

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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From our Pastoral Associate

In this Sunday's reading, we listen to Jesus as he tells us that he is the Good Shepherd. In this discourse, Jesus states that his sheep will hear his voice and follow him. It is a well known fact that sheep come to rely and trust their shepherd as their protection and guide, particularly their voice. A traveler to the Holy Land once was sitting with his friends beside a well and watched as many shepherds brought their flocks for a drink. The flocks intermingled and mixed so much that the travelers were bewildered, expecting this to be a massive headache and nightmare for the shepherds. It was impossible to differentiate which sheep belonged to which shepherd as there were no markings or ear tags. When the sheep had drunk, the shepherds all began going back the way they came and as they did so gave a distinct call of their voice. Immediately, the flocks separated perfectly, each following their shepherd.



The travelers suddenly understood what Jesus had meant by sheep knowing his voice. This is a constant theme throughout the Gospel of John, of Jesus speaking, and the disciples (his sheep) hearing his voice and having faith in him. We see it in the man born blind, who does not recognize Jesus by sight, but knows his voice. We see it in the raising of Lazarus, when Jesus cries out with a loud voice and Lazarus comes forth. We also see it at the empty tomb, when Mary Magdalene, thinking she is pleading with a gardener, hears Jesus say, "Mary!" and she recognizes the voice of her teacher, despite clearly not recognizing him.

How do we recognize the voice of our shepherd? There are many ways of doing so. We can study the scriptures, to fully understand and know the mind and heart of Christ. We should study the Church's teachings, as they are directly extended from him. His teaching should be so familiar to us that we recognize the clear and straight way when we see it, ready to follow when he calls, no matter the situation. We should also spend time with him in prayer and the sacraments, learning to recognize his presence in our lives, open to his work in our souls. We are his flock, he our shepherd. We should come to respect, know, love, and follow him through any trial or tribulation. And this is something that only comes about by sitting at the feet of the Master, in quiet conversation with the one who loves our souls as no one else can.

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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 21, 2024
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions and Feasts

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

MONDAY, April 22

TUESDAY, April 23— St. George, St. Adalbert

WEDNESDAY, April 24—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Noon † George Anton Kleine

THURSDAY, April 25—St. Mark the Evangelist

Noon † Chandra Armstrong

FRIDAY, April 26

3:00pm

SATURDAY, April 27—5th Sunday of Easter

4:00pm † Russ Daly

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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

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

4/27 & 28	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 4th Week of Easter

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-7; Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Parish Calendar of Events

- **Apr 22— Legion of Mary** at 6pm
- **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
- **Jun 16— Communications Collection**
- **Jun 18— Water Garden Society** from 6-9pm
- **Jun 23— Catholic Movie Night (A Man For All)**

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Born in 1577, Mark Rey became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. Nicknamed “the poor man’s lawyer,” Rey soon grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest, joining his brother as a member of the Capuchin Order, taking the name Fidelis. His wealth was divided between needy seminarians and the poor. As a Capuchin, Fidelis continued his devotion to the weak and needy. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers. He was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. This was guaranteed to be a dangerous, even deadly, mission. On this mission, Fidelis would pray throughout the night. He was accused of opposing the peasants’ national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis, to which he had gone against the advice of his friends, a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. A Protestant offered to shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God’s hands. On the road back, he was set upon by a group of armed men and killed. St. Fidelis was canonized in 1746. Fifteen years later he was recognized as a martyr.

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:

If our flesh is not saved, then the Lord has not redeemed us with his blood, the eucharistic chalice does not make us sharers in his blood, and the bread we break does not make us sharers in his body. There can be no blood without veins, flesh and the rest of the human substance, and this the Word of God actually became: it was with his own blood that he redeemed us. As the Apostle says: *In him, through his blood, we have been redeemed, our sins have been forgiven.*

We are his members and we are nourished by creation, which is his gift to us, for it is he who causes the sun to rise and the rain to fall. He declared that the chalice, which comes from his creation, was his blood, and he makes it the nourishment of our blood. He affirmed that the bread, which comes from his creation, was his body, and he makes it the nourishment of our body. When the chalice we mix and the bread we bake receive the word of God, the eucharistic elements become the body and blood of Christ, by which our bodies live and grow. How then can it be said that flesh belonging to the Lord’s own body and nourished by his body and blood is incapable of receiving God’s gift of eternal life? Saint Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians that *we are members of his body*, of his flesh and bones. He is not speaking of some spiritual and incorporeal kind of man, *for spirits do not have flesh and bones*. He is speaking of a real human body composed of flesh, sinews and bones, nourished by the chalice of Christ’s blood and receiving growth from the bread which is his body.

The slip of a vine planted in the ground bears fruit at the proper time. The grain of wheat falls into the ground and decays only to be raised up again and multiplied by the Spirit of God who sustains all things. The Wisdom of God places these things at the service of man and when they receive God’s word they become the eucharist, which is the body and blood of Christ. In the same way our bodies, which have been nourished by the eucharist, will be buried in the earth and will decay, but they will rise again at the appointed time, for the Word of God will raise them up to the glory of God the Father. Then the Father will clothe our mortal nature in immortality and freely endow our corruptible nature with incorruptibility, for God’s power is shown most perfectly in weakness.

-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 April 8 to April 14, 2024

Plate	\$375.00
Envelopes	\$2171.00
Candles	\$97.50
Poor Box	\$70.00
Maintenance	\$150.00
Other	\$100.00

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

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.



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 May 11th and 12th**, 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.