

# 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, Next Saturday, May 4th, we will be part of a historic Catholic event in Kansas City. Behold KC, taking place at the National WWI Museum, is not



just a local gathering but a significant event in the U.S. bishops' three-year National Eucharistic Revival. This initiative by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) aims to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Behold KC represents a pivotal moment in this nationwide effort, anticipated to be one of the largest Eucharistic celebrations in modern Kansas City history. Behold KC is a free public event designed to recreate the spirit of the first major outdoor Eucharistic Adoration held at this same location in 1941 (see the above photo of the 1941 Eucharistic congress). It embodies a historical continuum of faith and worship, aligning with the USCCB's vision of fostering a Eucharistic culture through such significant public expressions of faith.

This profound gathering will draw thousands from the Catholic community across Kansas and Missouri. The schedule from 4 PM to 9:30 PM includes performances by local Catholic choirs (St. Monica presenting two selections), the Rosary, Holy Mass, and concludes with Eucharistic Adoration accompanied by music led by a nationally recognized Catholic recording artist Steve Angrisano.

This event offers a unique opportunity for both Catholics and non-Catholics to engage in a deep and collective expression of faith and devotion in a historic setting. As we gather together, we remember our role in the National Eucharistic Revival, which focuses on three key goals: increasing understanding of the Eucharist in the Church, fostering Eucharistic worship outside of the Mass, and encouraging Eucharistic living among Catholics. Behold KC is thus more than an event—it is a call to faith, a beacon of the New Evangelization, and a renewal of our communal commitment to Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. I encourage you to join with family and friends in this unique Eucharistic celebration. It is not just a day of prayer, but a moment to live out our faith vividly in the heart of Kansas City.

I look forward to joining you in this communal prayer and celebration. Let us come together to behold the mystery of faith in our midst, as we continue our journey of faith, hope, and love within the living Church.

For more information and to register, please visit [BeholdKC.org](http://BeholdKC.org). Let us prepare our hearts to receive and adore Christ and may we all be renewed in his lasting presence.

Yours in Christ,  
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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org)

APRIL 28, 2024  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, April 27—5th Sunday of Easter**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, April 28—5th Sunday of Easter**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena**

**TUESDAY, April 30—Pope St. Pius V**

**WEDNESDAY, May 1—St. Joseph the Worker**

Noon

**THURSDAY, May 2—St. Athanasius**

Noon † George Francis Pileggi

**FRIDAY, May 3—Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles**

**SATURDAY, May 4—6th Sunday of Easter**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, May 5—6th 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

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

5/4 & 5	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

### Readings for the 5th Week of Easter

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3,10; Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21  
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;  
 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Apr 29— Legion of Mary 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 Seasons) at 6pm
- Aug 18— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Sep 15— Founder's Day

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine of Siena was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. She began to take a larger role in public matters. Despite receiving detractors who did not like her candor, the Dominican order cleared her of all charges. Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope. In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her “children” and was canonized in 1461. Her writings have since become spiritual classics. She has been declared a Doctor of the Church.

## 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 the Eucharist and its place in our life as Christians. Date and time will be announced soon.



## For Your Reflection:

We believe that the Word became flesh and that we receive his flesh in the Lord’s Supper. How then can we fail to believe that he really dwells within us? When he became man, he actually clothed himself in our flesh, uniting it to himself for ever. In the sacrament of his body he actually gives us his own flesh, which he has united to his divinity. This is why we are all one, because the Father is in Christ, and Christ is in us. He is in us through his flesh and we are in him. With him we form a unity which is in God.

The manner of our indwelling in him through the sacrament of his body and blood is evident from the Lord’s own words: *This world will see me no longer but you shall see me. Because I live you shall live also, for I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you.* If it had been a question of mere unity of will, why should he have given us this explanation of the steps by which it is achieved? He is in the Father by reason of his divine nature, we are in him by reason of his human birth, and he is in us through the mystery of the sacraments. This, surely, is what he wished us to believe; this is how he wanted us to understand the perfect unity that is achieved through our Mediator, who lives in the Father while we live in him, and who, while living in the Father, lives also in us. This is how we attain to unity with the Father. Christ is in very truth in the Father by his eternal generation; we are in very truth in Christ, and he likewise is in us.

Christ himself bore witness to the reality of his unity when he said: *He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him.* No one will be in Christ unless Christ himself has been in him; Christ will take to himself only the flesh of those who have received his flesh.

He had already explained the mystery of this perfect unity when he said: *As the living Father sent me and I draw life from the Father, so he who eats my flesh will draw life from me.* We draw life from his flesh just as he draws life from the Father. Such comparisons aid our understanding, since we can grasp a point more easily when we have an analogy. And the point is that Christ is the wellspring of our life. Since we who are in the flesh have Christ dwelling in us through his flesh, we shall draw life from him in the same way he draws life from the Father.

*-From the treatise On the Trinity by Saint Hilary, bishop*

## 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

## Last Week's Offering

From April 15 to April 21, 2024

Plate	\$502.00
Envelopes	\$1620.00
Candles	\$30.40
Poor Box	\$60.62
Maintenance	\$115.00
Weddings	\$2990.00

## 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](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).

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).