

# 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 Pastor:

Dear Friends and parishioners,  
Today, we witness a beautiful miracle in the healing of a man who was born deaf and had a speech impediment. As with any miracle in the Gospel, we can approach it from two levels.

The first level is the physical healing itself. We meet a man who could not hear but now, through Christ, can both hear and speak. Imagine the isolation he must have felt, trapped in a world where he could not express his thoughts or emotions. The frustration of being misunderstood, the inability to enjoy the sounds of life—like music or the voices of loved ones—must have been overwhelming. His deafness isolated him from fully experiencing life.

But beyond the physical healing lies something even more profound; the danger of spiritual deafness. St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans, "Faith comes through hearing." To grow in our faith, we must be listeners of the Word of God. It is through this connection with God's Word that we find fullness of life.

The deafness of this man symbolizes our own struggles in responding to God's Word. When we become spiritually deaf, our lives turn inward, becoming self-centered. We lose touch with God's guiding voice, and our lives lose purpose and direction. Eventually, this leads to a loss of faith itself.

However, in today's noisy culture, it's difficult to hear God's voice. With so many distractions—constant earphones, endless notifications, and loud environments—we struggle even to hear our own thoughts, let alone God's Word. This addiction to noise leaves many people ignorant of Christ and disconnected from their faith, leading to disorientation in their lives.

Someone once compared faith to a keynote in a beautiful piece of music. Even a great composition, like those of Beethoven, would be reduced to noise if we are not attuned to hear it. The problem isn't the music—it's our ability to appreciate it. Similarly, the Word of God aligns our lives with true happiness and joy, which is found in God Himself.



## Parish Office

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of the stairs.

## 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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024  
THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, September 7- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, September 8— 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00am † Marylin Dicks

**MONDAY, September 9— St. Peter Claver**

**TUESDAY, September 10**

**WEDNESDAY, September 11**

Noon

**THURSDAY, September 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary**  
Noon Donny and Randi Lynn Hann (living and deceased)

**FRIDAY, September 13**

**SATURDAY, September 14- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm Jennifer Rose & family, friends (living and deceased)

**SUNDAY, September 15— 24th 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.

# Liturgical Assignments

9/7 & 8	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

9/14 & 15	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 23rd Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38  
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49  
 Sunday: Is 50:5-9; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Sep 9— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Sep 14— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 14-15— Social Ministry Collection After Mass
- Sep 14— Founder's Day after 4pm Mass.
- Sep 15— Church in Latin America Collection
- Sep 17—Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Sep 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- 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 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 10— Catholic Movie Night (Cabrini) at 6pm
- Nov 16— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 16— Wedding at 6pm
- Nov 23— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Simon of Cyrene

Saint Simon of Cyrene, also known as Simon the Cyrenian, was a significant figure in the early Christian community during the first century. He is widely recognized for his remarkable act of assisting Jesus Christ in carrying the cross on the way to Calvary. Born in Cyrene, a city located in present-day Libya, Simon was a devout Jew who had traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Simon was compelled by Roman authorities to help Jesus carry the heavy cross upon which he would be crucified. This momentous act of service and sacrifice not only demonstrated Simon's compassion but also symbolized the shared burden of suffering that Christ bore for all humanity. It is believed that this experience deeply affected Simon and led him to become a devoted follower of Jesus. After witnessing the crucifixion and the subsequent resurrection of Christ, Simon embraced his new faith wholeheartedly. He became an ardent disciple and, according to some accounts, accompanied Peter and other apostles in their evangelical missions. Simon's zealous commitment and dedication to spreading the teachings of Jesus made him an indispensable figure in the early Christian community. Simon's apostolic journey eventually led him to France, where he became a pioneering missionary. He settled in Avignon, becoming the region's first bishop. Simon's tireless efforts in proclaiming the Gospel and establishing the foundations of the Christian faith made a lasting impact on the people of Avignon and the surrounding areas. Unfortunately, his commitment to the Christian cause ultimately led to his martyrdom. In the year 100, Simon was crucified, joining the ranks of countless martyrs who sacrificed their lives for their beliefs. Throughout history, Saint Simon of Cyrene has been venerated as a symbol of selflessness and sacrifice. While he is not associated with a specific patronage, many view Simon as a powerful intercessor in times of hardship and struggle.

## For Your Reflection

The Lord then goes on to say: *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.* This hunger is not for any bodily food, this thirst is not for any earthly drink: it is a longing to be blessed with righteousness, and, by penetrating the secret of all mysteries, to be filled with the Lord himself. Happy is the soul that longs for the food of righteousness and thirsts for this kind of drink; it would not seek such things if it had not already savored their delight. When the soul hears the voice of the Spirit saying to it through the prophet: *Taste and see that the Lord is good,* it has already received a portion of God's goodness, and is on fire with love, the love that gives joy of the utmost purity. It counts as nothing all that belongs to time; it is entirely consumed with desire to eat and drink the food of righteousness. The soul lays hold of the true meaning of the first and great commandment: *You shall love the Lord God with your whole heart, and your whole mind and your whole strength,* for to love God is nothing else than to love righteousness. Finally, just as concern for one's neighbor is added to love of God, so the virtue of mercy is added to the desire for righteousness, as it is said: *Blessed are the merciful, for God will be merciful to them.* Remember, Christian, the surpassing worth of the wisdom that is yours. Bear in mind the kind of school in which you are to learn your skills, the rewards to which you are called. Mercy itself wishes you to be merciful, righteousness itself wishes you to be righteous, so that the Creator may shine forth in his creature, and the image of God be reflected in the mirror of the human heart as it imitates his qualities. The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours for ever.

Since it is by giving alms that everything is pure for you, you will also receive that blessing which is promised next by the Lord: *Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.* Dear friends, great is the happiness of those for whom such a reward is prepared. Who are the clean of heart if not those who strive for those virtues we have mentioned above? What mind can conceive, what words can express the great happiness of seeing God? Yet human nature will achieve this when it has been transformed so that it sees the Godhead *no longer in a mirror or obscurely but face to face*—the Godhead that no man has been able to see. In the inexpressible joy of this eternal vision, human nature will possess what eye has not seen or ear heard, what man's heart has never conceived.

*-From a Sermon on the Beatitudes by Pope St. Leo the Great*

## 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 August 26 to September 1, 2024

Plate	\$429.00
Envelopes	\$1446.00
Maintenance	\$570.00
Candles	\$78.30
Poor Box	\$70.00
Weddings	\$3990.00
Lighthouse	\$10.00

## Annual Parish Picnic

We will be celebrating our parish's feast day with our annual parish picnic on **Saturday, September 14 after the 4pm Mass**. Meat will be provided. If you are able, please bring a side dish to share. If you are not able, please come anyway. This is a great time to grow as a parish and get to know those around us. Visitors are welcome too! Sign ups are on the tables by the entrances to the church.

## 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](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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).