

# 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:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, which remembers the moment when Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the top of Mt. Tabor and was transfigured before them. He was clothed in glory. One of the things I've found most fascinating about the Transfiguration is not just what was happening on the mountain, but what was happening down below. This is especially portrayed well by the artist Rafael in his painting of the Transfiguration (right). When Jesus and the three apostles descend the mountain to the plain below, they find complete pandemonium. The rest of the Apostles, who had been left behind, had been brought a boy who had a mute spirit that often caused the boy to hurt himself, foam at the mouth, and toss himself into the fire or into water. The disciples tried to cast it out (Jesus had given the authority to do so) but they found themselves unable. The scribes, finding an opportunity to launch an attack, were taking this as proof that Jesus did not have the authority and was not who he said he was (if only they had been able to see him on the mountain!). Meanwhile, a crowd was running up and around together, further adding to the scene of chaos. At a word of command from Jesus, the spirit leaves the boy and he is made well. Peace is restored and Jesus uses the moment as a teaching lesson for the Apostles about the necessity of prayer and fasting. I find this fascinating because it is such a clear example of needing Jesus in our lives, particularly by seeking him in prayer. Those who are with him are given a joy and peace that surpasses their understanding. Peter himself exclaims that they should remain longer by suggesting they build booths. Down below, where Jesus is not, utter chaos reigns. The disciples are lost without him. We therefore should seek to be with Jesus in his glory by spending time with him in prayer, coming to know him ever more deeply and, in obedience to the Father's command, listening to him. Without him (and we all know this to be true), our lives become chaotic, bereft of peace. If we find ourselves in the latter position, we should seek him out in prayer and fasting, detaching ourselves from what distracts us from him. Spending time in prayer with him helps us when times get difficult and we don't understand what is happening. It helps us to trust in faith that he is always in control and will right any wrong.



## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org)

AUGUST 6, 2023  
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

## Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, August 5—The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, August 6— The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, August 7— Sts. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan**

**TUESDAY, August 8— St. Dominic**

**WEDNESDAY, August 9— St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**  
Noon † Maurice Carey

**THURSDAY, August 10— St. Lawrence**  
Noon † Maurice Carey

**FRIDAY, August 11— St. Clare**

**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

### 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

8/5 & 6	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Tim Healy
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

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 Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

### Readings for the 18th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Num 11:4-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21  
 Tuesday: Num 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;  
 Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
 Wednesday: Num 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-19, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28  
 Thursday: Num 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23  
 Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28  
 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20  
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5;  
 Mt 14:22-23

## Parish Calendar of Events

- Aug 7— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Aug 12—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 12-13— Social Ministry Collection
- 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— Founder's Day (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. Lawrence

St. Lawrence is thought to have been born around Dec 21, 225 in what is modern day Spain. St. Lawrence encountered St. Sixtus II (whose feast is also this week) on a trip from Spain to Rome. When Sixtus was elected Pope, he ordained Lawrence as a deacon and named him as Arch-deacon, putting him in charge of all the treasury and riches of the cathedral, including alms to the poor. It was a title of great trust. In 258, the emperor Valerian decreed that all bishops, priests, and deacons should immediately be put to death. Pope Sixtus was captured on August 6 at the cemetery of St. Callixtus while celebrating Mass and was immediately executed. The prefect of Rome immediately demanded that Lawrence turn over the riches of the Church. St. Lawrence asked for three days. He worked as quickly as possible to distribute as much of it to the poor as he could to keep it from being seized by the prefect. On the third day, he presented himself to the prefect at the head of group of people. He presented the city's poor, crippled, blind and suffering and declared, "Here are the treasures of the church. You see, the church is truly rich, far richer than your emperor!" For this, St. Lawrence was placed over a fire on a gridiron. After suffering for some time, he cheerfully declared, "I'm well done on this side. Turn me over!" He is the patron of deacons, cooks, and comedians.

## 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:

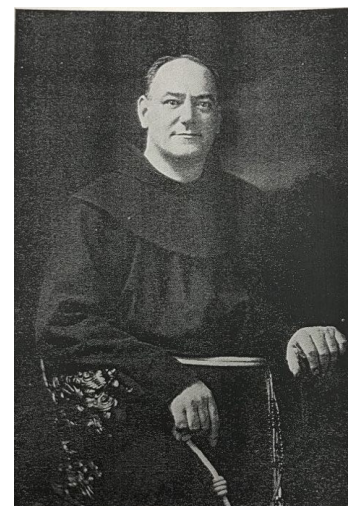
<https://kcsj catholic.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023-EC-Flyer-Schedule-w-code.pdf>.



## Reflecting on Our History:

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

In August, 1918, Fr. de Paul was succeeded by Rev. Fr. James Archinger, O.F.M., who had previously served as pastor during the very early days of the parish. At the suggestion of Fr. James, the "School Society" was founded. In 1899 the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg, Indiana, had been placed in charge of the parochial school.. With the help of Fr. James, the "School Society" was organized in such a way as to provide adequately for the needs of the school, and thus free education was provided for all children of the parish. This work of organizing the "School Society" was carried to completion under the wise guidance of Rev. Fr. Richard Wurth, O.F.M., who succeeded Fr. James as pastor on August 1, 1920. The appointment of a new pastor was, indeed, a timely one, since Fr. Richard had had much experience in building churches. Under his capable direction the congregation began in real earnest to undertake the planning of a new church. In 1921, when Bishop Lillis visited the parish to administer the sacrament of Confirmation, his Excellency requested that pastor and parishioners proceed with the building of the new church at the earliest possible moment. Immediately acting on this advice, Fr. Richard called a parish meeting and laid before the parishioners his plans and propositions. At this meeting ten men were appointed to act as the Building Committee. Fr. Richard explained his plans to them in full detail, and particularly stressed the financial phase of the situation, stating positively that he expected to have at least one-half the amount of the cost of the new church on hand before definitely proceeding with any plans whatsoever. Fr. Richard submitted his plan for raising the necessary money and it was met with immediate approval.



Fr. Richard Wurth, O.F.M.  
Builder of our present church

## 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 23 to July 30, 2023

Plate.....\$574.00

Envelopes.....\$1536.00

## Prayer of the Week

### St. Thomas Aquinas' Prayer before Study

*Ineffable Creator, Who out of the treasures of Thy wisdom has appointed three hierarchies of Angels and set them in admirable order high above the heavens and has disposed the diverse portions of the universe in such marvelous array, Thou Who art called the True Source of Light and supereminent Principle of Wisdom, be pleased to cast a beam of Thy radiance upon the darkness of my mind and dispel from me the double darkness of sin and ignorance in which I have been born.*

*Thou Who makes eloquent the tongues of little children, fashion my words and pour upon my lips the grace of Thy benediction. Grant me penetration to understand, capacity to retain, method and facility in study, subtlety in interpretation and abundant grace of expression.*

*Order the beginning, direct the progress and perfect the achievement of my work, Thou Who art true God and true Man and livest and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

"Sacred theology rests on the written word of God, together with sacred tradition, as its primary and perpetual foundation. By scrutinizing in the light of faith all truth stored up in the mystery of Christ, theology is most powerfully strengthened and constantly rejuvenated by that word. For the Sacred Scriptures contain the word of God and since they are inspired, really are the word of God; and so the study of the sacred page is, as it were, the soul of sacred theology." (Vatican II: Dei Verbum 24)

## 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 next 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](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 respond to 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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