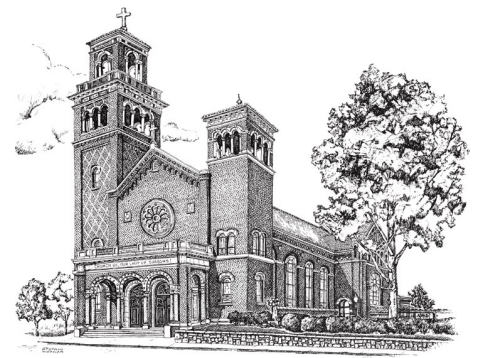


# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



ESTABLISHED 1890

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

## From our Pastor:

Dear Friends and Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows,

As we gather in faith and gratitude, it is with immense joy and reverence that we commemorate the centennial anniversary of the dedication of Our Lady of Sorrows Church. This monumental occasion stands as a testament to the enduring faith and devotion of our parish community.

One hundred years ago, our forebears, with boundless dedication and love, came together to consecrate this sacred space to Our Lady, the Mother of Sorrows. Through trials and triumphs, this place has been a beacon of solace and strength for countless souls, a sanctuary where we find comfort, hope, and spiritual renewal. Many have sought solace in moments of sorrow, found guidance in times of uncertainty, and rejoiced in the abundance of blessings bestowed upon us by God.

In the 50th anniversary book of the parish, published in 1940, the soaring towers of our beloved church were described as proclaiming the glory of Our Lady of Sorrows, guiding all minds and hearts 'Onward! Upward! Heavenward!' Indeed, the physical presence of this sacred place is awe-inspiring, a beacon of faith against the backdrop of the boundless skyline of our city. Yet, for those of you who have known and loved Our Lady of Sorrows over many years, understand that this church is far more than a mere monument of brick and stone. Every inch of this sacred space tells a story, bearing witness to the collective strength, devotion, and unwavering faith of our community. It stands as a testament to the endurance of our shared Catholic faith.

Today, as we gather to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of this exquisite sanctuary, sunlight bathes the intricate rose window in a golden glow, while the jewels adorning the altar's diadem shimmer with ethereal brilliance. Let us contemplate the profound meaning of this celebration, let all fleeting hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, dissolve into a sublime ecstasy. May an anthem of heartfelt thanksgiving resonate, joining our voices with celestial beings in a chorus of gratitude and praise.

In the spirit of this momentous occasion, let us rededicate ourselves to living out the Gospel values that Our Lady embodies - compassion, humility, and unwavering faith. May her intercession continue to guide us in our journey of faith and inspire us to be beacons of light in our community.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Leonard Gicheru



## 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

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, September 16— Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church**

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, September 17— 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am † Maurice Carey

**MONDAY, September 18**

**TUESDAY, September 19— St. Januarius**

**WEDNESDAY, September 20— Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions**

Noon † Regina Foster

**THURSDAY, September 21— St. Matthew the Apostle**

Noon † Maurice Carey

**FRIDAY, September 22**

**SATURDAY, September 23—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, September 24— 24th 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 if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

# Mass Assignments

9/16 & 17	4:00pm	11:00am
<b>Reader</b>	Anthony Effertz James Hardy	Bill Capotosto
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Deacon Michael Elsey Brad Geist	Rita Witt
<b>Server/ Sacristan</b>	John Pileggi Brad Geist Tony Armstrong	George Bryde
<b>Usher</b>	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

9/23 & 24	4:00pm	11:00am
<b>Reader</b>	Nancy Lowdon	Molly Schmidt
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	John Pileggi	Tim Healey
<b>Server/ Sacristan</b>	John Pileggi	George Bryde
<b>Usher</b>	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 24th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Tim 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: 1 Tim 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-3, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday: 1 Tim 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35  
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7; 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Friday: 1 Tim 6:2-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Tim 6:13-16; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 8:4-15  
 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;  
 Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

# Parish Calendar of Events

- **Sep 16— Our Lady of Sorrows (100th Anniversary)**  
4 pm Mass with Bishop Johnston, Party and meal after
- **Sep 16-17— Church in Latin America Collection**
- **Sep 18— The Legion of Mary** at 6pm
- **Sep 19— Water Garden Society** from 6-9pm
- **Sep 23— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Oct 1— KC Chorale Concert** at 2pm
- **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 17— Water Garden Society** from 6-9pm
- **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— All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)** at Noon
- **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**
- **Nov 18— Wedding** at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Matthew the Apostle

St. Matthew the Apostle was originally a tax collector, the son of Alphaeus. One day, as he sat at his booth, Jesus called him to follow him. Without hesitation, Matthew got up from his booth and left everything behind. When Jesus dined at his house that night, many pharisees were angry that Jesus chose to eat with a tax collector. Jesus responded by telling them that he came not to call the righteous, but the sick to repentance. Matthew was present throughout Jesus' ministry and was there at the Last Supper, the Resurrection appearances of Jesus, and Pentecost. Matthew at some point authored the famous Gospel named after him. His Gospel is particularly Jewish, focusing on Jesus' sermons and teachings and emphasizing Jesus' role as a Rabbi and as the New Moses. While not much is known about Matthew's travels and ministry after Pentecost, tradition tells us that St. Matthew preached for a time to the Hebrew people and then later went to Ethiopia where he met a young princess named Iphigenia the daughter of the Ethiopian King Egippus. Iphigenia dedicated herself to God under the direction of St. Matthew and veiled herself as a consecrated virgin. When the next king, Hirtacus took the throne, he promised St. Matthew half of his kingdom if he could convince Iphigenia to marry him. St. Matthew invited him to Mass and explained to him that she was already espoused to the True King and would have no other. St. Matthew was martyred by a swordsmen who killed him in front of the altar. He shares his feast day with St. Iphigenia.

## Church in Latin America Collection

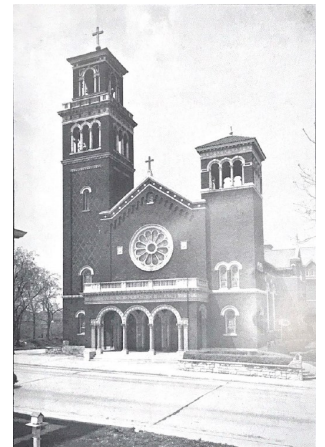
Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Church in Latin America. This collection will go toward helping the Church's missionary efforts and charitable giving in Latin America. Please be as generous as you are able.

## Reflecting on Our History:

*This is a continuation of the parish's history from previous bulletins.* Fr. John Meister, O.F.M., took over the reins of the parish in 1957. Fr. John worked hard at improving the financial status of the parish, and during his time the practice of the weekly holy hour at the Benedictine shrine was inaugurated in 1959, the same year the men replaced the kneelers in the church. Fr. Clement Druehe, O.F.M., arrived in 1960. He did much to foster devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, especially private holy hours, starting an adoration program in 1961. The same year he launched a program for tithing, which proved timely and helpful in view of the diminishing number of people in the inner city. On May 31, 1963, the school closed. The children living in the area were to attend St. Vincent school. Owing to the lack of children and shortage of sisters, the parish had to bid farewell to the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg had taught for 65 years in the parish. In July of 1964,

Hallmark Cards was permitted to open an entrance from 26th street to their parking lot, giving the parish additional parking and two additional exits from the property. In August of the same year Fr. Flannagan's lay apostles took up residence in the Sister's convent, which had been vacated in June. In August 1964, members of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) moved into the convent which had been vacated in June. On November 20, 1964, the first meeting of the newly organized Legion of Mary was held and the group soon affiliated with the Kansas City Commitium. A Junior Praesidium was also set up.

On November 29, 1964, the parish began using the new English Mass. The parish also participated for the previous 3 years in the inner city Catholic Revival, with Fr. Curt of the parish being the principal speaker in 1965. An interdenominational service was held at the parish on January 4, 1965 with congregations and ministers of 4 neighboring churches participating.



## 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 September 4 to September 10, 2023

Plate.....\$345.00

Envelopes.....\$2000.00

## Prayer of the Week

### The Stabat Mater Dolorosa (First 4 lines)

At the cross her station keeping,  
stood the mournful mother weeping,  
close to Jesus to the last

Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,  
all his bitter anguish bearing,  
now at length the sword had passed.

Oh how sad and sore distressed  
was that mother highly blessed,  
of the sole-begotten One!

Christ above in torment hangs;  
she beneath beholds the pangs  
of her dying glorious Son.

## Thank you Bishop Johnston!

Our parish is deeply grateful for the presence of Bishop Johnston for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of our parish church. Please be sure to thank Bishop Johnston in person and offer a prayer for his well-being and ministry to our diocese.

## 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 **October 5th 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 explore Jesus' visit to Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles, the questions swirling around him, and the woman caught in adultery. 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.

## Thank you!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped to make our celebration a tremendous success. We appreciate all that you did to help pray for, decorate, clean, donate, set up, and tear down. We could not have done it without you!

## 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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