

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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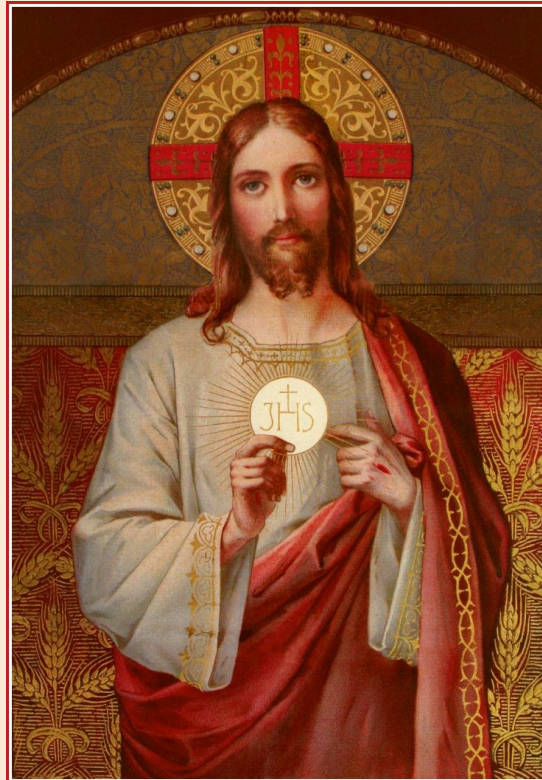
From our Pastoral Associate:

As Jesus preached the message of the Eucharist to the crowds in our Gospel today, many of the people who heard it began to complain that the teaching was too hard. Jesus urges them to not look at it with the mind of flesh— that which is in us that only understands earthly things, but with the mind of faith, which comes from our souls- “It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail.”

The people however, cannot take what he is teaching them and walk away. They no longer follow Jesus, despite the fact that they had just seen him perform a miracle so great that they had been ready to crown him as king. It goes to show that the saying “seeing is believing” does not always apply. They wanted earthly miracles to feed their bodies. What Jesus wanted to give them is a heavenly miracle to feed their souls. The people, however, lacked the faith to receive it.

Jesus consequently turns to his Apostles and asks them if they too want to leave. Peter, who likely doesn’t understand what Jesus has just taught, nevertheless responds to him in faith. As if throwing his arms out in exasperation, he says, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” The disciples are those that have staked everything upon him. They have felt his words ringing in their hearts, giving them a new life of faith and hope.

This is the appropriate response to Christ in the face of things we don’t understand. When things get difficult or confusing, we should nevertheless place our trust in Christ, giving him in great faith even our lack of understanding. Understanding comes when we are ready for it. Until then, we should not abandon Christ, but rather cling all the more closely to him as Peter did, “Lord, to whom shall we go?” Jesus alone gives us eternal life. He alone can give us true peace. He alone knows what we need and what we seek. And we see throughout the Gospels that it warms his heart when he sees our faith. So if you are discouraged, if you are struggling with understanding something that has happened to you or another person, or if you struggle with accepting a particular part of our faith, don’t despair. Rather, reach out in faith and say to Jesus, “Lord, to whom shall I go? You have the words of everlasting life.” And then continue to follow him as if your life depends on it.



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 25, 2024
THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, August 26

TUESDAY, August 27— St. Monica

WEDNESDAY, August 28— St. Augustine

Noon Donny & Randy Lynn Hann and Holy Souls

THURSDAY, August 29— The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Noon Jennifer Rose & Family and Friends (living and deceased)

FRIDAY, August 30

SATURDAY, August 31- The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

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

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

8/31 & 9/1	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	John Pileggi	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 21st Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mk 6:17-29
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
 Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mt 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Parish Calendar of Events

- Aug 24— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 24-25— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Aug 26— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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
- Nov 2— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 6 — Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Monica

St. Monica was born in 332 in Thagaste in what is now Algeria. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism. Augustine, their son, was 17 at the time of his death and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted. When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan. In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death. She died in 387 and is known as the patroness of mothers with difficult children. Her tomb now lies in the Basilica of Sant'Agostino in Rome.

For Your Reflection

Urged to reflect upon myself, I entered under your guidance into the inmost depth of my soul. I was able to do so because *you were my helper*. On entering into myself I saw, as it were with the eye of the soul, what was beyond the eye of the soul, beyond my spirit: your immutable light. It was not the ordinary light perceptible to all flesh, nor was it merely something of greater magnitude but still essentially akin, shining more clearly and diffusing itself everywhere by its intensity. No, it was something entirely distinct, something altogether different from all these things; and it did not rest above my mind as oil on the surface of water, nor was it above me as heaven is above the earth. This light was above me because it had made me; I was below it because I was created by it. He who has come to know the truth knows this light. O Eternal truth, true love and beloved eternity. You are my God. When I first came to know you, you drew me to yourself so that I might see that there were things for me to see, but that I myself was not yet ready to see them. Meanwhile you overcame the weakness of my vision, sending forth most strongly the beams of your light, and I trembled at once with love and dread. I learned that I was in a region unlike yours and far distant from you, and I thought I heard your voice from on high: "I am the food of grown men; grow then, and you will feed on me. Nor will you change me into yourself like bodily food, but you will be changed into me." I sought a way to gain the strength which I needed to enjoy you. But I did not find it until I embraced *the mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who is above all, God blessed for ever*. He was calling me and saying: *I am the way of truth, I am the life*. He was offering the food which I lacked the strength to take, the food he had mingled with our flesh. *For the Word became flesh*, that your wisdom, by which you created all things, might provide milk for us children. Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace. -St. Augustine, *Confessions*

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 12 to August 19, 2024

Plate	\$523.00
Envelopes	\$1216.00
Assumption	\$189.00
Candles	\$57.00
Poor Box	\$50.00
Mass Stipend	\$20.00
Mission Appeal (Uganda)	\$569.00
Mission Appeal (Brazil)	\$160.00

Prayer of the Week

First Saturday Devotion Prayer

"O God of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in our Most Holy Mother, whom we invoke under the title of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and grant us by her most powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need.
Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen"

August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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 japileggi@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.



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.

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.