

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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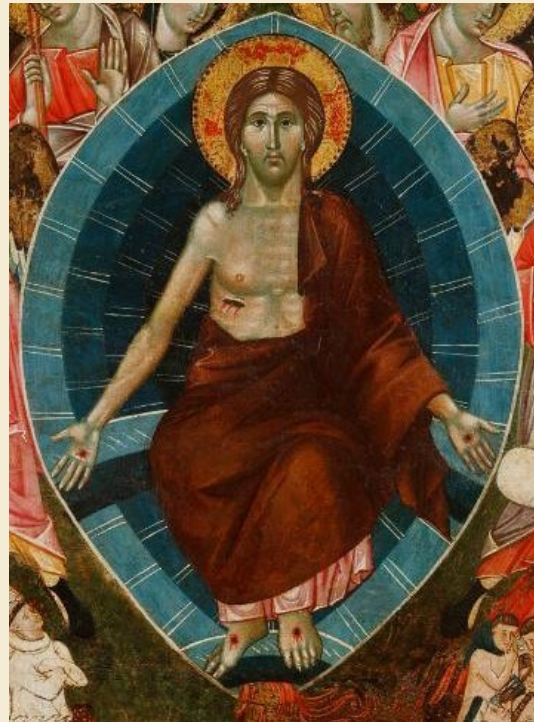
CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

From our Pastoral Associate:

St. Paul tells us today that we, having been baptized in Christ, should see ourselves as dead to sin and alive to Christ. When we were baptized into Christ, we were baptized into his death. And just as Jesus rose from the dead, we too will rise to eternal life.

Our baptism is a tremendous gift, granted to us by the great mercy and love of God. We should always strive to live up to our baptismal promises that were made on our behalf and that we have repeated on numerous occasions through the years during the liturgy, particularly during the season of Easter and during baptisms.

One way to do so is to think of ourselves as dead to sin. What does that mean? In Christ, we are made a new creation (2 Cor 5:17), something that bucks the trend of the old creation. In the old



creation, Adam and Eve introduced sin into the world. Christ has freed us from that original sin. But we still have to deal with the lingering effects of the fall, namely a weakened human nature, a darkened intellect, a weakened will, and an inclination toward sin and our baser appetites. We are called to raise ourselves with (and only with) the grace that Christ gives us. We should seek to open ourselves to his will and die to our own desires daily, trusting that God knows what we need better than we ever will and will not withhold it from us. We should strive to come to know God better in prayer and through study. We should exercise penances, fasting, and mortifications to bring our bodies more strongly under the power of our own will, which is submitted to Christ. We should seek to exercise virtue, which only comes about through careful repetition.

This will not always be easy. We will not always, or regularly succeed. Nevertheless we are called to do so. We should not be disheartened with our failures. They remind us just how much in need of a Savior we really are and teach us to constantly trust and rely upon Jesus, and not upon ourselves. We should avail ourselves of the sacraments regularly, particularly the Eucharist as often as we can, and Confession to free us of our sin, give us a better sense of guidance on how to move forward, and once again, to receive the graces more fully that Christ wishes to give. Through his grace, we can say with St. Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil 4:13).

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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 2, 2023
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, July 1—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, July 2— 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00am Vocations to the Priesthood

MONDAY, July 3—St. Thomas the Apostle

TUESDAY, July 4

WEDNESDAY, July 5—St. Anthony Zaccaria, St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Noon † Leonard Sandhoefner

THURSDAY, July 6—St. Maria Goretti
Noon † Jimmy Bartle Taylor

FRIDAY, July 7

SATURDAY, July 8—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, July 9— 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00am Vocations to the Priesthood

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

7/1 & 2	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

7/8 & 9	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Tim Healy
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 13th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117; Jn 20:24-29
 Tuesday: Gen 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3,9-12; Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Gen 21:5, 8-20; Ps 34:7-8,10-13; Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Gen 22:1-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Gen 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1-6; Mt 9:14-17
 Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11; 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Parish Calendar of Events

- July 3— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- July 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- July 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- July 7— Seven Sorrows Chaplet at 3pm
- July 8— Wedding at 1:30pm
- July 15— Wedding at 1:30pm
- 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 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 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 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— Wedding at 7pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Elizabeth of Portugal

St. Elizabeth lived from 1271 to 1336 and was the queen consort of Portugal. Born in the royal house of Aragon, Elizabeth was the sister of 3 other kings. As a girl she quickly learned self discipline and the practice of her faith. This was good preparation because at the age of 12 she was given in marriage to King Denis of Portugal. She established for herself a life of growth in holiness by attending daily Mass and devoting herself to the care of the poor and sick. Her life of sanctity was odious to some but her example of prayer and patience eventually converted her husband from his life of spousal abuse and infidelity. She was known as a conciliator and often helped broker peace agreements between warring kingdoms around her including a conflict between her son and her husband, where she placed herself squarely in the breach between the warring armies. When her husband died she joined the Third Order of the Franciscans under the Poor Clare nuns and devoted the rest of her life to caring for the poor and sick in obscurity. She became known for providing lodging to pilgrims, giving small gifts, providing dowries for young girls, and teaching the children of poor nobles. At the end of her life, she helped establish a peace between her son and his son-in-law. The effort involved caused her to fall into a fever and she died on July 4. She was canonized in 1626.

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.

For Your Reflection:

The life of the Christian has three distinguishing aspects: deeds, words and thought. Thought comes first, then words, since our words express openly the interior conclusions of the mind. Finally, after thoughts and words, comes action, for our deeds carry out what the mind has conceived. So when one of these results in our acting or speaking or thinking, we must make sure that all our thoughts, words and deeds are controlled by the divine ideal, the revelation of Christ. For then our thoughts, words and deeds will not fall short of the nobility of their implications.

What then must we do, we who have been found worthy of the name of Christ? Each of us must examine his thoughts, words and deeds, to see whether they are directed toward Christ or are turned away from him. This examination is carried out in various ways. Our deeds or our thoughts or our words are not in harmony with Christ if they issue from passion. They then bear the mark of the enemy who smears the pearl of the heart with the slime of passion, dimming and even destroying the luster of the precious stone.

On the other hand, if they are free from and untainted by every passionate inclination, they are directed toward Christ, the author and source of peace. He is like a pure, untainted stream. If you draw from him the thoughts in your mind and the inclinations of your heart, you will show a likeness to Christ, your source and origin, as the gleaming water in a jar resembles the flowing water from which it was obtained.

For the purity of Christ and the purity that is manifest in our hearts are identical. Christ's purity, however, is the fountainhead; ours has its source in him and flows out of him. Our life is stamped with the beauty of his thought. The inner and the outer man are harmonized in a kind of music. The mind of Christ is the controlling influence that inspires us to moderation and goodness in our behavior. As I see it, Christian perfection consists in this: sharing the titles which express the meaning of Christ's name, we bring out this meaning in our minds, our prayers and our way of life.

-From a treatise on Christian Perfection by Saint Gregory of Nyssa, 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 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 June 19 to June 25, 2023

Plate.....\$474.00

Envelopes.....\$1 245.00

Prayer of the Week

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

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 practical 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.

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 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 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.

Parish Bible Study— The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **July 6 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 dive into the story of the healing of the man at the pool of Bethzatha. We will explore the healing, the reaction to it, and Jesus' testimony about himself. 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 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. 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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