

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

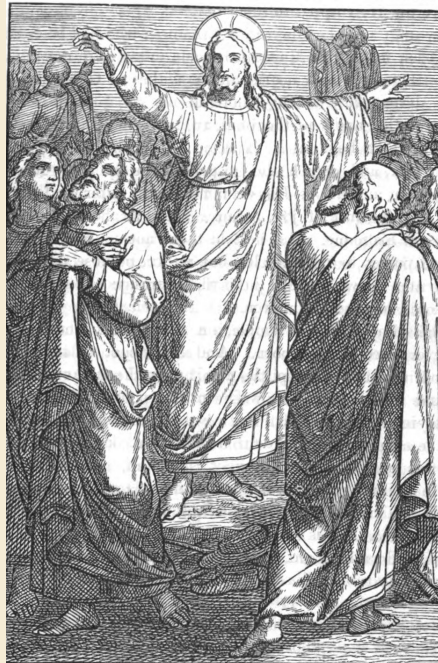
From our Pastor:

Dear Friends and Parishioners,
In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out the twelve disciples on a challenging mission, instructing them to take no bag. While this might make sense in modern air travel to avoid extra costs, Jesus is concerned with a different kind of luggage: spiritual burdens that can weigh us down. These spiritual burdens come in various forms, and Jesus specifically wants us to leave behind the baggage of our hurts, fears, and false dreams.

- Every person experiences hurt in life through disrespect, dishonesty, betrayal, or abandonment. Even when we move past these situations, the scars remain, burdening us with feelings of brokenness and worthlessness. Jesus asks us to let go of this baggage of hurts.
- Fear, though beneficial for identifying and preparing for danger, loses its value once preparation is complete. Persistent fear turns into worry that paralyzes us, making us believe the worst will happen. Jesus wants us to discard this heavy burden of fear.
- While dreams can inspire and motivate, some dreams are unrealistic and can hurt us. These impossible dreams weigh us down, robbing us of joy and rest as we chase what cannot be achieved. Jesus asks us to abandon the trunk of false dreams.

Jesus also commissions the twelve to be his representatives, sending them out with only a walking stick and sandals. This minimalism emphasizes that their mission is not about offering material possessions but sharing the word Jesus placed in their hearts. Jesus wants his disciples to offer themselves and the message of love, forgiveness, and truth. Today, Jesus sends us into the world to share the word within our hearts. Each of us has a message entrusted by Jesus that needs to be spoken. This could be a message of encouragement, forgiveness, or objection to injustice. Jesus calls us to identify and share this word in our families, schools, workplaces, and political arenas. Speaking this word can be challenging, but it is our calling. Martin Luther King Jr., in his last sermon, stated, "Cowardice asks, 'Is it safe?' Expediency asks, 'Is it politically correct?' Vanity asks, 'Is it popular?' But conscience asks, 'Is it right?'" There will be times when our choices are not safe, politically correct, or popular. We must choose what conscience says is right.

Jesus has placed a word in each of us. While none of us have all the truth, and we may sometimes miss the mark, today's gospel urges us to find the word Jesus has given us and speak it, making the voice of Jesus heard in our world today.



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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

JULY 14, 2024
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, July 13— The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, July 14— The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, July 15— St. Bonaventure

TUESDAY, July 16— Our Lady of Mount Carmel

WEDNESDAY, July 17

Noon † Felix Anthony Pileggi

THURSDAY, July 18— St. Camillus de Lellis

Noon

FRIDAY, July 19

SATURDAY, July 20— The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Maurice Carey

SUNDAY, July 21— The 16th 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.

Liturgical Assignments

7/13 & 14	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

7/20 & 21	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 15th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23;

Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 50:5-7, 13-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15;

Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-21;

Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-8, 21-22; Is 38:10-12, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5, Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6, Ps 23:1-6, Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Parish Calendar of Events

- July 13-14— Social Ministry Collection After Mass
- July 15— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Jul 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 27— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 28— Catholic Movie Night (The Mission) at 6pm
- 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 10-11— Social Ministry Collection After Mass
- Aug 15— Solemnity of the Assumption at Noon
- Aug 17— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 17-18— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Jul 18— Catholic Movie Night (For Greater Glory) at 6pm
- Aug 24— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 31— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Sep 5— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Sep 7— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 7— Wedding at 6pm
- Sep 14— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 14-15— Social Ministry Collection After Mass
- Sep 15— Founder's Day
- Sep 15— Church in Latin America Collection
- Sep 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 28— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 2— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Oct 3— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Bonaventure

Born in Bagnoregio in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. Little is known about his childhood, but we do know that his parents were Giovanni di Fidenza and Maria Ritell. It seems that his father was a physician and a man of means. While Saint Francis died about five years after the saint's birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness. Saint Bonaventure's teaching career came to a halt when the Friars elected him to serve as their General Minister. His 17 years of service were not easy as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. Some friars even ended up in heresy saying that Saint Francis and his community were inaugurating the era of the Holy Spirit which was to replace Jesus, the Church, and Scripture. But because he was a man of prayer and a good administrator, Saint Bonaventure managed to structure the Order through effective legislation. But more importantly, he offered the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis. Always a Franciscan at heart and a mystical writer, Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. Thus, there is a noticeable warmth to his teachings and writings that make him very appealing. Shortly before he ended his service as General Minister, Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal and appointed him bishop of Albano. But a little over a year later, while participating in the Second Council of Lyon, Saint Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274. Saint Bonaventure left behind a structured and renewed Franciscan Order and a body of work all of which glorifies his major love—Jesus.



For Your Reflection:

Christ is both the way and the door. Christ is the staircase and the vehicle, like the *throne of mercy over the Ark of the Covenant*, and the *mystery hidden from the ages*. A man should turn his full attention to this throne of mercy, and should gaze at him hanging on the cross, full of faith, hope and charity, devoted, full of wonder and joy, marked by gratitude, and open to praise and jubilation. Then such a man will make with Christ a pasch, that is, a passing-over. Through the branches of the cross he will pass over the Red Sea, leaving Egypt and entering the desert. There he will taste the hidden manna, and rest with Christ in the sepulcher, as if he were dead to things outside. He will experience, as much as is possible for one who is still living, what was promised to the thief who hung beside Christ: *Today you will be with me in paradise*. For this passover to be perfect, we must suspend all the operations of the mind and we must transform the peak of our affections, directing them to God alone. This is a sacred mystical experience. It cannot be comprehended by anyone unless he surrenders himself to it; nor can he surrender himself to it unless he longs for it; nor can he long for it unless the Holy Spirit, whom Christ sent into the world, should come and inflame his innermost soul. If you ask how such things can occur, seek the answer in God's grace, not in doctrine; in the longing of the will, not in the understanding; in the sighs of prayer, not in research; seek the bridegroom not the teacher; God and not man; darkness not daylight; and look not to the light but rather to the raging fire that carries the soul to God with intense fervor and glowing love. The fire is God, and the furnace is in Jerusalem, fired by Christ in the ardor of his loving passion. Only he understood this who said: *My soul chose hanging and my bones death*. Anyone who cherishes this kind of death can see God, for it is certainly true that: *No man can look upon me and live*. Let us die, then, and enter into the darkness, silencing our anxieties, our passions and all the fantasies of our imagination. Let us pass over with the crucified Christ *from this world to the Father*, so that, when the Father has shown himself to us, we can say with Philip: *It is enough*. We may hear with Paul: *My grace is sufficient for you*; and we can rejoice with David, saying: *My flesh and my heart fail me, but God is the strength of my heart and my heritage for ever*.

-From the Journey of the Mind to God 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 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 July 1 to July 7, 2024

Plate	\$450.04
Envelopes	\$2591.00
Candles	\$56.50
Poor Box	\$32.00
Weddings	\$1995.00
Maintenance	\$50.00

Prayer of the Week

Prayer to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

"O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, beautiful vine, splendor of heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity... O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this my necessity; there are none that can withstand your power.

O show me herein you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands."

Amen.

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 japileggi@gmail.com.



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 except for the last Monday of the month, when we meet at St.**

Monica's. 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.



Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be Sunday, July 28 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.**

Our next movie will be **The Mission: Eighteenth-century Spanish Jesuits try to protect a remote South American tribe in danger of falling under the rule of pro-slavery Portugal.** Please note that this film has native nudity and some violence, including the depiction of a martyrdom so it may not be suitable to small children.

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on **August 2nd 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 16 in which Jesus continues his Last Supper discourse. 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 July 13th and 14th**, 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.