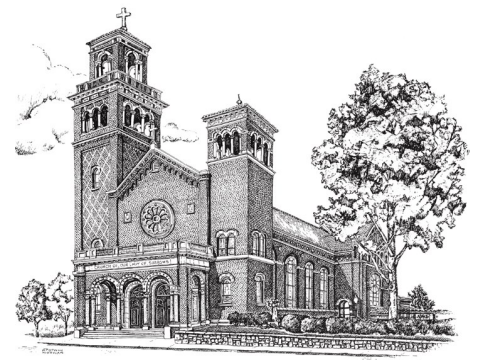


Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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From our Pastor:

Dear friends and parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows,
This has been a tough week for me and many of you hearing the circumstances surrounding the horrific shooting of a young Ralph Yarl here in Kansas City but also for Kaylin Gillis in New York. Like so many of us, the young lad became lost in an unfamiliar neighborhood and knocked on the wrong doorbell. This normal incident quickly escalated into a terrorizing, traumatizing and life-threatening encounter for the young Ralph. The perpetrator of the crime did not ask Ralph any questions, didn't engage him in a dialogue, call the police on him nor he did not take any time to assess the situation. Upon seeing that Ralph is a young African American boy, Lester shot him. And then, while Ralph lay on the ground helpless, traumatized, and afraid, he shot him again. He then moved back into his house, back to his bed and continued with life like nothing had just happened. This is despicable, deplorable, and inhumane! When did the love of helping a stranded stranger become charged with a gun and a bullet? When did the concern and care for the minors in our midst become a threat and not an opportunity to guide them? We ask. We don't normally answer our doorbells armed, but with curiosity of a human being on the other side of world.

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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 23, 2023
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, April 22— The Third Sunday of Easter
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, April 23— The Third Sunday of Easter
11:00am † George Anton Kleine

MONDAY, April 24— St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

TUESDAY, April 25— St. Mark the Evangelist

WEDNESDAY, April 26
Noon † Dr. Araceli P. Karimi

THURSDAY, April 27
Noon

FRIDAY, April 28— St. Louis de Montfort

SATURDAY, April 29— The Fourth Sunday of Easter
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, April 23— The Fourth Sunday of Easter
11:00am For the Poor

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.

Readings for Holy Week

| 4/22 & 23 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Reader | Nancy Lowdon | AnnMarie Creedon |
| Eucharistic Minister | Lynette Wheeler | Joe Creedon |
| Server/Sacristan | John Pileggi | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tshirhart Edward Stevens | Bill Capotosto |

| 4/29 & 30 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Reader | Lynette Wheeler | Molly Schmidt |
| Eucharistic Minister | Deacon Michael Eley | Rita Witt |
| Server/Sacristan | John Pileggi | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tshirhart Edward Stevens | Bill Capotosto |

Readings for the Third Week of Easter

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; 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 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Parish Calendar of Events

- April 24— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- April 25— Holy Family School of Faith at 11:30am
- April 29— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 3— Knights of Columbus 6:30pm
- May 4— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- May 6— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 13— Wedding at 6pm
- May 16— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- May 18— The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- May 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 20-21— Tomorrow's Priests Collection
- May 27— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 27— Wedding at 6pm
- May 28— Peter's Pence Collection
- June 1— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- June 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- June 10— Wedding at 1:30pm
- June 10— Wedding at 6pm
- June 15— The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- June 17— Wedding at 6pm
- June 24— Diaconate Rite of Candidacy w/ Bishop Johnston at 10am
- July 1— Wedding at 1:30pm
- July 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- July 8— Wedding at 1:30pm
- July 15— Wedding at 1:30pm
- June 15— The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Louis de Montfort

St. Louis de Montfort was a priest ordained in 1700 and regularly preached missions in France. Louis de Montfort is most famous for his writings on the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary, particularly his *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary*, which taught that Jesus and Mary are inseparable in their love for souls and that the best and most true devotion to Jesus was a total consecration to Jesus through Mary. He argued that "Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus." This consecration entailed giving one's entire being and possessions, both spiritual and eternal, to Mary for her to do with them as she would in union with the perfect will of Jesus. This consecration has influenced many aspects of the Church, including many papal encyclicals and teachings, the spirituality of Pope St. John Paul II, and the creation of the Legion of Mary, which is the largest Catholic lay apostolate in the world. St. Louis helped to found three religious orders known as the Company of Mary, the Daughters of Wisdom, and the Brothers of St. Gabriel. He often spent many months at a time living in solitude as a hermit when not preaching missions. He preached his final mission at Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, where he fell ill and died. St. Louis de Montfort was canonized in 1947 by Pope Pius XII.

The Holy Hour for Marriage

Our next Holy Hour for Marriage **will be at 6pm on May 18th** 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. We encourage our parishioners to come and pray during this time.

The only reason the perpetrator of the crime gave for his heinous action was that he was fearful of his life. Fearful of a harmless black kid? Having lived in America for the last 15 years, I have observed how fear is often misplaced and sometimes rationalized to commit crimes. It's no longer an emotional response to a threat but its continually being charged with hatred, segregation, and intolerance. Fear is being weaponized to cause harm and destruction of life. While fear was an underlying factor in this case, we as Catholics have an obligation to call out the evils of our society. We are called to be the voice of the voiceless and support such families as they navigate the traumatic and hurtful feelings of a loved one. Our hearts ache knowing that this act was unjustifiable but realize that for people of color the ache is even deeper. And it comes from knowing that our lives could one day be in the very same danger. It's hard to articulate what these types of events do to a soul as the frustration and pain compound over a lifetime. For those who aren't black, simply validating that there's a disparity in how people are treated can go a long way to provide comfort. Sometimes those who are hurting don't need you to present a cure for what ails them, but simply to show compassion in the midst of their grief. Prayers for young Ralph and Godspeed on his recovery.

Fr. Leonard

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 10 to April 16, 2023

Plate.....\$510.00

Envelopes.....\$2511.00

Prayer of the Week

The Totus Tuus

Totus tuus ego sum, et omnia mea tua sunt. Accipio te in mea omnia. Praebe mihi cor tuum, Maria.

I belong entirely to you, and all that I have is yours. I take you for my all. O Mary, give me your heart.

This prayer, composed by St. Louis de Montfort, is a short form of the total consecration that can be prayed daily by those who have made the consecration. St. John Paul II included the words "Totus Tuus" as his motto on his papal coat of arms.



Prayer Vigil at the Cathedral

Bishop Johnston will lead a prayer vigil service for Peace and Unity at the Cathedral on **Tuesday, April 25 at 6pm** in response to the shooting of Ralph Yarl. Please see the diocesan webpage and social media for more information.



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, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, 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.

Holy Family School of Faith

A new ministry, the Holy Family School of Faith, have its next meeting on **Tuesday, April 25th at 11:30am** and will be every Tuesday at 11:30am. The School of Faith prays the Rosary in the way introduced by St. Dominic. We share a short teaching from the Word of God, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or the lives of the Saints, then we pray one decade of the Rosary—and we do this five times. Any remaining time can continue the conversation of the meditations.

Parish Bible Study— The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **May 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 the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, exploring the context around arguably the most famous verse in the Bible— John 3:16. We will also explore a controversy that erupted with John the Baptist's disciples regarding baptism. All are welcome! Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.

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.



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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