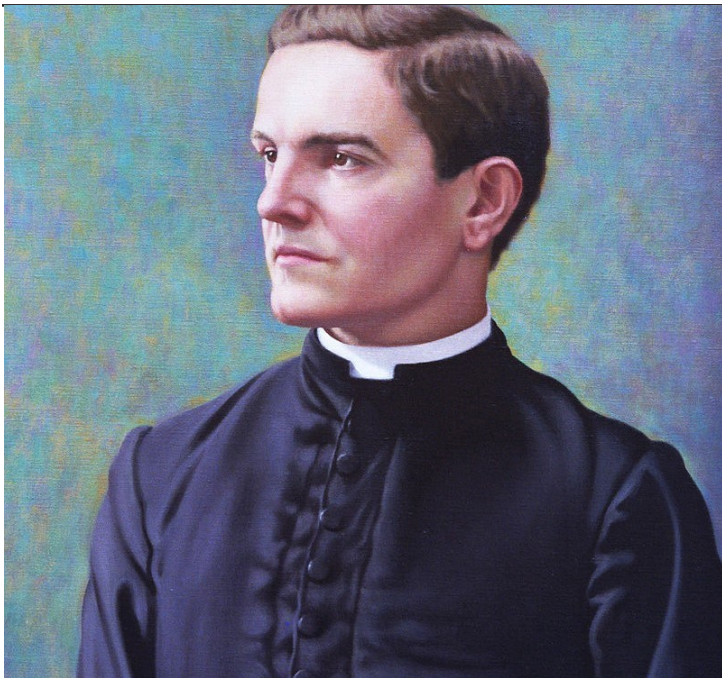
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1Jn 3:1-2, Jn 10:11-18

Parish Calendar of Events

- Apr 13-14— Social Ministry Collection
- Apr 15— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- 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 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- 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 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- May 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 19— Tomorrow's Priests Collection
- May 21— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- May 25— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 26— Peter's Pence Collection
- Jun 1— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 1— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jun 7— Wedding at 2pm
- Jun 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jun 8— Wedding at 2pm
- Jun 9— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 9— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 9-10— Social Ministry Collection
- Jun 14— Wedding at 12:30pm
- Jun 14— Wedding at 2pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— Bl. Michael J. McGivney

Fr. Michael J. McGivney was born in 1852 to Irish immigrant parents, the oldest of 13 children. He attended his local school but dropped out at 13 to work at a spoon factory. At age 16 he entered the seminary but left in 1873 after his father's death to care for his siblings. He resumed his studies a little while later and was ordained in 1877 for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. His own experience made him recognize the devastating impact that the death of a father can have on a home and this led him, while assistant pastor at St. Mary's in New Haven Connecticut, to found the Knights of Columbus, a mutual aid society designed to provide financial assistance, in the event of the men's death, to their widows and orphans. It soon developed into a fraternal society. Today the Knights of Columbus is the largest fraternal charity in the world, boasting over 2 million members in 2020 and donating \$185 million and 49 million man hours to charity. McGivney spent 7 years at St. Mary's and then became pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, MD in 1884. He died of pneumonia at the age of 38 in 1890 on the eve of the feast of the Assumption. His cause of canonization was opened up in 1996. In 2008, Pope Benedict declared him "Venerable" in recognition of his heroic virtue. He was beatified in 2020.

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 Church's teachings on Mary and her importance in our salvation history. We will meet on **Saturday, April 27 at 10am** at St. Monica Catholic Church in the building across the parking lot from the church.



For Your Reflection:

No one may share the eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ. We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving. The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: *Do this in memory of me. This is my body.* In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: *This is my blood.* The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit. On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray. On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give assent by saying, "Amen." The eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent. We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration.

-From the first apology by Saint Justin, martyr (2nd century)

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 April 1 to April 7, 2024

Plate	\$304.00
Envelopes	\$2391.00
Holy Land	\$20.00
Candles	\$68.50
Poor Box	\$7.13
Maintenance	\$23.00

Behold KC

All are invited to BEHOLD KC: a free, public, outdoor event where we will gather as a regional community of faith from Missouri and Kansas for a historic once-in-a-generation Eucharistic celebration. BEHOLD KC will be held on May 4, 2024, from 4 to 9:30 PM at the National WWI Museum and Memorial North Lawn. Behold KC will include a bilingual Mass, Confession, local choirs, a public Rosary, and the largest Eucharistic Adoration opportunity in our city in more than 80 years! **We will not have a 4:00 Saturday Vigil Mass on this day.**



Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, will be **Sunday, May 5th at 6pm in the Parish Hall**. Our next movie will be **Fatima: Three young shepherds in Fátima, Portugal report visions of the Virgin Mary, inspiring believers and angering officials of the Church and the government, who try to force them to recant their story.** Based on historical events. The following movie will be **A Man For All Seasons on June 22nd**.

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, 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.

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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 bring Jesus and Mary to the world through acts of evangelization and spiritual outreach. 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.



The Knights of Columbus

Council #2457 congratulates Sir Knight Arthur Kovach for receiving his 4th Degree in the Knights of Columbus this past Saturday. Art is also the Council's new Financial Secretary, appointed by Supreme. We invite any Catholic gentlemen or ladies interested in learning more about the largest charitable fraternal organization in the Church to contact Art or John for more information. God's blessings for a joyous Easter season!



Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on **May 2nd 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 for updates and details.



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.