

# 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 Gospel for this weekend Jesus does something that on the surface seems quite puzzling. A Canaanite woman, a pagan, comes to Jesus and asks him to heal her daughter, who was afflicted by a demon. Jesus refuses to answer her, even as she continues calling out. Finally, having had enough of it, the disciples ask him to send her away. In response, Our Lord says, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." Yet the woman persists. Jesus says, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." This woman could have been easily offended and put off. She could have walked away from Jesus and given up on the whole thing, letting her anger rule her. Instead, she humbles herself and replies, "even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus, much moved by this answer, praises her faith and grants her request.



This woman shows tremendous trust in Our Lord's ability to heal her daughter. She knows who he is, what he can do, and she will not let anything dissuade her from what she knows, even a harsh word of Jesus. Her faith withstands all of it. We can also see things from her vantage point— "the lost sheep of Israel" are only half-heartedly accepting Jesus. Jesus remarks on at least one occasion when he meets a pagan that, "not even in Israel have I found such faith!" This woman, whose faith is not lacking, knows there is an opportunity there and takes her chance, catching the "scraps that fall from the table of their masters." How easily do we give up in our prayer? Do we even persist when it seems impossible, that everything is stacked against us and that there's no use to keep going? Do we allow anger or frustration, or even despair to silence us? How much do we trust Jesus to do what he has promised? Do we know him well enough to be certain of what he is capable? This woman was, and her tremendous faith not only obtained an answer to her prayer and saved her daughter, but also provided such an example as to be recorded in the Gospels with great honor. So let's not lose heart as we bring God our needs and prayers.

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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)

AUGUST 20, 2023  
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Mass Intentions and Feasts

**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

**MONDAY, August 21— St. Pius X**

**TUESDAY, August 22— The Queenship of the BVM**

**WEDNESDAY, August 23— St. Rose of Lima**  
Noon † Maurice Carey

**THURSDAY, August 24— St. Bartholomew, Apostle**  
Noon † Maurice Carey

**FRIDAY, August 25— St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz**

**SATURDAY, August 26— 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, August 27— 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00am † Maurice Carey

### 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

## Mass Assignments

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

8/26 & 27	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

### Readings for the 20th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43-44; Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7, Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday: Rev 21:9-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51  
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40  
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 23:1-12  
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Mt 16:13-20

## Parish Calendar of Events

- Aug 19-20—Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Aug 21— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- 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 19— 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— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 21— Wedding at 6pm
- 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
- Nov 11-12— Social Ministry Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!



# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Louis

St. Louis IX was born in 1214 in the Capetian line of Kings of France. At age 12 he was crowned King following the death of his father, King Louis VIII. His mother, Blanche of Castille, instilled in him a deep love of his Christian faith. In 1234, Louis married Margaret of Provence who also loved her faith. The two loved each other deeply and they enjoyed riding together, reading, and listening to music. Louis was a great patron of the arts and inspired much innovation in Gothic architecture. One of the most notable of these is the famous *Sainte-Chapelle* in Paris, which was Louis' personal chapel, which housed the relics of the Crown of Thorns and the image of Edessa as well as some thirty other items. The *Sainte-Chapelle* is considered one of the greatest feats of Gothic architecture. He reformed the French legal system, giving people a direct appeal to him in suits, abolishing trials by ordeal, and incorporated the presumption of innocence into trial proceedings. His reign represented a political zenith for France in the middle ages and he was widely respected throughout Christendom. He fought in the 7th crusade and was captured while in Egypt. During his captivity he prayed the Divine Office daily. St. Louis died on his way to the 8th crusade when an epidemic of dysentery swept through his camp. He was canonized in 1297.

## Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

The annual "In His Presence" Eucharistic Congress will be at Our Lady of the Presentation Parish in Lee's Summit on September 9th. This all day event will feature Adoration, Mass, inspiring talks, vendors, and a relic room. Come spend the day growing closer to the Eucharist. Registration:

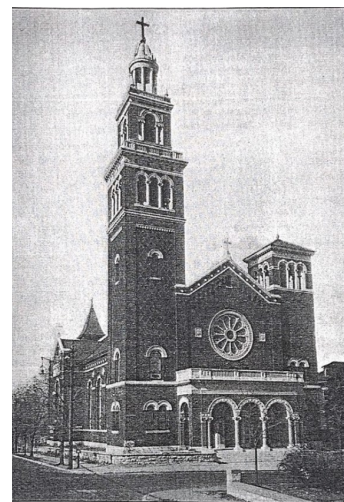
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## Reflecting on Our History:

*This is a continuation of the parish's history.*

With the new church dedicated, the parish turned to the interior decoration. On September 28, 1924, the new Stations were solemnly blessed and canonically erected. The ceremonies of the occasion included singing the *Veni Creator*, followed by a sermon, blessing of the images and crosses, singing of the *Stabat Mater*, the Way of the Cross, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The next memorable event occurred October, 4, 1926, on the occasion of the seventh centenary of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan Orders. In the new church, Bishop Lillis celebrated Solemn Pontifical High Mass.



Our current church, circa 1940

One thing still had to be done, however, to complete the interior decoration of the new edifice: the frescoing of the walls. Through voluntary contributions on the part of the parishioners the work of frescoing was made possible, and, after careful selection of colors and designs, the task was finished in the summer of 1932—in ample time for the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the parish in its present location, held September 18, 1932. Bishop Lillis officiated at the Solemn Pontifical High Mass, and also preached the sermon. The following evening, September 19, a social was held in the parish auditorium for all parishioners as well as for all those who had formerly resided in the parish—a "homecoming" celebration that served as a fitting climax to the jubilant occasion. Fr. Richard faithfully served as pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows over a period of fourteen years—a longer time than any of his predecessors. He was succeeded in July, 1934, by Rev. Fr. Alexander Wilberding, O.F.M. Of patriarchal mien, Fr. Alexander's kind personality at once won for him the admiration and respect of all his parishioners.

## 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 August 7 to August 13, 2023

Plate.....\$385.00

Envelopes.....\$1560.00

## Prayer of the Week

### The Salve Regina

*Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae; vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae. Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende. O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.*  
Amen.

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.  
Amen.

## Diocesan Life and Justice Collection

This 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.

## 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

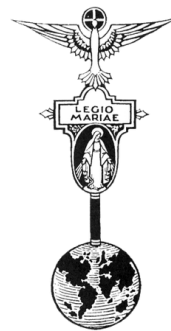
Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera

## 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 September 9-10**, 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 **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](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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