

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023



## From our Pastor:

Dear friends and parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows,  
My friends, the Church will be spending the next five Sundays this summer focusing on John chapter 6, and it all kicks off this weekend. It may be worthwhile to sit and pray with this famous chapter from the Gospel of John sometime this coming week. John devotes the entire 6th chapter of his Gospel to expound on the theology of the Eucharist in a way unparalleled in the New Testament. Over the next five weekends, we will delve deeply into this chapter, starting with this weekend's Gospel reading, which recounts the miraculous story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This story was crucial for the early church, evidenced by the fact that while the Gospels contain two versions of Jesus' birth and four versions of His death, they recount this miracle six times. The evangelists clearly valued this story, repeating it over and over in a very particular manner.

In the New Testament, the descriptions of Jesus performing miracles often include specific details—Jesus placing his fingers in the ears of a deaf man, allowing him to hear; Jesus telling Peter to step out of the boat, enabling him to walk on water; or Jesus calling Lazarus out of the tomb, bringing him back to life. However, in the miracle of the loaves and fish, we are never told how the multiplication happens. Did Jesus keep pulling loaves and fish out of the young boy's sack? Did the food fall from the sky like manna? Did bread and fish suddenly appear before each person reclining on the grass? The narrative does not include these details. Instead, it focuses on the beginning—5,000 hungry people in the desert with only five loaves and two fish—and the end—all are satisfied, with twelve baskets of fragments left over.

This miracle story is unusual in that it lacks a middle section explaining the process. One  
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## Parish Office

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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 28, 2024  
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, July 27— The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, July 28— The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, July 29— Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus**

**TUESDAY, July 30— St. Peter Chrysologus**

**WEDNESDAY, July 31— St. Ignatius of Loyola**

Noon

**THURSDAY, August 1— St. Alphonsus Liguori**

Noon † James McManus

**FRIDAY, August 2— St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard**

**SATURDAY, August 3— The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † For persecuted Christians

**SUNDAY, August 4— The 18th 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

7/27 & 28	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

8/3 & 4	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 17th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35  
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46  
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1-6; Mt 13:47-53  
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58  
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12  
 Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Jul 28— Catholic Movie Night (The Mission) at 6pm
- July 29— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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
- Oct 5— Wedding at 10am
- Oct 5— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 5— Wedding at 6pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Alphonsus of Liguori

St. Alphonsus of Liguori was born at Marienella near Naples in 1696. Alphonsus received a doctorate in both canon and civil law at the age of 16 but he soon gave up the practice of law for apostolic activity. He was ordained a priest, and concentrated his pastoral efforts on popular parish missions, hearing confessions, and forming Christian groups. He founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. It was an association of priests and brothers living a common life, and working mainly in popular missions for peasants in rural areas. He was made bishop at age 66 after trying to reject the honor, and at once instituted a thorough reform of his diocese including reforming the seminary, spiritually rehabilitating the people and clergy, and sold many lavish things accrued by previous bishops. He wrote many devotional works including *The Glories of Mary* and *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament*, which went through 40 editions during his lifetime and left a lasting impact on the Church's devotional life. By the time of his death, he was deaf, blind, and had a large number of infirmities. He died in 1787 and was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI.

## Mission Appeal

Sr Andrea Kantner, a member of the Sisters of St Francis of the Holy Eucharist in Independence, MO, will be giving a Mission Appeal in the parish at the Masses on August 10-11, 2024. The donations will be used in the Diocese of Cruzeiro do Sul and the Parish in Rodrigues Alves, located in the Amazon rainforest in the state of Acre, Brazil for the medical and nutritional needs of expectant mothers and pre-school children, a program for children and youth with special needs and a project helping mothers to develop a marketable skill by offering sewing courses as well as after school instruction and care for school age children and a day care program. Please be as generous as you are able.

might think that if this miracle was so important to the evangelists, they would have described it more thoroughly—unless, of course, the way they told it is the very point. I suggest that this story of the loaves and fish was significant to the early church because it offered a clear definition of faith. Faith is believing that God knows our troubles and our hunger and that God will feed us, even if we do not know how He will do it. Faith is believing that, although we are in the desert without food, we will be satisfied, even if we cannot imagine how that might happen. This is why the comments of Andrew and Philip are included in the story. Neither of them could envision how Jesus could feed 5,000 with five barley loaves and two fish. Andrew says, "What good are these among so many?" The evangelists use such statements to emphasize that faith is not about imagining how God will work. Faith is believing that God knows our hunger and will satisfy it, even if we cannot picture how such a solution might occur.

This miraculous feeding in the Gospel prefigures the even greater miracle of the Eucharist, where Jesus continues to provide for His people in a profound and mysterious way. Through the Eucharist, we are reminded that God's provision is not just for our physical needs but also for our deepest spiritual hungers, sustaining us with His grace and presence.

## KC Vocation Day

Save room on your calendars for KC Vocation Day, which will be held on Saturday, **August 3rd** beginning at 7:30am at St. Therese Parish located at 7207 NW Hwy 9, KCMO. There will be a number of religious communities from our city and state who will be present to shed light on their way of life. There will be ample time for prayer and fun! Registration is required! Sign up by scanning the QR code on the bulletin insert or visiting [kcvocationday.com](http://kcvocationday.com).

## Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, Aug 3rd, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning. Please come and lend a hand for the work is light and rewarding. Stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

## 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 14 to July 21, 2024

Plate	\$590.71
Envelopes	\$3731.00
Candles	\$59.00
Poor Box	\$60.00
Weddings	\$1000.00
Maintenance	\$2500
Online	\$509.84

## Prayer of the Week

### Prayer When Taking Holy Water

*By the sprinkling of Thy Precious Blood, O Lord Jesus Christ, and by the merit of thy Passion, wash me from every stain, and cleanse me from all sin.*

*Amen.*

"For well-disposed members of the faithful, the liturgy of the sacraments and sacramentals sanctifies almost every event of their lives with the divine grace which flows from the Paschal mystery of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. From this source all sacraments and sacramentals draw their power. There is scarcely any proper use of material things which cannot be thus directed toward the sanctification of men and the praise of God." (CCC 1670)

## 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 [jpapileggi@gmail.com](mailto:jpapileggi@gmail.com).



## 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 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 Thursday, **August 1st 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](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 August 10th & 11th**, 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).