

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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

From our Pastoral Associate:

In Today's Gospel we hear the parable of the laborers in the vineyard.

The parable tells how the owner of a vineyard goes out and hires laborers throughout the day to work in his vineyard. As they come in at the end of the day for their pay, the ones that worked the longest are annoyed to learn that they received the same pay as those that worked the least.

It's easy to sympathize with those that worked the longest, particularly in our modern economy set up on hourly work and just compensation for time. It's easy to take up their side in regard to the issue with the landowner as it's easy to imagine a scenario in which we work 10 hours and make \$200 and another works 1 hour but still makes \$200. How is this fair?

There are two main ways to understand this passage. The first is that Jesus is telling this parable in respect to the Jews, who had been living by the Torah (no small feat!) for centuries. It's easy to see how they may have considered themselves deserving of preferential treatment over and above all other nations. But Jesus' message is plain— there will be no preferential treatment. All people, Jews and Gentiles, will receive the same payment— the salvation won for us by Jesus— if they come to work in the vineyard. God's grace is a generous gift, and not one to be bound by the rules that we so often attach to rewards. We don't earn our salvation— so our rules regarding fair treatment do not apply here. It is simply a means of God's grace.

Similarly, we may be inclined to think that we who have been Christians since infancy deserve a greater payment than those that may convert on their deathbed. But again, this is not the case. We will all receive the same salvation. If anything, we should consider ourselves blessed. We are not any worse off for having lived a fully Catholic life; on the contrary, we were given the greatest gift— living in the truth in relationship with our God and Lord Jesus Christ for our whole lives. The only sorrow is not having known Jesus longer than we have and even that is amended by the gifts he gives us— "what God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Cor 2:9)



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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 24, 2023
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

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

MONDAY, September 25

TUESDAY, September 26— Sts. Cosmas and Damian

WEDNESDAY, September 27— St. Vincent de Paul

Noon † Maurice Carey

THURSDAY, September 28— St. Wenceslaus

Noon † Maurice Carey

FRIDAY, September 29— Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

SATURDAY, September 30—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, October 1— 26th 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

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

9/30 & 10/1	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 25th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Rev 12:7-12; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15; Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43-45
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

Parish Calendar of Events

- Sep 22-23— Church in Latin America Collection
- Sep 24— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- 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
- Dec 2— Parish Christmas Party at 5pm
- Dec 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Dec 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Dec 9-10— Religious Retirement Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Wenceslaus

St. Wenceslaus was born in 907 near Prague, the son of the Duke of Bohemia. His grandmother, St. Ludmila, raised Wenceslaus in the Christian Faith. Ludmila and her husband had been the first Bohemian rulers to become Christian, having been converted by the preaching and efforts of St. Methodius. Wenceslaus' father died when he was 13 and Ludmila was made regent along with his mother on behalf of Wenceslaus. His mother, Drohomira, despised her mother-in-law's influence in her son's life. Drohomira arranged to have Ludmila killed, and two noble strangled her with her own veil. She was canonized very quickly after her death. Drohomira, enraged by this, initiated measures against Christians. The Christian nobles rebelled against her enabled Wenceslaus, now turned 18, to assume the leadership of his government. His rule quickly became known for his generous support of the Church, unification of Bohemia, and peacemaking negotiations with Germany. He was well known for giving generous alms to the poor and widows. His policies created enemies and many anti-Christians nobles began to plot against him. Wenceslaus' brother, Boleslav soon joined them. He invited Wenceslaus to Mass on the feast of Sts. Cosmas and Damian in 935. On his way there, three of Boleslav's companions fell upon Wenceslaus and stabbed him to death. Boleslav ran him through with a lance. Wenceslaus was immediately hailed as a martyr and canonized soon after. Together with St. Ludmila, he is considered the patron of Bohemian (Czech) people.

Church in Latin America Collection

This 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. On March 15, 1971, Fr. Desiderius Frey, O.F.M., wrote to bishop Helmsing asking permission to tear down the school. The repairs needed to make the building functional were prohibitive to the parish. The basement of the rectory was of sufficient size to hold any gathering of the parish. The letter was signed by John J. Caoile, Clara hoedl, John G. Super, Margaret Kleinman, Mary Feh, Ella Larson, Edward H. Gumminger from the Parish Council and Robert J. Meunier, T. Bradley. Leona Meiners, Dorothy Kaserman, Maree Koenigbauer, and August Schranz from the Finance Committee. Permission was given on May 11, 1971. In 1973 the Sisters' Convent was torn down. Beginning in 1974 further negotiations with Hallmark were conducted regarding the sale or lease of parish property. In 1980 the Diocese and Hallmark agreed on the following: Hallmark would construct for the parish a two story building, with the upper floor to be used as a rectory and the bottom floor as a parish hall, and would install in the church a new heating and air conditioning system. In exchange Hallmark would acquire ownership of property to the north of the rectory and a permanent lease to property behind the church and rectory. The parish was allowed to share the use of the new parking area.

In 1981 the work of building and reshaping the terrain of the area began. The area designated for the parking lot had to be graded down 10 to 15 feet to bring it to the level of Hallmark's buildings on either side. In the late summer of 1981 the home of Ed Gumminger, the maintenance man for the parish, was torn down. The Gummingers had lived there since 1934.

Construction was begun on the rectory in May 1982. In the church the work was begun on the heating and cooling system. It would be completed in the fall. In the church the St. Anthony altar was replaced by a new entrance into the church.



The new rectory and parish hall.

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 11 to September 17, 2023

Plate.....\$1109.57

Envelopes.....\$1186.00

Prayer of the Week

The Stabat Mater Dolorosa (5th-8th lines)

Is there one who would not weep,
whelmed in miseries so deep
Christ's dear Mother to behold?

Can the human heart refrain
from partaking in her pain,
in that Mother's pain untold?

For the sins of His own nation
saw Him hang in desolation,
all with bloody scourges rent.

Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,
she beheld her tender child,
till His Spirit forth he sent.

Eucharistic Pilgrimage Passports

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is offering a Eucharistic Pilgrimage Passport that has different stops churches in our diocese. Our parish is on the list. A special prize will be given to any who complete the passport by May. You can find them in the back of the church.

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.

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 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 October 14-15**, 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.

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 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. 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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