

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

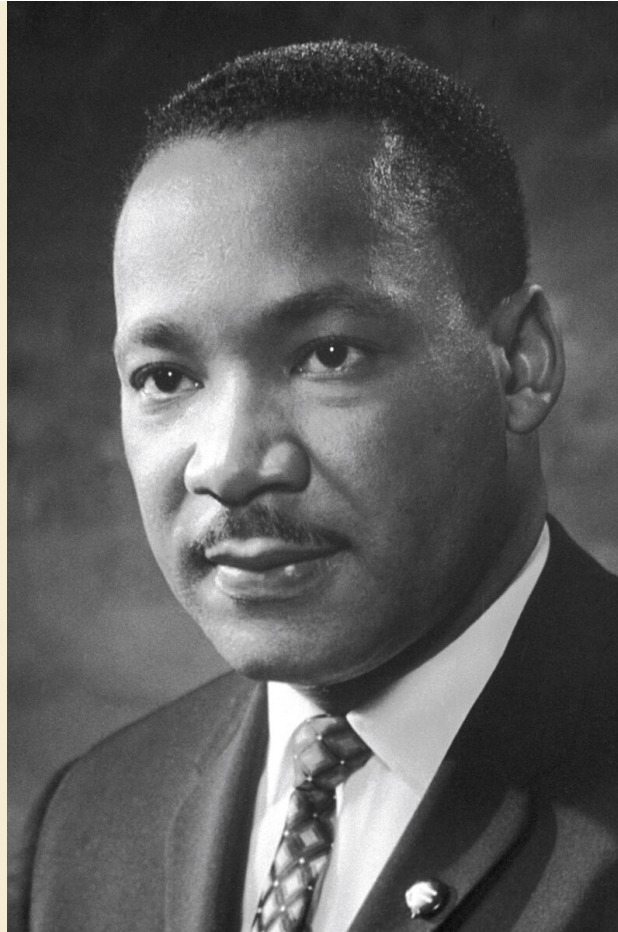
## From our Pastor:

### Call for Justice: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

As we reflect on the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. this weekend, we are reminded of the powerful words of the Prophet Isaiah from our first reading: *"For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch"* (Isaiah 62:1). These words capture the spirit of determination and hope that defined Dr. King's mission to combat injustice and inequality in our society. Like Isaiah, Dr. King could not remain silent in the face of suffering and oppression. He recognized the urgency of the call to justice and dedicated his life to ensuring that the dignity of all people would shine forth like the dawn.

Dr. King's journey was one of faith and courage. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ and inspired by the biblical prophets, he believed in the power of love and nonviolence as tools for transformation. He challenged the systemic injustices of racism, poverty, and militarism, advocating for a society where every person—regardless of race, color, or creed—could live in freedom and equality. He famously declared, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." This conviction mirrors Isaiah's unyielding proclamation that he would not be silent until the vindication of Jerusalem was realized. Dr. King's leadership in the Civil Rights Movement illuminated the darkness of segregation and discrimination. Through marches, boycotts, and speeches, he gave a voice to the voiceless and empowered a generation to believe in the possibility of change. The Montgomery Bus Boycott, the March on Washington, and the Selma to Montgomery marches were not merely political actions; they were acts of faith. They were moments when a community united to say, "We will not be quiet." These efforts bore witness to the burning torch of justice that Isaiah envisioned, illuminating the path toward a more equitable future.

Dr. King's dream, articulated so eloquently in his "I Have a Dream" speech, was deeply



## Parish Office

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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

JANUARY 19, 2025  
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, January 18— 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, January 19— 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

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

**TUESDAY, January 21—St. Agnes**

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

Noon

**THURSDAY, January 23—St. Vincent**

Noon †Anna A Nachtigall

**FRIDAY, January 24— St. Francis de Sales**

**SATURDAY, January 25— 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Regina Garcia Foster, Joseph, Ronald I Garcia

**SUNDAY, January 26— 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

1/18 & 19	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

1/25 & 26	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4, Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9-10; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19;

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18

Sunday: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Jan 19—Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Jan 20— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Jan 21—Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Feb 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Feb 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Feb 7— Wedding at 5:00pm
- Feb 8-9— Social Ministry Collection
- Feb 18— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Mar 5— Ash Wednesday at Noon
- Mar 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Mar 9— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
- Mar 15—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Mar 18— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Mar 30— Catholic Relief Service Collection
- Apr 3— Bible Study at 7pm
- Apr 13— Palm Sunday
- Apr 15— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Apr 18— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Apr 20— Easter
- Apr 25— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 2— Bible Study at 7pm
- May 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 3— Wedding at 6pm
- May 9— Wedding at 4:30pm
- May 17— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 17— Wedding at 6pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Marianne Cope

On January 23, 1838, a daughter was born to Peter and Barbara Cope of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. The girl was named after her mother. Two years later the Cope family emigrated to the United States and settled in Utica, New York. Young Barbara worked in a factory until August 1862, when she went to the Sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis in Syracuse, New York. After profession in November of the next year, she began teaching at Assumption parish school. Marianne held the post of superior in several places and was twice the novice mistress of her congregation. A natural leader, three different times she was superior of St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, where she learned much. Two years later, the Hawaiian government was searching for someone to run the Kakaako Receiving Station for people suspected of having leprosy. On October 22, 1883, Mother Marianne and six other sisters left for Hawaii where they took charge of the Kakaako Receiving Station outside Honolulu; on the island of Maui they also opened a hospital and a school for girls. In 1888, Mother Marianne and two sisters went to Molokai to open a home for "unprotected women and girls" there. The Hawaiian government was quite hesitant to send women for this difficult assignment; but they need not have worried. On Molokai she took charge of the home that Saint Damien de Veuster had established for men and boys. Mother Marianne changed life on Molokai by introducing cleanliness, pride, and fun to the colony. Bright scarves and pretty dresses for the women were part of her approach. Awarded the Royal Order of Kapiolani by the Hawaiian government and celebrated in a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson, Mother Marianne continued her work faithfully. Her sisters have attracted vocations among the Hawaiian people and still work on Molokai. Mother Marianne died on August 9, 1918, was beatified in 2005, and canonized seven years later.

rooted in the biblical vision of a just and peaceful world. He envisioned a day when "justice would roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream" (Amos 5:24). This dream was not merely aspirational; it was a call to action. It was a challenge to each of us to examine our own lives and to work tirelessly for a world where everyone's vindication shines forth.

The struggles Dr. King faced were immense. He endured threats, imprisonment, and ultimately paid the ultimate price for his commitment to justice. Yet, his legacy endures as a testament to the power of faith and perseverance. His life reminds us that the pursuit of justice is not easy, but it is necessary. Isaiah's prophecy assures us that vindication will come, even if the journey is long and arduous.

As we honor Dr. King's memory, we are called to reflect on our own commitment to justice. What are the injustices in our world that cry out for our attention? Where are the voices that need amplification, and how can we, like Isaiah and Dr. King, refuse to be silent? Whether it is addressing racial inequality, advocating for the poor, or standing up for the marginalized, we are invited to carry forward the torch of justice that Dr. King so valiantly held.

This weekend, let us recommit ourselves to the work of building God's kingdom here on earth. Let us be inspired by Isaiah's words and Dr. King's example to speak out against injustice and to act with love and courage. May we, too, shine as a light in the darkness, proclaiming that the vindication of all God's children will shine forth like the dawn and their victory like a burning torch.

## Prayer of the Week

### A Prayer for the Unborn

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life. Dispel their fear and give them true and selfless womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen

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## 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 at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org)

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From January 6, 2024 to January 12, 2025

Plate	\$426.00
Envelopes	\$2076.00
Candles	\$56.50
Poor Box	\$60.42
Maintenance	\$125.00
Weddings	\$1000.00
Mass Stipend	\$100.00

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in our White Christmas party! A special thank you to Teocali for the delicious meals, Rita and her team for beautifully decorating the hall, and Victoria for leading us in caroling. Your support and joyful presence made the event truly special. Wishing you all a blessed New Year!

-Fr. Leonard

## 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.



## 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, Jay Keen

## 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 email Brad at the office at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

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## 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

## Catholic Home Missions Appeal

There will be a second collection during Mass on January 18th and 19th for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal which helps to pay for mission dioceses in the United States that cannot afford to provide their people with their pastoral needs without financial help. Please be as generous as you are able.

## Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **February 6th 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 walk through Jesus' passion, beginning with his arrest and trials. You do not want to miss this session! 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 today, January 11 and 12th**, 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).