

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

## From our Pastor:

Dear Friends and Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows,  
In today's Gospel, a large crowd follows Jesus not because they love His teachings, but because they received free bread. They turn to Jesus to satisfy their physical needs, yet they are never satisfied and eventually leave. This pattern reflects a common issue in our lives when people treat God as a means to achieve their own ends, they are never satisfied and eventually turn to idols for gratification.

St. John Vianney said, "The soul hungers for God, and nothing but God can fulfill it. For Christ came to dwell on earth and assumed a Body in order that this Body might become the true Food of our souls."

I remember a few years ago, around this time of year, I was privileged to take a few days off for a retreat at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama, the home of Mother Angelica. I needed to spend some quiet days away from the hustle of the world and also to get some physical rest. But when I arrived, full of expectations, something strange started to happen. The more I prayed and adored our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, the more I experienced a deep emptiness and restlessness within me. This was contrary to my expectation, as I was looking for a peaceful and joyous time with the Lord. So, I decided to bring this experience to the attention of my retreat master. I still remember what he said that this feeling was normal at the beginning of a retreat. The more we grow closer to God, the more we start to realize what is lacking in us and what needs to be fulfilled. Take, for example, if we never go near a mirror with some light on it, we may fool ourselves into thinking we are okay. But the closer we get to the light, the more we realize the defects on our faces.

And that's true with our spiritual life. The more we stay away from Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, the more we fool ourselves into thinking we are fine. But as we grow closer to our Lord, we realize the areas of our lives that need His grace. This is always a common experience among many mystics and Saints in the Catholic  
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## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

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Monday-Friday

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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 4, 2024  
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, August 3— The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm For persecuted Christians

**SUNDAY, August 4— The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, August 5— The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major**

**TUESDAY, August 6— The Transfiguration**

**WEDNESDAY, August 7— St. Sixtus II and Companions**  
Noon

**THURSDAY, August 8— St. Dominic**  
Noon Donny & Randi Lynn & Holy Souls

**FRIDAY, August 9— St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

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

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

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

# Liturgical Assignments

8/3 & 4	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

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

## 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 31:10-13; 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, 39, 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 5— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Aug 7— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Aug 10-11— Social Ministry Collection After Mass
- 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

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Dominic

Born in old Castile, Spain in 1170, Dominic was trained for the priesthood by a priest-uncle, studied the arts and theology, and became a canon of the cathedral at Osma. On a journey through France with his bishop, Dominic came face to face with the then virulent Albigensian heresy at Languedoc. The Albigensians—or Cathari, “the pure ones”—held to two principles—one good, one evil—in the world. All matter is evil—hence they denied the Incarnation and the sacraments. On the same principle, they abstained from procreation and took a minimum of food and drink. The inner circle led what some people regarded as a heroic life of purity and asceticism not shared by ordinary followers. Dominic sensed the need for the Church to combat this heresy, and was commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade against it. He saw immediately why the preaching crusade was not succeeding: the ordinary people admired and followed the ascetical heroes of the Albigenses. Understandably, they were not impressed by the Catholic preachers who traveled with horse and retinues, stayed at the best inns and had servants. Dominic therefore, with three Cistercians, began itinerant preaching according to the gospel ideal. He continued this work for 10 years, being successful with the ordinary people but not with the leaders. His fellow preachers gradually became a community, and in 1215 Dominic founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans. His order would become incredibly successful, producing four popes, famous saints such as St. Thomas Aquinas, artists, scientists, and more. They operate dozens of schools and colleges throughout the world today. One of their greatest contributions to the Church’s life was the promotion of the Rosary. St. Dominic even has a country named after him—the Dominican Republic. St. Dominic died in 1221 and was canonized 13 years later by Pope Gregory IX.

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Tradition—a great longing and hunger for union with Christ in the Eucharist.

Unfortunately, this is not the case with our culture today. Many people have a great hunger to be united with their success, career, and a good life, neglecting their true hunger for God. Some even deny the Real Presence in the Eucharist and replace it with false spiritual foods, which leave them unhappy, exhausted, or frustrated.

Saint John Paul II said, “God has placed in human hearts a ‘hunger’ which will be satisfied only by full union with Him. Eucharistic communion was given so that we might be satiated with God here on earth, in expectation of our complete fulfillment in heaven.”

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Christ gives us the Eucharist to awaken a spiritual hunger within us, so that we can desire to be united with Him in Heaven. We are not created to live on earth forever but to be united with God forever in Heaven.



## A Special Thank You

We want to extend a special thank you to all those that helped clean the church this last Saturday. Thank you for keeping our church beautiful, bright, and clean for the worship of Christ our King!

## 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 on 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.

## 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 July 22 to July 28, 2024

Plate	\$476.00
Envelopes	\$2616.00
Candles	\$78.25
Poor Box	\$40.00
Weddings	\$2000.00
Maintenance	\$400.00
Mass Stipends	\$110.00

## Prayer of the Week

### Immaculate Heart Prayer

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians.

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 [jpapileggi@gmail.com](mailto:jpapileggi@gmail.com).



## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).