

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastoral Associate:

Jesus speaks rather strongly today of the need to enter the Kingdom of God at all costs and to not prevent others from doing so. He tells us that if our eye causes us to sin, we should pluck it out and if our hand causes us to sin, to cut it off. It is important to note here that Jesus does not mean this literally, but as an illustration for how important the Kingdom of God should be to us. It should be sought after before all else, especially sin.

We are also reminded of what awaits us if we do not seek this kingdom "Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched." In Jesus' time, Gehenna was the place where, in ancient times, it had been a place of child sacrifice to the Ammonite god Moloch. The Israelites had taken this demonic place and turned it into a literal

garbage dump, where a fire was kept going day or night burning the trash of the Israelites. It became a symbol of divine justice and retribution for evil. Jesus used this place, very familiar and evocative to his listeners, to warn of the danger of hell. In our culture today, hell is treated often flippantly and with either a glorification or mockery. Yet Jesus did not find it a laughing matter. It is a very real consequence for our sins. It is essential to us as Christians to do our best in rooting out sin in our lives not so much to escape Hell, as to attain Heaven, where we will be united in the fullest sense possible with our Creator—the very reason that we were created. Hell is an eternity of never finding our existence fulfilled, which is torment and misery beyond our comprehension. Heaven is the very opposite.

So let's take this opportunity to take a hard look at our lives and examine where we may need to turn and repent. What things hold me back from my relationship with God? What prevents me from serving him? Is it an addiction to a device or a hobby that intrudes upon time that could be used for prayer? Is it an attachment to a relationship that causes me to sin? Are there things that prevent me from loving my neighbor? Do I harbor grudges toward anyone? Are there people I have refused to forgive? And finally we should seek ways to draw us closer to God. When was the last time I went to confession? What can I do to improve my prayer life? Can I get up 10 minutes earlier to have time to talk to God? Can I find extra time in my day to stop by a church to visit Jesus? Ultimately, we need to uproot our vices and anything standing in the way of our relationship with God.



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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 29, 2024
THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, September 28— 26th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, September 29— 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, September 30— St. Jerome

TUESDAY, October 1— St. Therese of the Child Jesus

WEDNESDAY, October 2— The Holy Guardian Angels

Noon Jennifer Rose & Family & Friends (Living and Deceased)

THURSDAY, October 3

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

FRIDAY, October 4— St. Francis of Assisi

SATURDAY, October 5— 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Donnie and Randi Lynn Hann & Family (living and deceased)

SUNDAY, October 6— 27th 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 if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

Liturgical Assignments

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

10/5 & 6	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 26th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10-15; Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14; Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
 Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

Parish Calendar of Events

- Sep 29— Catholic Movie Night (Thérèse) at 6pm
- Sep 30— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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 (Cabrini) 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
- Dec 5— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— St. Therese of Lisieux

Called “the greatest saint of modern times” by Pope St. Pius X, Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin was born in Alençon, France in 1873 to Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin. She was raised in a devout Catholic home with 4 other sisters. In 1877, her mother died of breast cancer. The family then moved to Lisieux and settled there. Therese, who had lost her mother early, adopted her sister Pauline as “mama.” Pauline educated her so well that when she went to school, she found herself ahead on most subjects, causing her to be bullied by the children there. When Pauline discerned a vocation to the religious life, Therese became sick of an unknown ailment. One day, while gazing at a statue of the Blessed Virgin, she perceived that Mary was smiling at her. All at once, she recovered from her sickness. Therese decided at the age of 14 that she was called to be a Carmelite and sought to enter. Rather than try to discourage her, her father sought to help her enter. She entered the convent at the age of 15. All her other sisters had also joined the convent. She was given the name Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus. She grew deeply in her relationship with Jesus in the convent. Most famously she found her vocation in the Body of Christ to be that of the heart— to love all. This she called her “Little Way” to heaven. This was accomplished by performing little deeds of love for others. Therese eventually grew sick with tuberculosis, which she endured patiently and without complaint. She died in 1897 at the age of 24. She was so little understood by her sisters that one complained that there would be very little to put in her death notice. Nevertheless, her diary that she wrote at the bequest of her sister, who was the superior of the convent at that time began to be shared far and wide. She was canonized in 1925. In 1997, St. John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church. Her parents have also been canonized.

For Your Reflection

My heart thrills at the thought of the frightful tortures Christians are to suffer at the time of Anti-Christ, and I long to undergo them all. Open, O Jesus, the Book of Life, in which are written the deeds of Thy Saints: all the deeds told in that book I long to have accomplished for Thee. To such folly as this what answer wilt Thou make? Is there on the face of this earth a soul more feeble than mine? And yet, precisely because I am feeble, it has delighted Thee to accede to my least and most child-like desires, and today it is Thy good pleasure to realize those other desires, more vast than the Universe. These aspirations becoming a true martyrdom, I opened, one day, the Epistles of St. Paul to seek relief in my sufferings. My eyes fell on the 12th and 13th chapters of the First Epistle to the Corinthians. I read that all cannot become Apostles, Prophets, and Doctors; that the Church is composed of different members; that the eye cannot also be the hand. The answer was clear, but it did not fulfill my desires, or give to me the peace I sought. “Then descending into the depths of my nothingness, I was so lifted up that I reached my aim.” Without being discouraged I read on, and found comfort in this counsel: “Be zealous for the better gifts. And I show unto you a yet more excellent way.” The Apostle then explains how all perfect gifts are nothing without Love, that Charity is the most excellent way of going surely to God. At last I had found rest. Meditating on the mystical Body of Holy Church, I could not recognize myself among any of its members as described by St. Paul, or was it not rather that I wished to recognize myself in all? Charity provided me with the key to my vocation. I understood that since the Church is a body composed of different members, the noblest and most important of all the organs would not be wanting. I knew that the Church has a heart, that this heart burns with love, and that it is love alone which gives life to its members. I knew that if this love were extinguished, the Apostles would no longer preach the Gospel, and the Martyrs would refuse to shed their blood. I understood that love embraces all vocations, that it is all things, and that it reaches out through all the ages, and to the uttermost limits of the earth, because it is eternal. Then, beside myself with joy, I cried out: “O Jesus, my Love, at last I have found my vocation. My vocation is love! Yes, I have found my place in the bosom of the Church, and this place, O my God, Thou hast Thyself given to me: in the heart of the Church, my Mother, I will be LOVE! . . . Thus I shall be all things: thus will my dream be realized. . . .”

-From the Story of a Soul by St. Therese of Lisieux

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 16 to September 22, 2024

Plate	\$379.00
Envelopes	\$2511.00
Candles	\$83.50
Poor Box	\$42.00
Weddings	\$1000.00
Lighthouse	\$3.00
Other	\$300.00

Legion of Mary Special Gathering

The Legion of Mary will be celebrating Mary's birthday this Sunday, September 29th at 5pm with a party in the parish hall. A meal will be provided. After the meal, the group will watch a movie on St. Therese (see ad for the Catholic Movie Night).

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 we 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.