

# Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



ESTABLISHED 1890

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

## From our Pastoral Associate:

Jesus invites us today in what may be the sweetest words of the Scriptures to “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

How can we hear those words and not feel a sense of relief? We are constantly walking with our burdens— the stress of work and financial stability, the cares for our family and friends, grief for those close to us who have died, an aching heaviness for the suffering we see around us, anxiety over the safety of those we love and, maybe the worst of all, the overwhelming burden of our sin and imperfection, the inability to free ourselves of the constant force dragging us downward. It’s a lot to carry. Jesus is telling us to lay those burdens down at his feet and to take his own yoke upon us. There is an abiding sense of true freedom in Jesus’ words.

It almost seems too easy doesn’t it? Having relied on ourselves for so long, we find ourselves distrustful. How can someone unburden us and give us true rest? Nothing else has worked. How can turning to Jesus make our burdens lighter?

But Jesus insists and gives his promise. If we take his yoke— his teachings and commands— upon ourselves and strive to live by them in a relationship with him, we will indeed find rest. For myself personally, I have experienced this rest. I found myself as a confused teenager, trying to make sense of the world around me and dealing with isolation and rejection. But Jesus made himself known to me during a retreat and I experienced I felt his presence so powerfully and a peace and joy so profound and unlike anything else in the world that I knew that I needed to give myself to him in my entirety. He has not let me down. Gradually the troubles and burdens returned, but I was able to understand that though I still faced the same problems, the way I faced them and with whom I faced them with dramatically changed everything. There have been times where I did not understand. The yoke is indeed easy and light because I have someone walking through it with me. Indeed, it’s the only way to be able to bear them. Jesus knows our needs. He knows our fears. He knows our burdens and he knows our sins. He sees us as we are. And he invites us to rest in him. Let us take the time to do so.



## Parish Office

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of the stairs.

## Office Hours

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Monday-Friday

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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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org)

JULY 9, 2023  
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, July 8—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, July 9— 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, July 10**

**TUESDAY, July 11— St. Benedict**

**WEDNESDAY, July 12**

Noon Monica and Robert Kirschmann  
(Anniversary)

**THURSDAY, July 13—St. Henry**

Noon † Felix Anthony Pileggi

**FRIDAY, July 14—St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

**SATURDAY, July 15—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, July 9— 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

7/8 & 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

7/15 & 16	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Jim Carley	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

### Readings for the 14th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Gen 28:10-22; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15; Mt 9:18-26  
 Tuesday: Gen 32:23-33; Ps 17:1-3, 6-8, 15; Mt 9:32-38  
 Wednesday: Gen 41:55-57, 42:5-7, 17-24; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7  
 Thursday: Gen 44:18-21, 23-29, 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15  
 Friday: Gen 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23  
 Saturday: Gen 49:29-32, 50:15-26; Ps 105:1-7; Mt 10:24-33  
 Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

## Parish Calendar of Events

- July 8-9— Social Ministry Collection
- July 10— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- July 14— Seven Sorrows Chaplet at 3pm
- 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 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



## Saint of the Week— St. Benedict of Nursia

St. Benedict was born around 480 to a Roman noble family in Nursia, Italy. Benedict was sent to study in Rome as a young man. The Roman empire had fallen to the barbarians just a few decades earlier and Rome was in a dismal state. Repulsed by the many sins being committed there, Benedict fled to the countryside, where he became a hermit under the guidance of a monk named Rabanus. He lived for 3 years at Subiaco in a cave carved out of a cliff 500 feet over a lake. His reputation for holiness grew and upon the death of their abbot, a nearby community of monks came and asked St. Benedict to be their new abbot. The new monks quickly disliked St. Benedict's monastic rigor and leadership and attempted to poison him but St. Benedict was miraculously saved. St. Benedict left that monastery and founded 12 monasteries of his own, including Monte Cassino, which lies between Rome and Naples. During this time, St. Benedict wrote his famous *Rule* in 516, which has been his most enduring legacy. His life was accompanied by various signs and miracles, attested to by Pope St. Gregory the Great. Over the centuries, his monastic *Rule* became the standard text by which most subsequent monasteries tried to abide. He is known as the patron saint of Europe and is considered the father of Western Monasticism. He is the founder of the Benedictine Order of monks.

## 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:

First of all, love the Lord God with your whole heart, your whole soul and all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. Then the following: You are not to kill, not to commit adultery, you are not to steal nor to covet; you are not to bear false witness. You must honor everyone, and never do to another what you do not want done to yourself. Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ; discipline your body; do not pamper yourself, but love fasting. You must relieve the lot of the poor, clothe the naked, visit the sick, and bury the dead. Go to help the troubled and console the sorrowing. Your way of acting should be different from the world's way; the love of Christ must come before all else. You are not to act in anger or nurse a grudge. Rid your heart of all deceit. Never give a hollow greeting of peace or turn away when someone needs your love. Bind yourself to no oath lest it prove false, but speak the truth with heart and tongue. Do not repay one bad turn with another. Do not injure anyone, but bear injuries patiently. Love your enemies. If people curse you, do not curse them back but bless them instead. Endure persecution for the sake of justice. You must not be proud, nor be given to wine. Refrain from too much eating or sleeping, and from laziness. Do not grumble or speak ill of others. Place your hope in God alone. If you notice something good in yourself, give credit to God, not to yourself, but be certain that the evil you commit is always your own and yours to acknowledge. Live in fear of judgment day and have a great horror of hell. Yearn for everlasting life with holy desire. Day by day remind yourself that you are going to die. Hour by hour keep careful watch over all you do, aware that God's gaze is upon you, wherever you may be. As soon as wrongful thoughts come into your heart, dash them against Christ and disclose them to your spiritual father. Guard your lips from harmful or deceptive speech. Prefer moderation in speech and speak no foolish chatter, nothing just to provoke laughter; do not love immoderate or boisterous laughter. Listen readily to holy reading, and devote yourself often to prayer. Every day with tears and sighs confess your past sins to God in prayer and change from these evil ways in the future. Do not gratify the promptings of the flesh; hate the urgings of self-will. Do not aspire to be called holy before you really are, but first be holy that you may more truly be called so. Live by God's commandments every day; treasure chastity, harbor neither hatred nor jealousy of anyone, and do nothing out of envy. Do not love quarreling; shun arrogance. Respect the elders and love the young. Pray for your enemies out of love for Christ. If you have a dispute with someone, make peace with him before the sun goes down. **And finally, never lose hope in God's mercy.**

-The Rule of St. Benedict, Ch. 4: Tools for Good Works

## 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 June 26 to July 2, 2023

Plate.....\$473.00

Envelopes.....\$1651.00

## Prayer of the Week

### The Divine Praises.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

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