

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 tells the parable of the treasure in the field in which someone discovers a treasure and goes to sell everything he has to buy that field and possess the treasure. This is an allegory of discovering the salvation given to us by Christ. When we encounter that treasure, we should see nothing as being of any value next to the treasure of our salvation, that we would belong to his Kingdom. The Kingdom that Christ promises is utterly unlike that of any other kingdom and that we should count nothing as more important than belonging to it and possessing it for ourselves.

I am reminded of a striking scene in the classic 1964 movie *Becket*, which tells the story of St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, and his feud with the English King Henry II. Thomas has just been elected by the other bishops to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury on the orders of Henry II, his close friend, who ordered him to accept the post so as to be a loyal puppet as the King took advantage of the Church, particularly in leveraging taxes on the Church for his wars and abolishing the ecclesiastical courts. St. Thomas, who up to this point had found nothing to truly care about, decides that he will jump with both feet into his role as Archbishop, and decides to give everything he owns, even his own clothes and shoes, to the poor. When another bishop questions what he is doing, insinuating that he is doing this simply to gain popularity, he tells him that on the contrary he is quite enjoying himself saying, "I'm beginning to believe he is not a sad God after all." A few moments later, he approaches a large crucifix and prays, "Dear Lord, I wish there was something I really regretted parting with, so that I might offer it to you. But forgive me Lord, it's like going on a holiday; I've never enjoyed myself so much in my whole life." This moment marks a dramatic change in his personality. He suddenly finds that he longs to give honor to God. This desire is ultimately put to the test when, in the face of threats, St. Thomas takes a stand, angering the king, which ultimately leads to his martyrdom.

It's this sort of spirit that Our Lord wants us to have as we pursue our relationship with him— to count nothing whatsoever to his love and to joyfully pursue him with reckless abandon. While Jesus may not be necessarily calling us to the sacrifice that St. Thomas was, he still calls us to do all that we have for him with joy, keeping our eyes on the prize that is his kingdom and our relationship with him.



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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 30, 2023
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

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

MONDAY, July 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola

TUESDAY, August 1—St. Alphonsus Ligouri

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

Noon

THURSDAY, August 3

Noon

FRIDAY, August 4—St. John Vianney

SATURDAY, August 5—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm Russ Daly

SUNDAY, August 6— 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.

Mass Assignments

7/29 & 30	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Tim Healy
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

8/5 & 6	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Tim Healy
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 17th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23;
Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13;
Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11;
Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Ps 81:3-6,
10-11; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35,
37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Parish Calendar of Events

- July 31— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- 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
- Nov 4— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— St. John Vianney

St. John Vianney was a French priest who lived during the late 1700's and 1800's. He was a young boy during the Reign of Terror of the French Revolution, where Catholics were cruelly targeted and executed. The Vianneys traveled to distant farms where undercover priests, at great risk to their lives, performed the sacraments for the laity. This led John to begin seeing priests as true heroes. John made his First Communion at a night Mass with the windows covered so that no one would notice the candles. When Napoleon gained power, Catholicism became legal again. John soon enrolled at a seminary. He struggled with learning Latin due to his education being so disrupted but he was allowed to be ordained in 1815 due to his deep piety. He was soon appointed as parish priest at a tiny town of Ars, which had a population of 230. He found that the French Revolution had caused religious indifference and ignorance. His homilies often addressed blasphemy and profane dancing. He spent 11-12 hours a day in the confessional during winter and spent 16 hours a day in the summer. He became known widely as a good confessor, sometimes even able to tell people the sins that they had deliberately withheld confessing. He often performed mortifications and penances on behalf of those that came to him for confession. He died in 1859 at the age of 73. His body remains incorrupt.

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:

This is a continuation of the parish's history.

The new building for the parish was completed in the time anticipated. The process of moving the belongings of both church and school from the old location to the new was begun on June 13, the feast of St. Anthony, and was completed June 20th, the feast of St. Aloysius on which day the first Holy Mass was celebrated in the sacristy of the temporary arrangement designed for divine services in the school building.



The third church, located at 26th and Oak streets

The Solemn dedication of the space took place on September 15, 1907, on the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows and was performed by Bishop Thomas Francis Lillis, who was, at that time, the Bishop of Leavenworth.

Many of the Kansas City clergy assisted with the dedication. The next task that confronted Fr.



Bernardine, the pastor, was the construction of a rectory in accordance with the needs of both the parish and the Franciscan province to which he belonged. At

The interior of the third church

the same time that the school building was being erected, a rectory was also being built, which cost \$15,000— of which the parish paid \$5,000 and the Franciscan Friars paid the remainder. On November 7, 1915 the parish celebrated its Silver Jubilee. Among those present was Bishop Lillis who, after Mass, addressed the congregation, commending them for the splendid work they had, with God's help, accomplished. He expressed hope that their efforts would soon be crowned with the accomplishment of the erection of a new church according to their needs and desires. These words strengthened the determination of the congregation to fulfill that dream of a new church.

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.....\$480.00

Envelopes.....\$2645.00

Prayer of the Week

Prayer of St. John Vianney

I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life.

I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than to live without loving You.

I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally.

My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.

"Your merciful love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name." Ps 63:3-4



Church Cleaning Invitation

August 5th, 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.

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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