

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 Pastoral Associate:

In our Gospel today, Jesus reveals the central mystery of the Christian life— the Eucharist. He tells the people that “the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

This is Jesus’ supreme gift to us as the church— his own self in his entirety. This gift is intimately bound up with his self gift of himself on the Cross, which is why he instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper “on the night he was betrayed.”

Nevertheless, the Eucharist remains a tremendous mystery, one that we can never fully fathom or understand. It is small wonder that the people who heard Jesus speak of himself as giving them his flesh as bread were completely confused. To a first century Jew, what Jesus was offering was completely repulsive— it was strictly forbidden in the Torah to drink the blood of any animal— let alone that of a human being. Even in the Early Church, the Romans regularly accused the Christians of cannibalism, particularly as a reason to persecute and martyr them. But Jesus did not intend cannibalism. His body and blood would be given under the appearances of bread and wine. We also do not eat a dead victim, but a living victor. This is why Jesus spoke of himself as “the living bread.” Nevertheless, the Eucharist was such a stumbling block among the Jews that an entire crowd composed of thousands walked away, wanting nothing else to do with him. Even today, many that call themselves Christian deny this most central teaching of the Christian faith.

How often do we take the Eucharist for granted? We should ask ourselves these questions. Do I prepare my heart before coming to Mass for what will take place at the Altar? Do I pay attention during the Eucharistic prayer? When the host is elevated, do I truly believe that this is Jesus before me? Or do I harbor doubts? Do I worship him in my heart? Do I take communion reverently or am I already thinking of what is happening after Mass? Do I kneel down after Mass to thank Jesus for all the things he has given me? Do I take time to go to Adoration at our parish (every Thursday at 11 am)? Do I make the Sign of the Cross when I pass a church? All of these things can help guide us into a greater love of Jesus in the Eucharist.



Parish Office

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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 18, 2024
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, August 17— The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Couples who were married at OLOS

SUNDAY, August 18— The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, August 19— St. John Eudes

TUESDAY, August 20— St. Bernard of Clairvaux

WEDNESDAY, August 21— St. Pius X

Noon

THURSDAY, August 22— The Queenship of the BVM

Noon Donny & Randy Lynn and Holy Souls

FRIDAY, August 23— St. Rose of Lima

SATURDAY, August 24— The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Jennifer Rose & Family and Friends (Living and Deceased)

SUNDAY, August 25— The 21st 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

8/17 & 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

8/24 & 25	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 20th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7; Ps 85:9-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2, 15-18; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

Parish Calendar of Events

- Aug 17-18— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Aug 18— Catholic Movie Night (For Greater Glory) at 6pm
- Aug 19— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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 17— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- 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 15— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Oct 19— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 19-20— Mission Sunday Collection
- Oct 26— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Pius X

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children. The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68 in 1903. Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani." One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him. In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand. He denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense. On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.

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

The Holy Council of Trent, having in view the ineffable riches of grace which are offered to the faithful who receive the Most Holy Eucharist, makes the following declaration: "The Holy Council wishes indeed that at each Mass the faithful who are present should communicate, not only in spiritual desire, but sacramentally, by the actual reception of the Eucharist." These words declare plainly enough the wish of the Church that all Christians should be daily nourished by this heavenly banquet and should derive therefrom more abundant fruit for their sanctification.

This wish of the Council fully conforms to that desire wherewith Christ our Lord was inflamed when He instituted this Divine Sacrament. For He Himself, more than once, and in clarity of word, pointed out the necessity of frequently eating His Flesh and drinking His Blood, especially in these words: This is the bread that has come down from heaven; not as your fathers ate the manna, and died. He who eats this bread shall live forever. From this comparison of the Food of angels with bread and with manna, it was easily to be understood by His disciples that, as the body is daily nourished with bread, and as the Hebrews were daily fed with manna in the desert, so the Christian soul might daily partake of this heavenly bread and be refreshed thereby. Moreover, we are bidden in the Lord's Prayer to ask for "our daily bread" by which words, the holy Fathers of the Church all but unanimously teach, must be understood not so much that material bread which is the support of the body as the Eucharistic bread which ought to be our daily food.

Moreover, the desire of Jesus Christ and of the Church that all the faithful should daily approach the sacred banquet is directed chiefly to this end, that the faithful, being united to God by means of the Sacrament, may thence derive strength to resist their sensual passions, to cleanse themselves from the stains of daily faults, and to avoid these graver sins to which human frailty is liable; so that its primary purpose is not that the honor and reverence due to our Lord may be safeguarded, or that it may serve as a reward or recompense of virtue bestowed on the recipients. Hence the Holy Council calls the Eucharist "the antidote whereby we may be freed from daily faults and be preserved from mortal sin."

- St. Pius X, *Decree on Frequent and Daily Reception of Holy Communion*

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 August 5 to August 11, 2024

Plate	\$563.00
Envelopes	\$1429.00
Candles	\$63.10
Poor Box	\$62.00
Weddings	\$995.00
Maintenance	\$1.00
Mass Stipend	\$108.00
Mission Appeal	\$1130.00

Prayer of the Week

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, come by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well-beloved spouse.
Amen.

August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Thank You

Thank you for your participation in helping continue our work with helping children in Brazil!- Sr. Andrea Kantner

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 this 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.