

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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

From our Pastoral Associate:

In our reading today, Jesus continues his bread of life discourse. In this passage, the Apostle John is clearly making a comparison of the current Jews with those Israelites that traveled with Moses in the desert, particularly when he makes mention of the people “murmuring” or in other translations “grumbling.” Grumbling was a constant refrain of the people to Moses. God would command Moses to do something and almost like clockwork the people would grumble. Grumbling was a sign of ingratitude and a lack of faith on the part of the people. It was almost always followed up with a punishment. In the monastic tradition, St. Benedict taught his monks that under no sense should they grumble at an order from the abbot. In turn, he ordered the abbot to not do anything that would cause justifiable grumbling. He saw it as one of the chief evils to obtaining sanctity.

When we read that the people started to grumble, it is not surprising that Jesus tells them to effectively “knock it off.”

Jesus does not want the people to miss what he is saying here. The teaching of the Eucharist is the central point of the gift of salvation that Jesus is offering from the Father. Receiving the Eucharist is firmly tied with this gift of eternal life “whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” By grumbling about where Jesus comes from and whether it is from heaven or not, they clearly overlook the fact that he fed over 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish. They also will miss what he says next. They’re allowing themselves to be deliberately led astray from the point he is making.

How often we do this as well. We focus in on a certain more trivial point of what is happening and blow it out of proportion, unwilling to see what God is doing or willing to listen and move in the direction he is leading us. We may even grumble about how hard it is to understand or do what he is asking of us— all the while wasting valuable time, delaying and endangering what should be inevitable. Unfortunately in this sermon, the people refuse to accept Jesus’ teaching. And it begins here— with their grumbling. They close the door to the wonderful salvation Jesus is offering— refusing to see the miracle and what it points to. It is an imitation of the Israelites in the desert who say amazing signs, even heard the voice of God himself thundering from the mountain, but refused to lift their minds above the mundane trivialities around them. Let it not happen to us!



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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

AUGUST 11, 2024
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, August 10— The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Jennifer Rose, Family, and Friends (living and deceased)

SUNDAY, August 11— The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, August 12— St. Jane Frances de Chantal

TUESDAY, August 13— St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus

WEDNESDAY, August 14— St. Maximillian Kolbe

Noon

THURSDAY, August 15— The Assumption of the BVM

Noon † Maurice Carey

FRIDAY, August 16— St. Stephen of Hungary

SATURDAY, August 17— The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Couples who were married at OLOS

SUNDAY, August 18— The 19th 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

8/10 & 11	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

8/17 & 18	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	John Pileggi	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Nancy Lowdon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 18th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-23, 29; Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:1-13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35-36, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

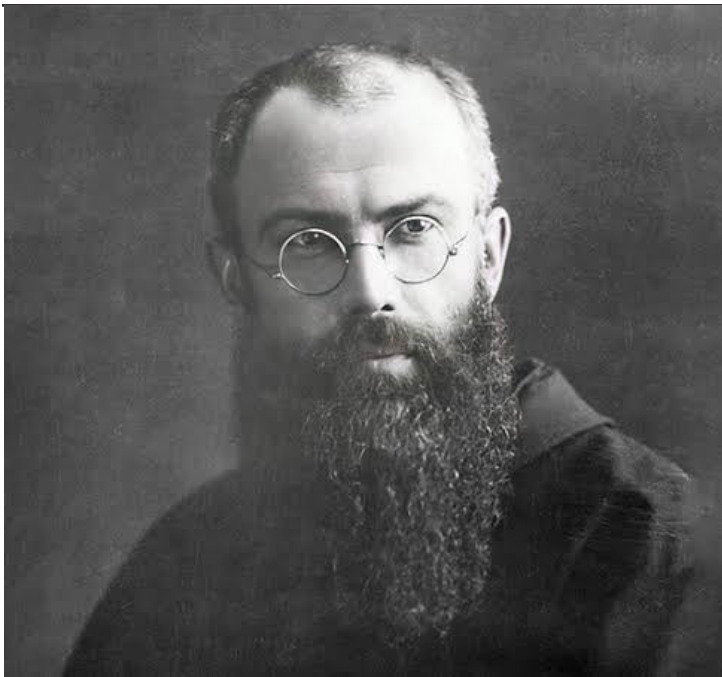
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Parish Calendar of Events

- Aug 10-11— Social Ministry Collection After Mass
- Aug 12— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Aug 15— Solemnity of the Assumption at Noon
- Aug 17— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 17-18— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Aug 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
- Oct 12— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 12— Wedding at 6pm
- Oct 19— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 19-20— Mission Sunday Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Maximilian Kolbe

Maximilian was born in 1894 in Poland and entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans. At 16 he became a novice. Maximilian later achieved doctorates in philosophy and theology. He founded the Militia of the Immaculata, whose aim was to fight evil with the witness of the good life, prayer, work, and suffering. He dreamed of and then founded *Knight of the Immaculata*, a religious magazine to preach the Good News to all nations. In 1939, the Nazis invaded Poland. In 1941, Fr. Kolbe was arrested and sent to Auschwitz, a concentration camp. 3 months later, a prisoner escaped. The camp's commandant announced that 10 men would die. He began to pick people at random. When one man was chosen, he expressed fear for his wife and children. As they were being marched away to the starvation bunkers, Kolbe dared to step from the line. "I would like to take that man's place. He has a wife and children." "Who are you?" "A priest." The commandant accepted the proposal. In the "block of death" they were ordered to strip naked, and their slow starvation began. To the surprise of the Nazis there was no screaming—the prisoners instead sang due to Fr. Kolbe's encouragement. By the eve of the Assumption, four were left alive. The jailer came to finish Kolbe off as he sat in a corner praying. He lifted his fleshless arm to receive the bite of the hypodermic needle. It was filled with carbolic acid. They burned his body with all the others. Fr. Kolbe was canonized in 1982 by St. John Paul II.

Diocesan Life and Justice Collection

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the Diocesan Life and Justice collection. This goes to directly supporting the Diocese's pro-life and justice efforts in the diocese. Please be as generous as you are able.

For Your Reflection

God, who is all-knowing and all-wise, knows best what we should do to increase his glory. Through his representatives on earth he continually reveals his will to us; thus it is obedience and obedience alone that is the sure sign to us of the divine will. A superior may, it is true, make a mistake; but it is impossible for us to be mistaken in obeying a superior's command. The only exception to this rule is the case of a superior commanding something that in even the slightest way would contravene God's law. Such a superior would not be conveying God's will. God alone is infinitely wise, holy, merciful, our Lord, Creator, and Father; he is beginning and end, wisdom and power and love; he is all. Everything other than God has value to the degree that it is referred to him, the maker of all and our own redeemer, the final end of all things. It is he who, declaring his adorable will to us through his representatives on earth, draws us to himself and whose plan is to draw others to himself through us and to join us all to himself in an ever deepening love. Look, then, at the high dignity that by God's mercy belongs to our state in life. Obedience raises us beyond the limits of our littleness and puts us in harmony with God's will. In boundless wisdom and care, his will guides us to act rightly. Holding fast to that will, which no creature can thwart, we are filled with unsurpassable strength. Obedience is the one and the only way of wisdom and prudence for us to offer glory to God. If there were another, Christ would certainly have shown it to us by word and example. Scripture, however, summed up his entire life at Nazareth in the words: *He was subject to them*; Scripture set obedience as the theme of the rest of his life, repeatedly declaring that he came into the world to do his Father's will. Let us love our loving Father with all our hearts. Let our obedience increase that love, above all when it requires us to surrender our own will. Jesus Christ crucified is our sublime guide toward growth in God's love. We will learn this lesson more quickly through the Immaculate Virgin, whom God has made the dispenser of his mercy. It is beyond all doubt that Mary's will represents to us the will of God himself. By dedicating ourselves to her we become in her hands instruments of God's mercy even as she was such an instrument in God's hands. We should let ourselves be guided and led by Mary and rest quiet and secure in her hands. She will watch out for us, provide for us, answer our needs of body and spirit; she will dissolve all our difficulties and worries.

-From the Letters of St. Maximilian Kolbe

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 29 to August 4, 2024

Plate	\$578.00
Envelopes	\$2075.00
Candles	\$66.82
Poor Box	\$60.00
Weddings	\$1000.00
Maintenance	\$415.00
Other	\$6700.10

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 this weekend, 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.

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, August 18th at 6pm in the parish hall**. The movie they will be watching is **For Greater Glory: When the Mexican government turned on the Catholic Church with suppression and execution of priests, the people of Mexico decided to fight back**. Enrique Gorostieta, an agnostic commander of the ragtag army, finds himself intrigued by a boy— Jose Luis Sanchez and finds his life changed. Based on true events.

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **September 5th 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 the end of Jesus' final words to his disciples before he was crucified. 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 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.