

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 Pastor:

Dear Friends and
Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, we encounter a profound and challenging moment in Jesus' ministry. Returning to His native place, He faces skepticism and disdain from those who knew Him as a child. The people of Nazareth question, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" Despite the astonishment at His teachings and miracles, they ultimately take offense at Him, unable to reconcile the extraordinary in the familiar figure of Jesus, the carpenter's son.

This passage poignantly illustrates the adage, "Familiarity breeds contempt." Often, our closeness to someone blinds us to their potential and the greatness they possess. We see them through the lens of our memories and shared experiences, not allowing space for their growth and transformation. This was the case with Jesus' townspeople, who could not move beyond their knowledge of Him as a carpenter's son to recognize Him as the Messiah.

Consider the story of a talented young musician who grew up in a small town. From a young age, she showed immense promise, composing beautiful pieces and performing with exceptional skill. Yet, her family and friends, accustomed to seeing her practice daily and knowing her as the little girl next door, could not see beyond the ordinary. When she finally performed at a major concert, receiving widespread acclaim, her community was surprised. They had overlooked her talent, seeing her as merely one of their own rather than a gifted artist.

We are all called to overcome this tendency towards contempt born of familiarity. It requires us to intentionally see those around us with fresh eyes and an open heart, acknowledging their growth and potential. Here are some practical steps to embrace this challenge:

- **Practice Humility and Openness:** Approach each person with humility, recognizing that you do not know everything about them. Be open to seeing new aspects of their character and abilities.
- **Celebrate Achievements:** Acknowledge and celebrate the achievements and talents of those close to you. Offer encouragement and support, fostering an environment where they can thrive.

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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 7, 2024
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, July 6— The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm The poor

SUNDAY, July 7— The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, July 8

TUESDAY, July 9— St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

WEDNESDAY, July 10
Noon

THURSDAY, July 11— St. Benedict of Nursia
Noon

FRIDAY, July 12

SATURDAY, July 13— The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, July 14— The 15th 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

7/6 & 7	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

7/13 & 14	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 14th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Hos 2:16-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8-9; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
 Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

Parish Calendar of Events

- July 8— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Jul 11— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jul 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 27— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 28— Catholic Movie Night (The Mission) at 6pm
- 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 15— Solemnity of the Assumption at Noon
- Aug 17— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 17-18— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Jul 28— 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 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

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Henry

St. Henry was born to the Duke of Bavaria and his wife, the daughter of the King of Burgundy, in 972. He received a good education from St. Wolfgang and at the age of 23, succeeded as the Duke of Bavaria. His cousin, Emperor Otto III, passed away seven years later and Henry became the elected Holy Roman Emperor. Henry was not happy about becoming emperor but brought a strong intellect, devotion to God and care for the people into his reign. He sought the greater glory of God in all things and showed ecclesiastical discipline with the Bishops. Piety and charity were core values to him and loyalty to the Pope was important. In 1014, Henry visited Rome where he saw Pope Benedict VIII and received the imperial crown. He was a responsible monarch whose passion for justice was equal to his religious zeal. He and his wife had no children as they lived chastely with one another in a Josephite marriage. Together, they established many pious foundations, supporting many churches and monasteries and making provisions to bring relief to the poor. Henry wished to become a monk, and in virtue of his imperial power he ordered the Abbot of Verdun to accept him in his monastery. Thereupon, the Abbot ordered him, in virtue of the vows he had professed, to continue the administration of the empire. Henry II fulfilled his duties in the spirit of humility and service, being convinced that temporal power was given by God for the good of the people. He lived the rest of his life as a Benedictine oblate. He died in 1024 without an heir, thus being the last of the Ottonian line.



A Special Thank You

We want to extend a special thank you to all those that helped clean the church this last Saturday. Thank you for keeping our church beautiful, bright, and clean for the worship of Christ our King!

- **Seek to Understand:** Take the time to understand the experiences and perspectives that have shaped the people in your life. This deeper understanding can help you appreciate their journey and growth.
- **Pray for Insight:** Ask God for the grace to see others as He sees them, with love and respect for their unique gifts and potential.

As we reflect on Jesus' experience in Nazareth, let us be mindful of our attitudes towards those we know well. May we strive to honor and uplift each other, recognizing the extraordinary within the familiar. In doing so, we foster a community of mutual respect and support, where everyone can flourish in their God-given potential.

For Your Reflection:

Listen carefully, my son, to the master's instructions, and attend to them with the ear of your heart. This is advice from a father who loves you; welcome it, and faithfully put it into practice. The labor of obedience will bring you back to him from whom you had drifted through the sloth of disobedience. This message of mine is for you, then, if you are ready to give up your own will, once and for all, and armed with the strong and noble weapons of obedience to do battle for the true King, Christ the Lord. First of all, every time you begin a good work, you must pray to him most earnestly to bring it to perfection. In his goodness, he has already counted us as his sons, and therefore we should never grieve him by our evil actions. With his good gifts which are in us, we must obey him at all times that he may never become the angry father who disinherits his sons, nor the dread lord, enraged by our sins, who punishes us forever as worthless servants for refusing to follow him to glory. Let us get up then, at long last, for the Scriptures rouse us when they say: *It is high time for us to arise from sleep.* Let us open our eyes to the light that comes from God, and our ears to the voice from heaven that every day calls out this charge: *If you hear his voice today, do not harden your hearts.* And again: *You that have ears to hear, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.* And what does he say? *Come and listen to me, sons; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Run while you have the light of life, that the darkness of death may not overtake you.*

-From the Prologue of the Rule of St. Benedict

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 24 to June 30, 2024

Plate	\$662.04
Envelopes	\$1496.00
Candles	\$145.00
Poor Box	\$80.00
Weddings	\$2990.00
Maintenance	\$305.00

Prayer of the Week

The Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to you
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever. Amen.

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.



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.

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.

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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 **July 11th 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 14 in which Jesus describes himself as the way, the truth, and the life and promises the Holy Spirit. Please email Brad at 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 July 13th and 14th,** 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.