

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 Pastoral Associate:

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the weeds and the wheat. This parable serves as a lesson to us that the Church is composed of both bad and good Christians. It is similar in message to many of his other parables, such as the parable of the net and the parable of the sheep and the goats. The message to us is plain— that the message of the Gospel will bring many people into the Church, both good and bad. For the peace of the Church, these “bad seeds” are not going to ultimately be uprooted before Christ's second coming. Jesus compares their removal to the pulling of a weed next to wheat— uprooting them will cause damage to the good grain. Throughout the Church's history, we've seen these weeds growing and, at times, flourishing in the Church. We've seen Christians who confess Jesus to be their Lord with their lips, but deny him by their lifestyle. We've seen corrupt popes, terrible bishops, unfaithful laity that cause corruption, people the prey on children. In all of these circumstances, we cannot help but ask why Christ allows these people to remain. Why does the Church have to put up with these kind of people? One reason is that Christ's mercy is available to all— the same mercy that embraces you also embraces the other sinners in our midst. Salvation is not a one-time event, but something that continues throughout our life, which we should work out with “fear and trembling” (Phil 2:12). A second reason is that, in a mysterious way, the conduct of the weeds can still redound to God's glory. A perfect example of this is Judas, who betrayed Jesus despite being handpicked by him as his apostle. A third reason is that the bad example of others can spur us on and keep us from getting complacent in our own spiritual life. A fourth reason is that we do not always know who are the weeds and who is the wheat, someday we might be among the wheat, sometimes among the weeds.



Which brings us to an important truth— this parable should spur us on to live our Christian life well. We do not know if we are a weed or wheat. It is Christ that will decide that when he comes again. When we stand before his fearful judgment seat and all of our deeds are laid bare, we will definitively know. We will learn if we are to go to the barn or to the fire. That should fill us all with a healthy fear. Will we one day hear “well done good and faithful servant” or “depart from me, for I never knew you?” Are we ready to stand at that judgment seat? If not, we should seek out the means of grace that Christ left us— the Sacraments, particularly Confession and the Eucharist. We should also seek to come to know our Lord all the better in prayer and the study of the faith. Let us not grow weary in doing what is right! The reward is beyond imagining.

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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 23, 2023
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

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

MONDAY, July 24—St. Sharbel Makhluf

TUESDAY, July 25—St. James, Apostle

WEDNESDAY, July 26—Sts. Joachim and Anne
Noon

THURSDAY, July 27
Noon

FRIDAY, July 28

SATURDAY, July 29—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, July 30— 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00am For an increase of vocations

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

7/22 & 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

7/15 & 16	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Tim Healy
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 16th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1-6; Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1-6; Mt 20:20-28
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Parish Calendar of Events

- July 24— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- July 24— Wake for Maurice Carey at 5:30pm, Rosary at 7pm
- July 25— Funeral for Maurice Carey at 2:30pm
- 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 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

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— Sts. Joachim and Anne

Sts. Joachim and Anne were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which makes them the Grandparents of God. They were a devout Jewish couple living in Israel and were childless in their old age. One day, as Joachim was offering a sacrifice in the Temple, he was remonstrated with by the priest for being childless. Joachim retreated to the wilderness to pray. Anne, grieved by her husband's absence and by her barrenness, prayed to God and asked him for a child, promising that if he were to give her one, she would dedicate it to the Lord's service. They both simultaneously received a vision of an angel telling them that Anne would conceive a most wondrous child. Delighted, they ran out to find each other to share the news, meeting and embracing in front of the gates of the Temple. Anne did conceive and she gave birth to the Blessed Virgin Mary. When Mary was three years old, they took her to the priest in the Temple and left her there to be brought up by the high priest in service to the Temple. Mary would grow up in the Temple and be given in marriage by the High Priest to St. Joseph. St. Anne is particularly renowned because it was in her womb that the Immaculate Conception took place. Saints Joachim and Anne are considered the patron saints of parents, grandparents, infertility, pregnant women, poverty, and many other causes.

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:

Commensurate with the development of Our Lady of Sorrows parish was the rapid growth of Kansas City itself. The city had grown large and its residents were clamoring for a new Union Railroad Station. The building and location at that time was an eyesore to all Kansas Citians and reflected



Second church located at 23rd and Baltimore

badly on the city. Our parish was put to a severe test because the district surrounding the parish was considered by railroad officials as the ideal location for the new station location. The desire for the land was so strong that the railroad company paid the parish \$51,000 for the property in February 1906 with the agreement that they building could continue to be used until July 1, 1907. To put this in perspective, the parish paid \$11,449.11 for the property originally (which was also considered an incredible sum). While this sale was fortunate for the parish, it nevertheless placed both the pastor and congregation in a very serious situation. It was essential that the parish procure a new property, new parish limits established and a new church erected. Property was purchased on the northwest corner of 26th and Locust streets at a cost of \$23,000. The location, which had formerly been used as a chicken farm and covered by forest, was quickly transformed into a desirable location within a year— to the delight of all parishioners. Plans were formed at once for the construction of a large substantial school building with a hall sufficiently large to accommodate a worship space until a permanent structure was built that would be suitable for the needs of the parish. On December 8th, 1906, the whole congregation processed from the location on Baltimore to the new property to bless and place the cornerstone of the new school building, the stone having been donated and blessed by Bishop Hogan. The work on the building was hastily continued during the mild winter months since it was absolutely necessary that the removal of church and school furniture be made within the month of June, 1907.

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 10 to July 16, 2023

Plate.....\$332.58

Envelopes.....\$2536.00

Prayer of the Week

Prayer of St. Louis de Montfort

Hail Mary, beloved Daughter of the Eternal Father! Hail Mary, admirable Mother of the Son! Hail Mary, faithful spouse of the Holy Ghost! Hail Mary, my dear Mother, my loving Mistress, my powerful sovereign! Hail my joy, my glory, my heart, and my soul! Thou art all mine by mercy, and I am all thine by justice. But I am not yet sufficiently thine. I now give myself wholly to thee without keeping anything back for myself or others. If thou still seest in me anything which does not belong to thee, I beseech thee to take it and to make thyself the absolute Mistress of all that is mine. Destroy in me all that may be displeasing to God; root it up and bring it to naught; place and cultivate in me everything that is pleasing to thee. Amen.

Funeral Service

The funeral service for Maurice Carey, one of our longtime parishioners, will be at 2:30pm on this Tuesday, July 25th, at Our Lady of Sorrows. A wake will be held the night before at 5:30 with a Rosary being said at 7pm. If you are unable to come, please say a prayer for Maurice and his family.

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.

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 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.

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 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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