

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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## From Our Pastor:

### “Behold the Lamb of God”: What Are We Really Saying?

Every Sunday at Mass we hear the priest lift the consecrated Host and echo the words of John the Baptist: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” Perhaps we repeat those words so often that we forget how revolutionary they are. In this Sunday’s Gospel (John 1:29), John points at Jesus and announces a truth that will shape the entire Christian faith: Jesus is the Lamb of God, and His mission is to take away sin.

To understand this title, we have to travel back in Scripture. For the Jewish people, the lamb was not just an animal — it was a symbol loaded with meaning. Three images stand out:

#### 1. The Passover Lamb

In the book of Exodus, God commanded the Israelites to sacrifice a lamb without blemish and mark their doorposts with its blood. The blood of that lamb saved them from death and opened their path to freedom. When John calls Jesus the Lamb of God, he is proclaiming that Jesus is the new Passover Lamb—whose blood saves not from physical death or political slavery, but from **spiritual death and the slavery of sin.**

#### 2. The Sacrificial Lamb of the Temple

Every day in the Temple, lambs were offered to atone for sin. They were innocent victims offered on behalf of the guilty. Jesus fulfills and surpasses these sacrifices. There is no longer need for daily offerings because Christ, the true Lamb, offers Himself once and for all. The blood of animals covered sin; the

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### 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

Adoration 11:00am

Confession 11:30 am

Mass Noon

### Baptism and Marriage

Call for information or email  
bgeist@oloskc.org

JANUARY 18, 2026  
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, January 17— The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, January 18— The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, January 19**

**TUESDAY, January 20— St. Fabian, St. Sebastian**

**WEDNESDAY, January 21— St. Agnes**

Noon † The deceased family and friends of Thomas Mulhern

**THURSDAY, January 22— Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

Noon

**FRIDAY, January 23— St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope**

**SATURDAY, January 24— The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Anna A Nachtigall

**SUNDAY, January 25— The 3rd 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

1/17 & 18	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

1/24 & 25	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23;  
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;  
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10;  
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;  
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7;  
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Jan 18— Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Jan 19— Legion of Mary at 4pm (Every Monday)
- Jan 20— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Jan 31— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Feb 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Feb 5— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Feb 7— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Feb 17— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Feb 14-15— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Feb 18— Ash Wednesday Mass at Noon.
- Feb 19— Wedding at 5pm
- Feb 22— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
- Mar 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 5— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Mar 7— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Mar 14-15— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Mar 14— Wedding at 6pm
- Mar 17— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Mar 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Mar 29— Palm Sunday
- Apr 3— Holy Land Collection
- Apr 4— Church Cleaning and decoration at 9am
- Apr 5— Easter Sunday
- Apr 9— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Apr 11— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 11-12— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Apr 24— Wedding at 3:00pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Agnes

St. Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a wealthy Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful; her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high ranking men chasing after her. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death! Whenever a man wished to marry Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse." According to legend, the young men she turned away became so angry and insulted by her devotion to God and purity that they began to submit her name to authorities as a Christian follower. In one incident, Procop, the Governor's son, became very angry when she refused him. He tried to win her for his wife with rich gifts and promises, but she refused him as before. In great anger, Procop accused her of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but her lovely face shone with joy. Next he sent her to a place of sin, but an Angel protected her. At last, she was condemned to death. Even the pagans cried to see such a young and beautiful girl going to death. Yet, Agnes was as happy as a bride on her wedding day. She did not pay attention to those who begged her to save herself. "I would offend my Spouse," she said, "if I were to try to please you. He chose me first and He shall have me!" Then she prayed and bowed her head for the death-stroke of the sword. St. Agnes is honored as one of the women mentioned in the first Eucharistic prayer known as the Roman Canon.

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blood of Jesus **removes** it.

### 3. The Suffering Servant

The prophet Isaiah describes a servant who suffers for the sins of the people, "led like a lamb to the slaughter" (Isaiah 53:7). When John calls Jesus the Lamb, he declares that this prophecy is now being fulfilled. Jesus is the servant who carries our iniquities so that we may be healed.

When we put these threads together, we discover that calling Jesus the Lamb of God is not soft or poetic language — it is a bold proclamation of His identity and mission. To say "*Behold the Lamb of God*" means:

- Behold the One whose sacrifice saves
- Behold the One who stands in our place
- Behold the One whose blood brings freedom

Behold the One who conquers sin by love

And then John adds the mission statement of Jesus: "*who takes away the sin of the world.*" Notice the phrase **takes away**, not just "forgives," "reduces," or "ignores." Jesus removes sin at its root. He breaks its power and offers a way back to the Father.

This is why we repeat John's words before receiving Communion. We are not remembering history — we are recognizing a mystery: the same Lamb of God who stood by the Jordan stands on our altar. The same Lamb who died on Calvary now feeds His people. The same Lamb who takes away the sin of the world wants to take away **our** sin — not only globally, but personally. So when we hear "*Behold the Lamb of God*" next Sunday, may we pause, lift the eyes of our heart, and truly behold the One who loves us enough to save us, heal us, and set us free.

## Catholic Home Missions Appeal

This weekend we will have a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which goes to support the missionary efforts of dioceses with limited resources in our country. Please be as generous as you are able.

## Office of Child & Youth Protection—Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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.

If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, [ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org) 816-213-6024 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, at 816-714-2357 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From Jan 5, 2026 to Jan 11, 2026

Plate	\$503.15
Envelopes	\$1205.00
Home Missions Appeal	\$25.00
Candles	\$35.50
Poor Box	\$90.00
Weddings	\$2995.00
Maintenance	\$400.00
Lighthouse	\$15.00
Online	\$374.35



### A Special Thank You

We want to extend a special thank you to all those that helped clean and remove decorations in the church this last Sunday. Thank you for keeping our church beautiful, bright, and clean for the worship of our Blessed Lord!

### The Legion of Mary

Under the patronage and care of the Mother of God, the Legion of Mary is formed to serve both the spiritual growth of her members and in commitment of work and service to the Church.

The Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium meets every **Monday at 4pm in the parish hall except for the last Monday of the month, when we meet at St. Monica's at the same time.** This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica's, our sister parish.



## Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Nolan Davidson, Jay Keen, Jim Tabor

### A Note From The Editor

Announcements and changes for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office in writing no later than Wednesday by Noon. Please indicate which dates you would like the notice to run. Please mail the information to the office or email Brad at the office at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

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### The Knights of Columbus

Are you interested in strengthening your bonds as a family, deepening your faith in the Catholic Church, and working with like-minded men to help support your church and community? If so, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus.

**FREE MEMBERSHIP:** Join the Knights of Columbus between now and June 30th, 2026, and your first year of membership will be FREE! Use code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) To join the Knights use the link above or contact John Pileggi at [jgapileggi@gmail.com](mailto:jgapileggi@gmail.com)



### Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **February 5th at 7pm** and we normally meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month.

We will study the Book of Genesis, the first and one of the most important books of the Bible. Please email Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for updates and details.



### 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.

### Social Outreach Ministry

The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of perishable and non-perishable food, toiletries, unopened 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 February 14th and 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).