

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From Our Pastor: When God Interrupts Our Plans

This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 4:12–23) begins in a moment of disruption. "When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee." John's imprisonment marks the end of one chapter in salvation history and the beginning of another. The hinge between those chapters is not peaceful—it is an interruption.



From that disruption, everything unfolds at once: prophecy is fulfilled, light dawns in dark places, and a mission begins. Jesus does not wait for better timing; He does not delay until Nazareth becomes more receptive or Galilee more safe. He moves. He preaches. He calls. He heals. The kingdom advances through interruption.

Most of us do not like interruptions—especially from God. We prefer faith that fits our calendar, discipleship that doesn't disturb our routines, and conversion that doesn't ask too much. But the Gospel refuses to cooperate with our desire for comfort. There is nothing "orderly" about the arrival of the Light of the World in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali. Isaiah calls it a place of "darkness" and "death's shadow"—and yet, that is precisely where God shines light. But notice how the first disciples experience this same pattern. Peter and Andrew were not in the synagogue praying for a vocation—they were working. James and John were not on a retreat—they were repairing nets with their father. No one filled out a discernment packet, scheduled a spiritual director, or waited for conditions to improve. Jesus walks into their ordinary labor and interrupts it: "Come after me." The call is abrupt. The response is immediate. The change is total.

And here lies the challenge: the kingdom of God rarely waits for us to "be ready." Many Catholics say they will serve when life calms down, volunteer (continued on page 3)

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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 25, 2026
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, January 26— Sts. Timothy and Titus

TUESDAY, January 27— St. Angela Merici

WEDNESDAY, January 28— St. Thomas Aquinas

Noon † Theresa Ann Sandhoefner

THURSDAY, January 29

Noon

FRIDAY, January 30

SATURDAY, January 31— The 4th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

4:00pm Those married at Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, February 1— The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Liturgical Assignments

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

1/31 & 2/1	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: 2 Tim 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10; Mk 3:22-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-10, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
 Sunday: Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

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@olosc.org if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

Parish Calendar of Events

- Jan 26— Legion of Mary at 4pm (Every Monday)
- 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
- Apr 25— Wedding at 6:00pm
- May 2— Church Cleaning at 9am

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Angela Merici

Born in Desenzano, Italy in 1474, Saint Angela Merici was orphaned in her teens. As a young woman with her heart centered on Christ, Angela joined the Third Order of St. Francis and embraced austerity. In a visionary experience, she felt called to found a “company” of women. Angela was invited to become a live-in companion for a widow in the nearby town of Brescia. There she became the spiritual advisor of a group of men and women with ideals of spiritual renewal and service to those in need. While on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1524, Angela was struck with blindness. She proceeded to visit the sacred shrines, seeing them with her spirit. On the way back while praying before a crucifix, Angela’s sight was restored. At age 60, Angela and 12 other women began the Company of St. Ursula, named for a patroness of medieval universities and venerated as a leader of women. This constituted a new way of life: single women consecrated to Christ and living in the world rather than in a monastery. With Angela as their “mother and mistress,” Company members did not live in community, wore no special clothing, and made no formal vows. Angela Merici died in Brescia, Italy, in 1540. Clothed in the habit of a Franciscan tertiary, her body was interred in Brescia’s Church of Saint’ Afra. Four years later the Company’s Rule that Angela had composed, prescribing the practices of chastity, poverty and obedience, was approved by the pope. In the early 1600s, Companies that had expanded into France were re-organized into the religious Order of St. Ursula (known as the Ursulines), to teach girls. Angela Merici was canonized by Pope Pius VII in 1807.

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when they retire, engage in ministries when the kids get older, pray when they have more time, reconcile when the wounds feel less raw, or evangelize when society is less intimidating. But Jesus enters precisely into the chaos, fatigue, and fish-nets of daily life and says, “Follow Me now.”

And what follows is breathtaking: “He went around all of Galilee... curing every disease and illness among the people.” The Light does not merely reveal what is broken—it heals what is broken. The same Christ who interrupts their plans interrupts the world’s wounds. So here are the questions today’s Gospel quietly presses upon us:

- Where is God interrupting my plans right now?
 - What “nets” am I clinging to for security?
 - What excuses have I baptized as prudence?
- Who around me is waiting for the light I refuse to carry?

Many of us want God’s comfort without His call, His mercy without His mission, His healing without His disruption. But discipleship always begins when Jesus steps into our ordinary world and says, “Come after Me.” The only difference between saints and spectators is that saints drop their nets.

This weekend, ask for the grace not merely to admire the Gospel, but to allow it to interrupt you. For in every divine interruption, the kingdom draws near.

Prayer of the Week

A Prayer for Bishops, Priests, and Deacons

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed, mercifully hear our humble supplications for all bishops, priests and deacons; that by the gift of your grace, all, in their various appointments, may faithfully serve you and have the strength to be firm witnesses of the Gospel to the world. Amen.

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 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 for more information.

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From Jan 12, 2026 to Jan 18, 2026

Plate	\$250.00
Envelopes	\$1546.00
Home Missions Appeal	\$370.00
Candles	\$32.75
Poor Box	\$20.00
Weddings	\$1000.00
Mass Stipend	\$10.00
Online	\$474.35

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 To join the Knights use the link above or contact John Pileggi at jgapileggi@gmail.com



New Holy Hour

We have begun a new Holy Hour on Wednesdays before the noon Mass (begins at 11am) to help pray for vocations. We invite our parishioners to come to this Holy Hour and spend time with Our Lord and ask him to send laborers for the harvest.

Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumming, 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.

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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.



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 for updates and details.



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.

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.