

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 today's Gospel we read of Jesus and Peter walking on water. I've always been struck by the 12 century mosaic of this even that can be found in Sicily (see right). St. Peter, exhibiting great faith, steps out of the boat in the middle of a storm, fully confident that Jesus will allow him to walk on water. As he walks out to Jesus, he does not keep his eyes on the Lord, but allows the things around him— the wind, the waves— to frighten him, causing his faith to falter. What's telling is that Peter was so close to Jesus (the Gospel tells us that he is just within reach of Jesus), but allows himself to be distracted by what is unimportant.

In the mosaic, we see Peter sinking into the waves. In his panic, he looks again at Jesus, crying out "Lord, save me!" Jesus effortlessly reaches out and begins to lift him up. Meanwhile, every apostle in the boat is focused upon Jesus, not Peter. This is not because they aren't concerned for Peter's plight. Quite the contrary. Rather, they are so concerned that they naturally turn to the only person that can save Peter— Jesus. Their hands are stretched out to Jesus in a gesture of prayer and supplication for Peter.

We should learn a triple lesson from this. The first is that we should, as much as possible, never allow ourselves to get distracted from our walk with Jesus by the waves and storms of this world that seek to rob us of our peace and joy. We should always stay focused on him. However, when we inevitably do become distracted (and our fallen human nature practically guarantees this), we should always cry out to Jesus with the words of Peter, "Lord, save me!" He will not fail to do so. The third lesson is that when we see others struggling, falling away, or sinking into the mire of this world, we should always turn first to Jesus to bring them back. We should seek him and prayer and lay the concern for their soul before the Good Shepherd, whose concern is that his sheep "have life and have it abundantly." (Jn 10:11)

As we go through this week, let's take a hard look at the things that distract us from following Jesus and, with them in mind, cry out to Jesus, "Lord, save me!"



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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 13, 2023
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, August 12—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, August 13— 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, August 14— St. Maximilian Kolbe

TUESDAY, August 15— The Assumption of the BVM

Noon † Maurice Carey

WEDNESDAY, August 16—St. Stephen of Hungary

Noon † Maurice Carey

THURSDAY, August 17

Noon † Maurice Carey

FRIDAY, August 18

SATURDAY, August 19— 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, August 20 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am † Regina Foster

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

8/12 & 13	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

8/19 & 20	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 19th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Rev 11:19-12:6, 10; Ps 45:10-12, 16;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17;
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6;
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11;
Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Parish Calendar of Events

- Aug 12-13— Social Ministry Collection
- Aug 14— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Aug 15— The Solemnity of the Assumption at Noon
- 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— Our Lady of Sorrows (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 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Nov 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Nov 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 4— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 11— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Stephen of Hungary

St. Stephen was a member of the Árpád dynasty of Hungary, which is the family that has produced the most saints and blessed of any single family, including St. Stephen, St. Emeric, St. Ladislaus, St. Irene of Hungary, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Kinga, Bl. Yolanda, St. Margaret of Hungary, Bl. Elizabeth the Widow, and Bl. Elizabeth of Hungary. Born a pagan, Stephen was baptized at the age of 10 with his father Geza, who was the Grand Prince of Hungary. At the age of 20 he married Gisela, the sister of the future Holy Roman Emperor St. Henry. The wedding was celebrated by St. Adalbert. When Stephen succeeded his father, he pushed forward the Christianization of the country for both political and religious reasons. He suppressed a series of revolts by pagan nobles. He asked for the pope to provide for the Church's organization in Hungary and requested that the pope confer the title of King upon him. He was crowned on Christmas day in 1001, making him the first king of Hungary. He developed a system of tithes that supported churches and pastors and helped to relieve the poor. Out of every 10 towns, one had to build a church and support a priest. He abolished pagan customs and commanded all but clergy and religious to marry. He made himself easily accessible to all, especially the poor. He died in 1038 and was canonized, along with his son St. Emeric in 1083.

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

The annual "In His Presence" Eucharistic Congress will be at Our Lady of the Presentation Parish in Lee's Summit. This event will feature Adoration, Mass, inspiring talks, vendors, and a relic room. Come spend the day growing closer to Our Lord in the Eucharist. Registration:

<https://kcsjatholic.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023-EC-Flyer-Schedule-w-code.pdf>.



Reflecting on Our History:

This is a continuation of the parish's history.

The parish began to raise funds for the new church. Fr. Richard started a "Bau-Verein"—or society for raising the building funds—a method which proved to most popular and highly successful. All parishioners obtained subscription cards on which the time was limited to one hundred weeks. Every Sunday after the Masses, secretaries received payments on the subscriptions. Upon the arrival of Fr. Richard in Kansas City, the parish had accumulated \$21,000. At the end of one hundred weeks, however, the amount on hand had increased to the amount of \$90,000. Moreover, the various societies of the



*Hi Excellency Bishop Thomas Francis Lillis, D.D.
A loyal friend of our parish*

parish made noteworthy contributions, and in addition many of the parishioners made private donations over and above their subscriptions. With such hearty cooperation on the part of the congregation, it was strikingly evident that no delay would be occasioned. Therefore, Fr. Richard proceeded to draw up a number of suggestive sketches, and finally with the help of Mr. Henry Brinkman of Emporia, it was the decision to build the new church according to the present plan. Thereupon Fr. Richard called a second parish meeting in order to show the blueprints and sketch of the new church. There was much rejoicing at that meeting.

On March 25, 1922, the ground was broken for the new church and on Sunday afternoon of July 30, 1922, the cornerstone was laid with Bishop Lillis officiating. Sunday, September 16, 1923, was truly one of the most glorious days in the parish annals, for Bishop Lillis solemnly blessed the beautiful new church of Our Lady of Sorrows. On this occasion, Bishop Lillis sang a Solemn Pontifical High Mass, and also preached the sermon. The parishioners rejoiced after all the hard work to make this day possible.

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 31 to August 6, 2023

Plate.....\$356.00

Envelopes.....\$2111.00

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.

Mission Appeal Today

Today we welcome Fr. Phyllisbeto Gomez. Fr. Gomez is a priest of the Missionary Society of St. Paul, based in Houston. He is visiting our parish to talk about the missionary activities of his congregation but also doing missionary appeal. We will have a second collection in support of their missionary work. We are requested to generously support their mission work. Please be as generous as you are able.

The Solemnity of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on that day and, when possible "to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or to the suitable relaxation of mind and body." (Can. 1247) **Mass will be held at noon at Our Lady of Sorrows and 9am at St. Monica's.**

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, August 12-13**, 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 **September 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 dive deep into Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse and the implications that it has on the Church's teaching on the Eucharist. We'll also explore common objections to the Catholic interpretation. 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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