

# Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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

## From our Pastoral Associate:

In our Gospel today, Jesus is home in Nazareth, but surrounded by crowds so immense that it was impossible even for him to eat which causes consternation among his family and questions regarding his sanity. Jesus heals many of them, including casting out demons, leaving the scribes attempting an explanation that does not require faith in Jesus. They state that Jesus is himself possessed and that it's "by the prince of demons that he casts out demons."



Jesus, aware that they are saying this, calls them to him and asks why Satan should divide his kingdom against itself, given that it would fall. He warns them that any blasphemies and sins that people utter can be forgiven, but not a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. What Jesus means here is that what the scribes said about casting out demons by demons is attributing the work of the Holy Spirit, who is God, to the work of Satan. This is the worst and ultimate blasphemy and is unforgivable, not because God is unwilling to forgive it, but because it is the destruction of faith in the person holding it. If your faith is so dead as to see God's work in the world as being an evil or done itself by an evil person, then you have closed yourself off to God's grace and ability to work in your life— even to forgive you. It is a refusal of mercy itself. It's like slamming a door and refusing to unlock it to allow anyone in to help you. As Christians, we are called to recognize God's work in the world and to see to understand him in it. We are also called to seek out his mercy, his healing, and his forgiveness in our lives. We should ask ourselves these questions: Do I seek God's mercy for sins I commit? Do I regularly attend confession and seek to remedy the situations that cause me to regularly fall into sin? Do I seek to amend my life so as to live in God's grace and love more fully? What prevents me from doing so?

## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Monday-Friday

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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)

JUNE 9, 2024  
THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, June 8— The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, June 9— The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, June 10**

**TUESDAY, June 11— St. Barnabas, Apostle**

**WEDNESDAY, June 12**

Noon † Brian Waldbillig

**THURSDAY, June 13—St. Anthony of Padua**

Noon

**FRIDAY, June 14**

**SATURDAY, June 15— The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, June 16— The 11th 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

6/8 & 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	Bill Capotosto

6/15 & 16	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 10th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1-8; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 10:7-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1-2, 4-5, 8, 11;  
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-10;  
Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10;  
Mk 4:26-34

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Jun 8-9— Social Ministry Collection
- Jun 10— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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
- Aug 17— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 17-18— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Aug 24— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 31— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 15— Founder's Day
- Sep 15— Church in Latin America Collection
- Oct 20— Mission Sunday Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!



# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony was a Portuguese priest and Franciscan friar. He was born to wealthy parents in Lisbon in 1195 and at the age of 15 entered the Augustinian order. At the age of 19 he was given the duty of porter (one who watches the doors) and this gave him occasion to meet several Franciscan friars who came to stay. At this time the order was only 11 years old and the remains of 5 Franciscans martyred in Morocco came to be buried nearby. Their story and charisma made a deep impression on Anthony and he became a friar. On one occasion, Anthony was asked to preach and he so impressed those present that people began to flock to hear his preaching. He was hailed as a “jewel case for the Bible” in the Papal Court. Anthony met with St. Francis of Assisi and convinced him to give greater thought to the intellectual formation of the order. He died in 1231 at the age of 35. He was the fastest saint to ever be canonized, being raised to the altar less than a year after his death. He has since been named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946, giving him the title *Doctor Evangelicus* or Doctor of the Gospel because he revealed its rich beauty.

## Communications Collection

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. This goes to supporting the cost of communication work for our diocese and the US Catholic Bishops.

## Sunday Brunch

The Fellowship ministry will be having a brunch on June 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 11 am Mass. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners. This will be a potluck dinner. 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.

## For Your Reflection:

*The Church celebrates June as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

Take thought now, redeemed man, and consider how great and worthy is he who hangs on the cross for you. His death brings the dead to life, but at his passing heaven and earth are plunged into mourning and hard rocks are split asunder. It was a divine decree that permitted one of the soldiers to open his sacred side with a lance. This was done so that the Church might be formed from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death on the cross, and so that the Scripture might be fulfilled: *They shall look on him whom they pierced.* The blood and water which poured out at that moment were the price of our salvation. Flowing from the secret abyss of our Lord's heart as from a fountain, this stream gave the sacraments of the Church the power to confer the life of grace, while for those already living in Christ it became a spring of living water welling up to life everlasting.

Arise, then, beloved of Christ! Imitate the dove *that nests in a hole in the cliff*, keeping watch at the entrance *like the sparrow that finds a home*. There like the turtledove hide your little ones, the fruit of your chaste love. Press your lips to the fountain, *draw water from the wells of your Savior; for this is the spring flowing out of the middle of paradise, dividing into four rivers*, inundating devout hearts, watering the whole earth and making it fertile. Run with eager desire to this source of life and light, all you who are vowed to God's service. Come, whoever you may be, and cry out to him with all the strength of your heart. “O indescribable beauty of the most high God and purest radiance of eternal light! Life that gives all life, light that is the source of every other light, preserving in everlasting splendor the myriad flames that have shone before the throne of your divinity from the dawn of time! Eternal and inaccessible fountain, clear and sweet stream flowing from a hidden spring, unseen by mortal eye! None can fathom your depths nor survey your boundaries, none can measure your breadth, nothing can sully your purity. From you flows *the river which gladdens the city of God* and makes us cry out with joy and thanksgiving in hymns of praise to you, for we know by our own experience that *with you is the source of life, and in your light we see light.*

*-From a work by St. Bonaventure*

## 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 May 27 to June 2, 2024

Plate	\$313.75
Envelopes	\$1529.00
Candles	\$52.55
Poor Box	\$500
Weddings	\$1800.00
Maintenance	\$137.00
Other	\$40.00

## Prayer of the Week

### Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins, I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.  
Amen.

## 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 King 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](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 are having their annual baby bottle drive, which helps maintain ultra-sound 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 11th at 7pm** and we normally 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 14 in which Jesus describes himself as the way, the truth, and the life and promises the Holy Spirit. 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 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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).