

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:

Seeing with the Eyes of Faith

The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent (John 9:1–41) tells the powerful story of a man born blind whom Jesus heals. At first glance, it appears to be simply a miracle story. But when we look more deeply, we discover that it is really about **two kinds of sight**: physical sight and spiritual sight.

At the beginning of the story, the disciples ask Jesus a question that many people still ask today when they encounter suffering: “*Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?*” In their minds, someone must be to blame. Suffering must be punishment. But Jesus rejects that way of thinking. Instead, He says

something that completely changes the perspective:

“Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.”

Jesus then heals the man in an unusual way. He makes clay with His saliva, places it on the man’s eyes, and tells him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. The man obeys, washes, and returns able to see. Yet surprisingly, the real drama of the story begins **after** the miracle.

The neighbors are confused. The Pharisees are suspicious. The man’s parents are afraid.

Instead of rejoicing at the miracle, many people begin arguing about it. The religious leaders interrogate the man again and again. They cannot accept the possibility that Jesus could be from God, especially because the healing took place on the Sabbath.

The more the Pharisees question him, however, the clearer the healed man’s faith becomes.

At first, he simply says that “**the man called Jesus**” healed him. Later, he boldly declares that Jesus **must be a prophet**. Eventually he defends Jesus openly, even challenging the Pharisees themselves. Finally, when Jesus meets him again and asks, “*Do you believe in the Son*



Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday: 6pm
Good Friday: 3pm
Easter Vigil: 8pm
Easter Sunday: 10am

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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
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MARCH 15, 2026
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 14— The 4th Week in Lent

4:00pm † John Pileggi

SUNDAY, March 15— The 4th Week in Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, March 16

TUESDAY, March 17— St. Patrick

WEDNESDAY, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Noon

THURSDAY, March 19—St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

Noon Anthony and Anastasia Martinez and Family

FRIDAY, March 20

SATURDAY, March 21— The 5th Week in Lent

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, March 15— The 5th Week in Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Liturgical Assignments

3/14 & 15	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

3/21 & 22	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	John Pileggi	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 4th Week in Lent

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-19; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

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

- Mar 14-15— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Mar 16— Legion of Mary at 4pm (Every Monday)
- Mar 17— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Mar 20— Stations of the Cross at 3pm
- Mar 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Mar 29— Palm Sunday
- Apr 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Apr 2— Holy Thursday Mass at 6pm
- Apr 3— Good Friday Service at 3pm
- Apr 3— Holy Land Collection
- Apr 4— Church Cleaning and decoration at 9am
- Apr 4— Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm
- Apr 5— Easter Sunday at 10am
- Apr 9— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Apr 11— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 11-12— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Apr 21— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- 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
- Mar 19— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- May 23— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 23-24— Peter's Pence Collection
- May 30— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Patrick

St. Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold. After six years Saint Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish. He was sent to carry out the task. He went to the west and north—where the faith had never been preached—obtained the protection of local kings, and made numerous converts. Because of the island's pagan background, Patrick was emphatic in encouraging widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ. In a relatively short time, the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.

Stations of the Cross

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



of Man?" the man responds with a beautiful confession of faith: **"I do believe, Lord."** And he worships Him. The irony of this Gospel is striking. The man who was blind begins to see both physically and spiritually. Meanwhile, those who claim to be spiritual experts become more and more blind. Jesus ends the encounter with a powerful teaching: *"I came into this world so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."*

This statement challenges us during this Lenten season. Many of us assume we see clearly. We believe we understand faith, morality, and the way life should be lived. But the Gospel reminds us that **true vision begins with humility**. Only those who admit their blindness can receive the light Christ offers.

Spiritual blindness can take many forms.

Sometimes it is the blindness of **pride**, when we believe we are always right.

Sometimes it is the blindness of **indifference**, when we fail to notice the suffering around us.

Sometimes it is the blindness of **habitual sin**, which slowly dulls our ability to recognize God's presence.

Lent invites us to allow Christ to touch our eyes and restore our vision. Through prayer, fasting, and charity, we begin to see more clearly what truly matters: God, our neighbor, and the call to conversion. In a special way, the Sacrament of Reconciliation helps remove the blindness of sin and allows us to experience the light of Christ once again.

Like the man in the Gospel, each of us has a story of healing to tell. Perhaps we cannot explain everything about faith. But if Christ has touched our lives, we can say what the healed man said with conviction: **"One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I see."**

Parish Brunch

Welcome to the annual OLOS Spring Brunch. It will be held on March 22 after the 11:00 Mass in the Parish Hall. Come get to know your fellow parishioners. Great food, great conversation and it's free!. Bring a covered dish if you can but not required. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church.

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 Mar 2, 2026 to Mar 8, 2026

Plate _____	\$324.00
Envelopes _____	\$3021.00
Candles _____	\$62.50
Poor Box _____	\$180.00
Maintenance _____	\$200.00
Weddings _____	\$3989.00
Mass Stipend _____	\$100.00
Easter Flowers _____	\$95.00
Online _____	\$241.08

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



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, 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.

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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, **April 9th 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.



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 April 11th 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.