

# Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



ESTABLISHED 1890

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

## From our Pastoral Associate:

In Today's Gospel, Jesus delivers his Parable of the Sower, who sows across all sorts of different kind of ground. Depending on where the seed falls, it either thrives or dies. The parable is an illustration of how the Gospel (represented by the seed) is received into our hearts (represented by the soil). It's an important parable to reflect upon.

How do we receive the words of God? What kind of soil are we preparing for his work in our lives? Are our hearts open and ready to receive it?

Do we let Jesus' teaching fall on the path, that is on hearts that are hardened by ignorance of God's teachings, who refuse to take any time to study the scriptures or the Church's teachings? If so, we will be easy prey for the devil's temptations.

Do we let Jesus' teaching fall on rocky ground, in other words on hearts that get excited for the short term but don't have the perseverance to keep it growing in our hearts, particularly when it becomes unpopular and difficult to be a Christian in our culture and time, resulting in the hatred of those around us? Will we have the strength and fortitude to cling to the Gospel if it gets truly hard, if our friends have deserted us or we face the danger of death? Will we have the perseverance to push on, or will we let the seed of our faith die out of fear?

Do we let Jesus' teaching fall among thorns, that is in hearts full of attachments to worldly things? Do we value too highly our houses, cars, jewelry, flashy possessions, and other items and worldly concerns? Will we let them become more important than the message of the Gospel or distract us from following and loving Our Lord? Or do we let Jesus' teaching fall among good soil— hearts that are open to hearing his word, free of attachments to sin and worldly things, free of fear and anxiety, and willing to face everything for the love of Jesus Christ? Will our hearts bear fruit in radiating the love that Christ has shown us to others and of bringing other souls to him?

It's clear which soil Jesus prefers. We should do our utmost to provide that soil at all times and places to give his teachings the proper environment to work and grow in us. To do so will result in holiness and a deeper relationship with Jesus and our neighbor that we meet.

*Exiit qui seminat  
seminare semen suum*



## Parish Office

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of the stairs.

## 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)

JULY 16, 2023  
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, July 15—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, July 16— 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, July 17**

**TUESDAY, July 18— St. Camillus de Lellis**

**WEDNESDAY, July 19**

Noon Ernesto, Margaret, and Emmeline Go

**THURSDAY, July 20—St. Apollinaris**

Noon † Michael Mora

**FRIDAY, July 21—St. Lawrence of Brindisi**

**SATURDAY, July 22—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, July 23— 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

## Mass Assignments

7/15 & 16	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Jim Carley	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

7/22 & 23	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Tim Healy
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

### Readings for the 15th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;  
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27;  
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18;  
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1 & 23-24, 10-12, 13-15;  
Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19, Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;  
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

## Parish Calendar of Events

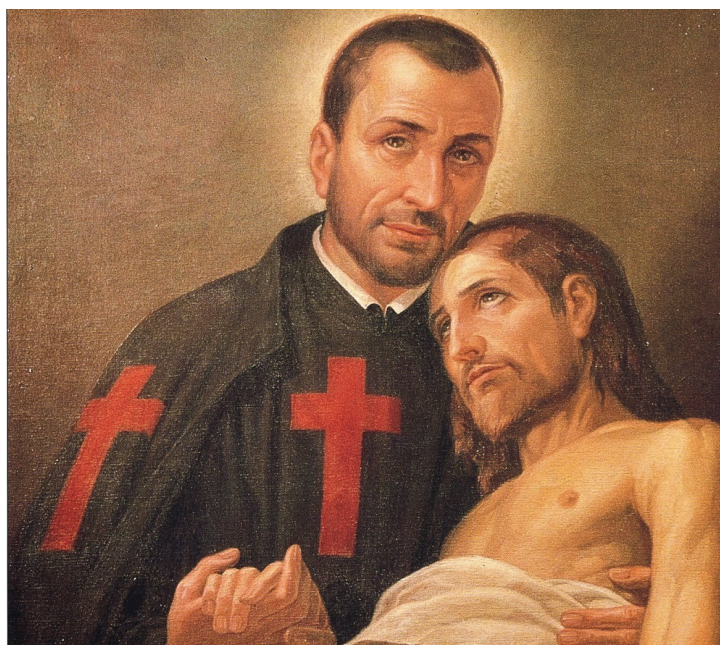
- July 17— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- July 21— Seven Sorrows Chaplet at 3pm
- Aug 2— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Aug 3— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Aug 12—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 12-13— Social Ministry Collection
- Aug 18— Wedding at 4pm
- Aug 19-20—Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Sep 2— Wedding 1:30pm
- Sep 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Sep 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Sep 8-9— Social Ministry Collection
- Sep 16— Founder's Day (100th Anniversary) 4 pm  
Mass with Bishop Johnston, Potluck after

- Sep 16-17— Church in Latin America Collection
- Sep 18— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Sep 23— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Oct 5— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Oct 7— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 14— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 14-15— Social Ministry Collection
- Oct 20—Wedding at 5:00pm
- Oct 21-22— Mission Sunday Collection
- Oct 27— Wedding at 2:30pm
- Oct 28— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Nov 3— Wedding at 1:30pm

**Keep watching for more info & dates to come!**



# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Camillus de Lellis

St. Camillus was born in 1550 at Buccianico in what was the Kingdom of Naples. His mother died early and his father neglected him, leading to him grow up with an excessive love of gambling. At 17 he developed a disease in his leg, which he bore for the rest of his life. In Rome he entered a hospital for incurables but was quickly ejected for being quarrelsome and violent. At the age of 24, Camillus gambled away everything he had, savings, weapons, even his own shirt. He accepted work at the Capuchin friary of Manfredonia and was so moved by a sermon that he heard there that he sought to amend his life. He sought to enter the Capuchins but was quickly denied because of the sore on his leg. At the hospital where he was first expelled, his love for the sick and poor led to him being made superintendent. He devoted the rest of his life to serving and caring for the sick. At the advice of his friend St. Phillip Neri, he was ordained a priest at the age of 34. He left the hospital and founded his own religious order called the Camillians, that focused on the care of the sick, particularly prisoners and those with the plague. Some of his men traveled with warring troops, forming the first recorded military field ambulance. He died in 1614 and was canonized in 1742. He is known as the patron saint of the sick, nurses, hospitals, and healthcare workers.

## Lighthouse Catholic Media

Our Lighthouse Catholic Media displays are back up in the church! Come see our selection of books, CD's, DVD's, and more at the main and side entrance of the Church. Among the Selections is *Rome Sweet Home* by Drs. Scott and Kimberly Hahn. This book tells the story of the incredible spiritual journey that led them to embrace Catholicism. Their conversion and love for the Church has captured the hearts and minds of thousands Catholics and has brought many lukewarm Catholics back into active participation in the Church.

## Reflecting on Our History:

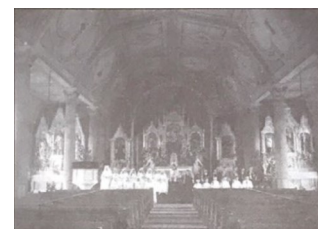
By 1890, Sts. Peter and Paul Church at 9th and McGee Streets had become inadequate to serve the spiritual needs of the German-speaking Catholics of Kansas City, MO. The Franciscan Fathers who had recently founded St. Anthony's in Kansas City, KS, were invited and the first services of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish were held that fall in what was known as "Doherty's Hall" at 829 Southwest Blvd. Fathers John Wellinghoff, Aloysius Kurtz and Stephen Hoffman alternated during the first year, and on January 2, 1892, a school was opened with the help of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, KS. By March 8 of the same year a new property was purchased for \$11,449.11 (a very large sum at the time) at the southwest corner of 23rd and Baltimore, and the cornerstone laid. The work was completed and dedication held on November 15 with Bishop Hogan presiding. The new building would function as both a parish and school. The first resident pastor was Fr. Daniel Heile, O.F.M. Bells were blessed April 16, 1893. These are the same bells that are in use in our belltower today. By 1899, Our Lady of Sorrows was emerging from its first decade showing considerable promise in our community.



Location of the first church: Doherty's Hall



Second church located at 23rd and Baltimore



Second church interior

## 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 July 3 to July 9, 2023

Plate.....\$429.00

Envelopes.....\$1326.00

## Prayer of the Week

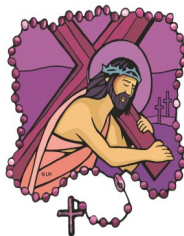
### St. Catherine of Siena's Prayer to the Precious Blood

"Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: Flow upon us! Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us every grace! Precious Blood, hope and refuge of sinners: Atone for us! Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen."

July is the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus, which was shed for our salvation. "You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake. Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God." (1 Peter 1:18-21)

## Weekly Seven Sorrows Chaplet

We will begin praying a Seven Sorrows Chaplet each week at 3pm on Fridays in the church in honor of our 100th Anniversary. Please come to grow closer to Our Lady of Sorrows and to pray for our parish.



## 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 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

## 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for more information or come to a meeting.



## 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 next monthly collection of these items will be this weekend, July 8-9**, and will take 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).

## Parish Bible Study- The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **August 7 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 feeding of the 5000, Jesus' miracle of walking on water, and Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse and the implications that it has on the Church's teaching on the Eucharist. 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.

## 100th Anniversary

Plans are now underway for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful parish church in September. Please stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information to come as well as articles about our parish's history!

## 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.

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