

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:

Giving Comes Before Receiving: A Lesson in Faith and Abundance

The story of Elijah and the widow at Zarephath offers a profound lesson on faith and generosity. It presents us with the incredible truth that giving, even in our own need, opens the door to God's abundant blessings. At a time when resources were scarce, God called a struggling widow to a remarkable act of faith—one that would ultimately save her life and that of her son.

Imagine her plight. The widow was at the brink of despair, with only a handful of flour and a little oil remaining. She had resolved to use her last resources to prepare a final meal before facing the certainty of starvation. But in this moment of crisis, Elijah appeared and made a seemingly unreasonable request: he asked her to share her last bit of food with him. Her willingness to give, even as she faced dire need, became the key to her own blessing. When she took that leap of faith, the miracle occurred—the flour and oil never ran out, sustaining her household through the famine.

This powerful story reminds us that giving often requires trust. God doesn't ask us to give because He needs our resources; instead, He calls us to give because of what it will do within us. By offering what we have, we acknowledge our dependence on God's provision and make space for His grace in our lives. The widow's generosity, rooted in trust, unlocked a season of divine abundance. Her simple act of sharing became a channel for God's miraculous intervention.

Giving transforms us. When we open our hands to offer what little we may have, we are stepping into a relationship of trust with God. Generosity is a powerful expression of faith, an act that aligns our hearts with God's own giving nature. In the widow's story, we see that her willingness to help Elijah before securing her own needs was the very act that allowed God's blessing to flow into her life.

Just as the widow trusted Elijah's word, we are invited to trust God's promises. We may face our own "famines"—times of uncertainty, scarcity, or fear—yet God calls us to give generously and courageously, trusting that He will meet our needs. This kind of faith-filled giving deepens our relationship with Him, strengthens our character, and expands our capacity to receive His blessings.

As we reflect on the widow's story, let us ask ourselves: How is God inviting us to give, even when it feels like we have little? Where can we make room for His miracles by offering what we have, trusting in His provision?

In our acts of generosity, we discover that God's resources are limitless. The act of giving, rooted in faith, opens our lives to the abundance that God desires for us. As we give, we grow. And in our growth, we bear witness to the truth that with God, we will never run empty.

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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

NOVEMBER 10, 2024
THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, Nov 9— 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Wanda Mae Coffman

SUNDAY, Nov 10— 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, Nov 11— St. Martin of Tours

TUESDAY, November 12—St. Josaphat

WEDNESDAY, November 13— St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Noon † Anthony Martinez and Holy Souls

THURSDAY, November 14

Noon Donny and Randi Lynn, Jennifer Rose
Family & Friends (Living and Deceased)
and Holy Souls

FRIDAY, November 15—St. Albert the Great

SATURDAY, Nov 16— 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, Nov 17— 33rd 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

11/9 & 10	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

11/16 & 17	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 32nd Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29;
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18;
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18;
Mk 13:24-32

Parish Calendar of Events

- Nov 9-10— Social Ministry Collection
- Nov 10— Catholic Movie Night (Cabrini) at 5pm
- Nov 11— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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
- Dec 8— Religious Retirement Collection
- Dec 14-15— Social Ministry Collection
- Dec 17—Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Dec 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Dec 25— Christmas Masses (To Be Announced)
- Dec 28— Wedding 1:30pm
- Jan 1— Mary, Mother of God (To Be Announced)
- Jan 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jan 9— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jan 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- Jan 19—Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- 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 8-9— Social Ministry Collection
- Feb 18— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- March 5— Ash Wednesday at Noon

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— St. Frances Cabrini

Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first United States citizen to be canonized. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be a valiant woman doing the work of Christ. Refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher, she began charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit. When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named Frances prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Seven young women from the orphanage joined her. Since her early childhood in Italy, Frances had wanted to be a missionary in China but, at the urging of Pope Leo XIII, Frances went west instead of east. She traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there. She found disappointment and difficulties with every step. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. The archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, departed from the archbishop's residence all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she did. In 35 years, Frances Xavier Cabrini founded 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated and the sick. Seeing great need among Italian immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes. Despite a lingering childhood fear of water, she traveled across the Atlantic Ocean more than 30 times. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago in 1917.

Military Archdiocese Collection

This weekend there will be a second collection for our country's Military Archdiocese. This collection goes to supporting the spiritual needs of our military both at home and abroad. Please be as generous as you are able.

Why Do We Do That in the Mass?

What is the Collect?

After the Gloria or, on days when the Gloria is not said, after the penitential rite, the priest prays the Collect (pronounced kaw-lekt) The Collect is also known as the opening prayer. The priest invites the congregation with the words "Let us pray." This is not merely an indication for the server to bring the missal, but is an invitation for us, who have become aware of the presence of God in our midst through the previous parts of the Mass, to call to mind the intentions that we bring to Mass. We should always attempt to bring an intention to Mass with us— whether it be for our family, for someone we know, for your job, or another thing close to your heart. We lay that bare to God in the time of silence following the words "Let us pray."

The priest then "collects" these intentions together in a single prayer from the Missal for that special Mass. All Sunday Masses have their own special collect which typically has five parts: 1) invocation or address of God; 2) acknowledgment or description of God; 3) petition or request; 4) aspiration or desired result; and 5) conclusion or doxology. For instance, the collect for this Sunday says

*Almighty and merciful God,
Graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.*

In this collect, the parts break down like this:

- 1) Almighty and merciful God
- 2) The keeper of all good things
- 3) Keep us all from adversity
- 4) We may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.
- 5) Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

The collect gives us the opportunity to take the things that are dearest to us, and offer them up to God in the context of the Mass.

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 October 28 to November 3, 2024

Plate	\$582.00
Envelopes	\$3661.00
Candles	\$70.95
Poor Box	\$156.00
Maintenance	\$585.00
Weddings	\$1995.00
All Saints/All Souls	\$511.00
Military Archdiocese	\$20.00

Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2024-2025 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports over 30 ministries and the people they serve to provide spiritual, educational, and social needs in our Diocese. This is an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no one parish could provide on its own. You will receive an invitation from Bishop Johnston inviting you to participate. Our goal is 100% participation. No gift is too small. Please join the effort.

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, 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.

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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, November 10th at 5pm in the parish hall**. The movie we will be watching is **Cabrini (2024)**: *After witnessing disease and poverty in the slums of New York, Italian immigrant Mother Francesca Cabrini embarks on a daring journey to persuade the hostile mayor to provide housing and healthcare for hundreds of orphaned children.* Based on true events from the life of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini. This film is rated PG-13.

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **December 5th 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 Jesus' High Priestly Prayer to the Father after the Last Supper. 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 today, November 9th and 10th**, 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.