

# Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

## From our Pastor:

### Transfigured in Lent: From Mountain Glory to Daily Grace

Each year on the Second Sunday of Lent, the Church leads us up a mountain with Jesus. We walk beside Peter, James, and John and witness a moment so radiant that words struggle to contain it: Christ's face shining like the sun, His garments dazzling white, heaven touching earth. The Transfiguration is not merely a spectacle of glory; it is a revelation of identity and a preview of destiny. It reveals who Jesus truly is—and who we are called to become.



Notice that Jesus *leads* the disciples up the mountain.

They do not wander there by accident. The spiritual life is never accidental. Lent itself is a climb, a deliberate ascent through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Like any climb, it requires effort. Mountains are not comfortable places; they stretch our lungs and strain our legs. Yet it is precisely in the climb that vision clears. Lent invites us to step away from the noise of the valley—distractions, worries, sins that cling too easily—and to ascend toward God's light.

On the mountain, Jesus is transfigured before them. The Greek word used in Scripture is *metamorphosis*—a transformation from within. This is the heart of Lenten spirituality. God does not merely want to improve us externally; He desires to transform us internally. True holiness is not cosmetic. It is not a mask we wear at church or a temporary spiritual mood. It is a change of heart, mind, and soul that radiates outward. Just as Christ's divine glory shone through His humanity, so God's grace longs to shine through our ordinary lives.

Peter's reaction is wonderfully human: "Lord, it is good that we are here." He wants to build tents and stay in the moment. Who wouldn't? We all want mountaintop experiences—moments of clarity in prayer, peace in worship, joy in community. Yet Jesus does not let them remain there. The mountain is not the destination; it is preparation. Faith is not meant to be contained in sacred moments alone but carried into daily life. The purpose of encountering Christ in

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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

MARCH 1, 2026  
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, February 28— The 2nd Week in Lent

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

## SUNDAY, March 1— The 2nd Week in Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

## MONDAY, March 2

## TUESDAY, March 3— St. Katharine Drexel

## WEDNESDAY, March 4— St. Casimir

Noon

## THURSDAY, March 5

Noon Jennifer Martinez

## FRIDAY, March 6

## SATURDAY, March 7— The 3rd Week in Lent

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

## SUNDAY, March 8— The 3rd Week in Lent

11:00am † Lillian Belfonte

### Stations of the Cross

We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 3pm in the Church. Please join us for this devotion.



### 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.

# Liturgical Assignments

2/28 & 3/1	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

3/7 & 8	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	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 Lent

Monday: Dn 9:4-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Mar 2— Legion of Mary at 4pm (Every Monday)
- Mar 4—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 5— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Mar 6— Stations of the Cross at 3pm
- 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 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- 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
- May 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- May 4— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- May 9— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 16— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 23— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 23-24— Peter's Pence Collection
- May 30— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 30— Wedding at 6pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Katharine Drexel

St. Katharine was the second American born saint to be canonized by the Church. She was born in Philadelphia in 1858 into a very wealthy Catholic family known for their charitable works. She lived her life humbly with a good sense of who she was despite all the riches. While traveling in the western states she became acquainted with the plight of Native and African Americans. In 1887, while in Rome, she was given a private audience with Pope Leo XIII. She asked for missionaries for these groups. Pope Leo looked her directly in the eye and asked why she should not be the missionary. Her father died when she was 30, leaving her the heiress of a massive fortune— over 150 million in today's market. St. Katharine decided to found her own religious order. In 1891 she made religious vows and a short while later she founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored and gave of her massive fortune to help these people. By the time of her death at the age of 96 in 1955, she had founded Xavier University, 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states, and had more than 500 sisters teaching in 63 schools. One of the missions that she helped to financially support was St. Monica's, our sister parish. She was canonized in 2000, by Pope St. John Paul II.



## Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, March 7th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning. Please come and lend a hand for the work is light and rewarding. Stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

glory is to follow Him in obedience.

Then comes the voice from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son... listen to him." That command is the key to Lent. Listen to Him. Not to our fears. Not to the world's noise. Not to the voice that says change is impossible. Listen to Him—in Scripture, in silence, in conscience, in the needs of the poor, in the whisper of grace. Transformation begins when listening replaces distraction.

The disciples fall in fear, but Jesus touches them and says, "Rise, and do not be afraid." What tenderness! The same Lord who shines with divine glory also bends down to lift trembling hearts. Lent reminds us that conversion is not something we accomplish alone; it is something Christ does in us. He touches our wounds, raises us from sin, and leads us forward.

At the end of the vision, they see "Jesus alone." This is the goal of every spiritual journey: to see Jesus clearly, to love Him deeply, and to follow Him faithfully.

This Lent, let us climb the mountain with intention. Let us allow Christ to transfigure our habits, our attitudes, and our relationships. If we open ourselves to His light now, we will not only witness His glory—we will reflect it.

## Prayer of the Week

### The Ave Regina

*Ave, Regina caelorum, Ave, Domina Angelorum: Salve, radix, salve, porta ex qua mundo lux est orta:*

*Gaude, Virgo gloriosa, Super omnes speciosa, Vale, o valde decora, Et pro nobis Christum exora.*

Hail, O Queen of Heaven. Hail, O Lady of Angels  
Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate From whom unto the  
world a light has arisen:

Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, Lovely beyond all others,  
Farewell, most beautiful maiden, and pray for us to  
Christ.

*This Marian hymn is traditionally sung by the Church during Lent.*

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## 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 Feb 16, 2026 to Feb 22, 2026

Plate _____	\$564.00
Envelopes _____	\$1695.00
Ash Wednesday _____	\$764.00
Catholic Charities _____	\$607.00
Candles _____	\$95.50
Poor Box _____	\$85.00
Funeral _____	\$400.00
Lighthouse _____	\$2.50
Easter Flowers _____	\$50.00
Online _____	\$637.41

## 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)

## 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, 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 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, **March 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.



## Pray for our Catechumens

Please pray for Noah and Drew, who are preparing to enter the Church next Easter.

## 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 March 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).