

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

What, then, is greatness? Most people today might describe it with words like visionary, courageous, and famous, but humility is rarely mentioned. Yet, many of the world's greatest leaders—Jesus, Gandhi, Saint Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, and Martin Luther King Jr.—were known for their humility. In today's Gospel, Jesus is in Galilee, on the road to Jerusalem, teaching his disciples that he is not seeking worldly success. Instead, he is destined to be betrayed, killed, and later rise again. The disciples, however, fail to understand this and begin arguing about their own ambitions.



But Jesus doesn't give up. He gathers them and explains what greatness really means: "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all." True greatness, according to Jesus, comes from serving others, especially the weak and vulnerable. This teaching holds a powerful paradox: If you want to be first, put yourself last; if you want to be great, make yourself least; and if you want to lead, humble yourself by serving others.

To further emphasize his point, Jesus takes a little child, hugs her, and says, "Anyone who welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." This statement would have shocked the disciples, as children were not highly valued in those days, being considered less valuable than slaves due to high child mortality rates. Parents often distanced themselves emotionally from children until they reached maturity to avoid the pain of loss.

Jesus' message is that greatness comes not from power and glory but from truly caring for the most vulnerable in the community—the little ones.

Henri Nouwen captured this inner struggle when he described two voices in his life: one urging him to be independent and successful, and the other calling him to stay close to the heart of Jesus, even if it means not achieving worldly greatness.

St. Padre Pio understood this too, saying, "The life of a Christian is nothing but a constant struggle against the self: there's no flowering of the soul to the beauty of its perfection, except at the price of pain." But, as Michael Casey writes in *Balaam's Donkey*, this struggle is worthwhile. Those at peace with themselves, content with little, make peace for others and prepare the way for God's action. Conversely, those always climbing for more may not realize that their life's quality is slowly being eroded.

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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 22, 2024
THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, September 21- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Couples who have been married at Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, September 22— 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, September 23— St. Pius of Pietrelcina

TUESDAY, September 24

WEDNESDAY, September 25

Noon Matteo Commacho

THURSDAY, September 26— Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Noon Donnie and Randi Lynn Hann & Family (living and deceased)

FRIDAY, September 29

SATURDAY, September 30- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, October 1— 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Liturgical Assignments

9/21 & 22	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

9/28 & 29	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 25th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43-45
 Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Please Note: MASS INTENTIONS

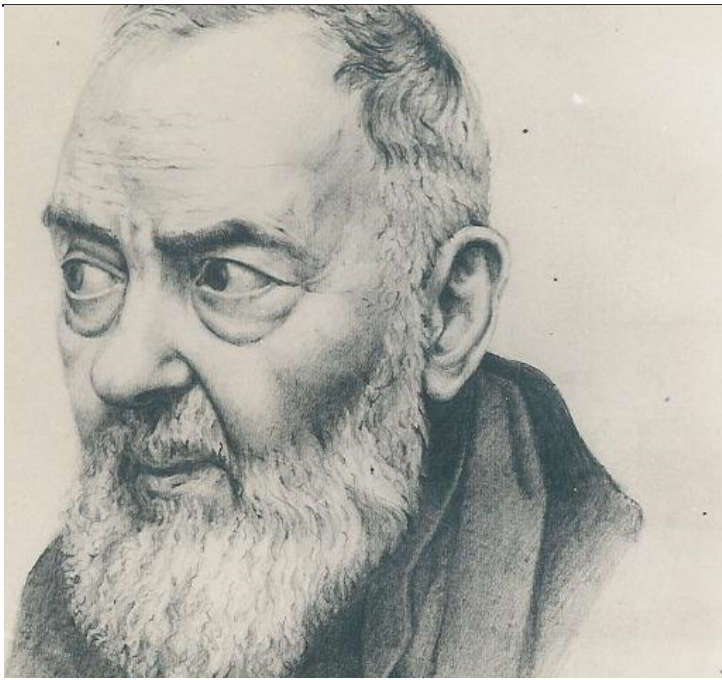
Mass intentions are available for the posted times in the bulletin, on our church sign, and on our website. We do have days with openings for intentions coming up. Call or email the office at (816) 421-2112 or bgeist@oloskc.org if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

Parish Calendar of Events

- Sep 23— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Sep 28— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 29— Catholic Movie Night (Thérèse) at 6pm
- 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— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Oct 12— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 12— Wedding at 6pm
- Oct 12-13— Social Ministry Collection
- 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
- Nov 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Nov 9-10— Social Ministry Collection
- Nov 10— Catholic Movie Night (Cabryni) at 6pm
- Nov 16— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 16— Wedding at 6pm
- Nov 19—Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Nov 23— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 29— Wedding at 3:30pm
- Dec 1— Advent Begins
- Dec 4 — Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— St. Padre Pio

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic. On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side. Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924. Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard confessions. In time his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned. A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Like Saint Francis, Padre Pio sometimes had his habit torn or cut by souvenir hunters. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

For Your Reflection

Let us take our stand on secure ground, leaning with all our strength on Christ, the most solid rock, according to the words: He set my feet on a rock and guided my steps. Thus firmly established, let us begin to contemplate, to see what he is saying to us and what reply we ought to make to his charges.

The first stage of contemplation, my dear brothers, is constantly to consider what God wants, what is pleasing to him, and what is acceptable in his eyes. We all offend in many things; our strength cannot match the rectitude of God's will, being neither one with it nor wholly in accord with it; let us then humble ourselves *under the powerful hand of the most high God* and be concerned to show ourselves unworthy before his merciful gaze, saying: *Heal me, Lord, and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved. And again, Lord have mercy on me; heal my soul because I have sinned against you.*

Once the eye of the soul has been purified by such considerations we no longer abide within our own spirit in a sense of sorrow, but abide rather in the Spirit of God with great delight. No longer do we consider what is the will of God for us, but rather what it is in itself. For our *life is in his will*. Thus we are convinced that what is according to his will is in every way more advantageous and fitting for us. And so, concerned as we are to preserve the life of our soul, we should be equally concerned, insofar as we can, not to deviate from his will.

Thus having made some progress in our spiritual exercise under the guidance of the Spirit who searches the deep things of God, let us reflect how sweet is the Lord and how good he is in himself; in the words of the prophet let us pray to see God's will; no longer shall we frequent our own hearts but his temple. At the same time we shall say: *My soul is humbled within me, therefore I shall be mindful of you.*

The whole of the spiritual life consists of these two elements. When we think of ourselves, we are perturbed and filled with a salutary sadness. And when we think of the Lord, we are revived to find consolation in the joy of the Holy Spirit. From the first we derive fear and humility, from the second hope and love.

-From a homily by St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot

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 September 9 to September 15, 2024

Plate	\$628.00
Envelopes	\$1940.00
Candles	\$67.05
Poor Box	\$148.00
Weddings	\$1000,00
Maintenance	\$160.00
Lighthouse	\$4.00
Mass Stipends	\$60.00



The Knights of Columbus

Are you looking to make a difference in your community, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships? The Knights of Columbus are calling you! The Knights of Columbus:

****Serves Others**:** Participation in charitable works that support those in need.

****Strengthen Faith**:** Deepening spiritual life through prayer, education, and service.

****Enjoy Brotherhood**:** Connection with like-minded men who share Catholic values with commitment to faith, family, and community.

Please contact Arthur Kovach at (816) 574-0900



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

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.



Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be Sunday, September 29th at 6pm in the parish hall**. The movie they will be watching is **Thérèse: The Story of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux**: The mesmerizing story of a young girl's romance with God. Her faith, trials, and sacrifices reveal a way of life based on love and simplicity. A contemplative film based on the true story of Saint Therese of Lisieux, the most popular saint of modern times. Based on true events.

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **October 3rd 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 September 14 & 15th**, 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.