

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

From our Pastor:

The Eucharist: The Source and Summit of Our Christian Life

On the solemn feast of Corpus Christi, we are reminded of the profound centrality of the Eucharist in our Christian life. The Eucharist is not merely a symbol or a ritual; it is the very heart of our faith. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.' 'The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch'", (CCC 1324).

The Eucharist as Communion brings us into a unique and intimate union with God and with one another. When we receive the Eucharist, we are not only receiving the body and blood of Christ but also participating in a divine act that unites us as one body, the Church. This holy communion strengthens our bond with Christ and fosters a deeper sense of community among the faithful.

St. Maximilian Kolbe profoundly expressed the preciousness of the Eucharist, stating, "If angels could be jealous of humans, they would be so for one reason: The Holy Eucharist." This statement underscores the extraordinary privilege we have as Catholics. While angels, pure spirits as they are, cannot receive our Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we, in our human frailty, are invited to partake in this divine mystery. The angels, who continuously adore God in heaven, are envious of our ability to receive Jesus in such a tangible and intimate manner.

Understanding the Eucharist as Jesus Christ himself helps us grasp the magnitude of this gift. When we approach the altar to receive Holy Communion, we are not just performing a ritualistic act; we are encountering Christ in a profound and personal way. This encounter transforms us, filling us with grace and



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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

MAY 26, 2024
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, June 1— The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, June 2— The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

11:00am Perpetua Geist

MONDAY, June 3— St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

TUESDAY, June 4

WEDNESDAY, June 5—St. Boniface

Noon

THURSDAY, June 6— St. Norbert

Noon

FRIDAY, June 7—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

SATURDAY, June 9— The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, June 10— The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

6/1 & 2	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

6/8-9	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 9th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1-2; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8-9; Is 12:2-6;

Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: Is 61:9-11; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mk 3:20-35

Parish Calendar of Events

- Jun 3— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Jun 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jun 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jun 7— Wedding at 2pm
- Jun 8— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Jun 8— Wedding at 2pm
- Jun 8— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 8— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 8-9— Social Ministry Collection
- Jun 15— Wedding at 12:30pm
- Jun 15— Wedding at 2pm
- Jun 15-16— Communications Collection
- Jun 22— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 22— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 23— Parish Brunch after 11am Mass
- Jun 23— Catholic Movie Night (A Man For All Seasons) at 6pm
- Jun 29— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jul 6— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Jul 6— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 11— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jul 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 27— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 1— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Aug 3— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Aug 7— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Aug 15— Solemnity of the Assumption at Noon

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Boniface

Boniface, known as the apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine monk who devoted his life to the conversion of the Germanic tribes. St. Boniface set out on his first missionary journey to the German lands in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. Paganism dominated the culture. What Christianity he did find had either lapsed into paganism or was mixed with error. The clergy were in large need of reform. St. Boniface reported this to the pope in 722 and he was instructed to reform the German Church. The pope sent letters of recommendation to religious and civil leaders. Boniface was finally made a regional bishop and authorized to organize the whole German Church. He was eminently successful. Among the most important things he did was establish Benedictine monasteries throughout the region, which were self sustaining and could teach the inhabitants. In the Frankish kingdom, he met great problems because of lay interference in bishops' elections, the worldliness of the clergy and lack of papal control. During a final mission to the Frisians, Boniface and 53 companions were massacred while he was preparing converts for confirmation.



Church Cleaning Invitation

June 8th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning. Please come and lend a hand for the work is light and rewarding. Stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

Sunday Brunch

The Fellowship ministry will be having a brunch on June 23rd after the 11 am Mass. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners. There are sign up sheets the back of the church if you would like to come. If you aren't able to bring anything, you are still welcome.

drawing us closer to the divine life. Moreover, the Eucharist calls us to live out the unity it signifies. By receiving Christ in the Eucharist, we are called to embody his love and service in our daily lives. This means extending our communion beyond the walls of our church and into our interactions with others, especially those in need. The Eucharist compels us to be Christ-like in our compassion, generosity, and humility.

In celebrating Corpus Christi, let us renew our appreciation for the Eucharist. It is a gift that surpasses all others, a divine treasure that we are privileged to receive. Let us approach the Eucharist with reverence and gratitude, recognizing that in this sacrament, we are united with Christ and with each other in a profound bond of love.

As we partake in the Eucharist, may we be ever mindful of its central place in our lives and allow it to shape us into the people God calls us to be. Let us embrace the transformative power of this sacrament, letting it guide us in our journey of faith, bringing us closer to God and to one another.

May the celebration of Corpus Christi deepen our love for the Eucharist and inspire us to live out its mystery with greater fervor and devotion. Amen.

Fr. Leonard

Prayer of the Week

Prayer after Benediction

May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment in all the Tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time.

Amen.

“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.”

-St. John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenae*, 3

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 May 20 to May 26, 2024

Plate	\$601.00
Envelopes	\$1765.00
Peter's Pence	\$318.00
Candles	\$57.80
Poor Box	\$70.00
Weddings	\$1995.00

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate my 10th anniversary of priesthood. Many of you can testify that it was truly a remarkable event. I appreciate your prayers, gifts, and support. Your presence made the day unforgettable, and I am deeply grateful for the love and encouragement I received. As we continue to grow together in our faith and parish community, I am reminded of the strength and unity we share. Your unwavering support and commitment to our parish inspire me every day. May God bless you abundantly, and may we continue to uplift and support each other in our walk with Christ.

With heartfelt thanks,
Fr. Leonard

Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, will be **Sunday, June 23rd at 6pm in the Parish Hall**. Our next movie will be **A Man For All Seasons**: *When Henry VIII abandoned the Catholic Church after being refused a divorce, Thomas More finds himself a target of his wrath for his perceived refusal to accept the new church. Based on historical events.*

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 are having their annual baby bottle drive, which helps maintain ultrasound equipment used for mothers who are considering abortion. Those that get to see their child on the ultrasound are 95% likely to keep their child. Please take a bottle, fill it with money as you are able, and return it back. The drive ends on Father's Day.



Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on **June 6th 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 13 which details Jesus washing the apostles' feet, the betrayal of Judas, and Jesus' final words with his disciples before his death. 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 June 15th and 16th**, 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.