

# 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:

### The Joy of Priesthood

A while ago, a young man approached me and asked, "Father, can one be happy in life if they become a priest?" I answered him with another question, "Can one savor the deliciousness of a meal without tasting it?"

Every young person I have ever met desires happiness and fulfillment in the career path they choose in life. However, there is tremendous pressure from our culture that tells young people they cannot be happy unless they are married or make a lot of money. I believe this is why our society is somewhat obsessed with athletics.

Every parent dreams of their child becoming the next LeBron James, Patrick Mahomes, or Peyton Manning. But no amount of worldly fame or Nike endorsements can compare to the happiness that comes from a life lived for God.

The most joyful people I have ever met are those who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Those who commit their lives to service have found the secret to the joy and fulfillment that we all long for. It is no coincidence that our culture, which in many ways is self-centered and self-absorbed, is also experiencing the highest levels of depression in our nation's history.

I believe it is the duty of every Catholic young man or woman to ask in prayer, "God, are you calling me to the priesthood or religious life?" Likewise, every parent should pray, "God, are you calling my son or daughter to be a priest or to join religious life? What can I do to help them hear Your voice and respond to Your call?"

As a parish community, we can take two important steps:

**Pray for an Increase in Vocations** We can pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In our diocese, there are parishes that still do not have a resident priest, making it difficult for them to access the sacraments and receive spiritual guidance.

**Support Our Seminarians** We can financially support or sponsor our current seminarians. Our diocese is blessed with young and vibrant seminarians who are willing to dedicate their lives to the Church. This weekend, Bishop James Johnston has asked us to reflect, pray, and act to promote an increase in priestly and religious vocations.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our seminarians.

Fr. Leonard Gicheru - Pastor



## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

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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

FEBRUARY 9, 2025  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, February 8— 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**SUNDAY, February 9— 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, February 10— St. Scholastica**

**TUESDAY, February 11— Our Lady of Lourdes**

**WEDNESDAY, February 12**

Noon † Deceased members of the Legion of  
Mary

**THURSDAY, February 13**

Noon † Andrew Leonard Sandhoefner

**FRIDAY, February 14— Sts. Cyril and Methodius**

**SATURDAY, February 15— 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, February 16— 6th 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

2/8 & 2/9	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/ Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

2/15 & 2/16	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/ Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 5th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35;  
Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: Gn 2:4-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2, 27-30;  
Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;  
Lk 6:17, 20-26

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Feb 8-9— Social Ministry Collection
- Feb 10— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Feb 16— Catholic Movie Night (The Song of Bernadette) at 5pm
- 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 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- 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
- May 18— Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Fund
- May 20— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Scholastica

St. Scholastica was born in 480 and was the twin sister of St. Benedict, the founder of western monasticism. She was consecrated to God from an early age and, together with some other consecrated virgins, founded a monastery for women. It is likely that she settled at the base of Monte Cassino, below the monastery founded by her brother. The two had a tradition that once a year they would meet together to spend the day worshipping God, having dinner, and discussing spiritual matters. On one of these occasions, knowing that she was likely to die soon, she asked her brother to stay after dinner. Not wanting to violate his own rule, Benedict insisted he go back to his own cell. Scholastica closed her hands in prayer, and after a moment, a wild storm started outside of the guest house in which they were staying. Benedict asked, "What have you done?", to which she replied, "I asked you and you would not listen; so I asked my God and he did listen. So now go off, if you can; leave me and return to your monastery." Benedict was unable to return to his monastery, and they spent the night in discussion. Three days later, Benedict had a vision of Scholastica's soul going to heaven in the form of a dove. She was laid to rest at the Abbey of Monte Cassino.

## For Your Reflection:

Scholastica, the sister of Saint Benedict, had been consecrated to God from her earliest years. She was accustomed to visiting her brother once a year. He would come down to meet her at a place on the monastery property, not far outside the gate.

One day she came as usual and her saintly brother went with some of his disciples; they spent the whole day praising God and talking of sacred things. As night fell they had supper together.

Their spiritual conversation went on and the hour grew late. The holy nun said to her brother: "Please do not leave me tonight; let us go on until morning talking about the delights of the spiritual life." "Sister," he replied, "what are you saying? I simply cannot stay outside my cell."

When she heard her brother refuse her request, the holy woman joined her hands on the table, laid her head on them and began to pray. As she raised her head from the table, there were such brilliant flashes of lightning, such great peals of thunder and such a heavy downpour of rain that neither Benedict nor his brethren could stir across the threshold of the place where they had been seated. Sadly he began to complain: "May God forgive you, sister. What have you done?" "Well," she answered, "I asked you and you would not listen; so I asked my God and he did listen. So now go off, if you can, leave me and return to your monastery." Reluctant as he was to stay of his own will, he remained against his will. So it came about that they stayed awake the whole night, engrossed in their conversation about the spiritual life.

It is not surprising that she was more effective than he, since as John says, *God is love*, it was absolutely right that she could do more, as she loved more.

Three days later, Benedict was in his cell. Looking up to the sky, he saw his sister's soul leave her body in the form of a dove, and fly up to the secret places of heaven. Rejoicing in her great glory, he thanked almighty God with hymns and words of praise. He then sent his brethren to bring her body to the monastery and lay it in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

Their minds had always been united in God; their bodies were to share a common grave.

-From the Dialogues of Pope St. Gregory the Great

Called By Name  
**SUNDAY**

February 8 - 9, 2025

Do you know someone age 16 and over who may be called to priesthood or religious life?

You can still submit names!



[www.kcpriest.org](http://www.kcpriest.org)

## 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 27, 2024 to February 2, 2025

Plate _____	\$439.52
Envelopes _____	\$1766.00
Candles _____	\$86.50
Poor Box _____	\$30.50
Maintenance _____	\$70.00
Weddings _____	\$995.00
Mass Stipend _____	\$320.00
Online _____	\$30.87

## Help Needed

Our parish is in need of someone technologically gifted who can help us in designing a virtual tour of the church for our website. Please contact the office or Fr. Leonard if you are interested.

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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.



## 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 Movie Night

The Legion of Mary will have its next Catholic Movie Night on **Sunday, February 16th at 5pm** in the parish hall. We will be watching **the Song of Bernadette**, based on the true story of Mary's appearance at the French grotto of Lourdes. Food will be provided. We hope to see you there!

## Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **March 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 on February 8th and 9th**, 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).