

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 Pastoral Associate:

Jesus today gives us some strong words of advice: before criticizing others for their faults it is important to examine ourselves to be sure we don't also have those same faults and, what's more, in an even larger degree than what we see in our neighbor. It is very real advice. You can't pull someone out of a hole if you yourself are in the hole too. You can't lead someone to safety if you yourself are blind.

Too often we see faults in others. I know in my own experience that when I encounter something I strongly dislike in another person, I notice it just as strongly in myself after a little bit of introspection. What I've found when I realize this is it changes your perspective of the person you don't like. It teaches you pity and even

mercy in bearing with the other. It's much harder to be angry or upset with someone when you realize that they are struggling with the exact same thing that you are. It teaches humility— which is nothing less than coming to a true and accurate understanding of ourselves. It also gives you something to work on and someone to pray for as you do so.

Hypocrisy is a tough pill to swallow by the one being criticized. When your behavior is being condemned with no indication that they are aware that they are also doing that same behavior, it is difficult to not close one's heart. Those that criticize a speck in their brother's eye while having a log in theirs has the danger of pushing their brother more deeply into that fault. This is clearly what Jesus wants us to avoid.

Nevertheless, this is not permission from our Lord to simply ignore the criticism of others. Rather, we should hear it fairly and examine ourselves, particularly in prayer. This may be an opportunity from our Lord calling you to repent, even if the person pointing out the fault is highly imperfect. True humility means understanding ourselves exactly as we are, nothing more and nothing less. To refuse a criticism simply because you don't like a messenger is a failure to live in humility. If, after reflection, you agree to the fault, amend your ways and you will find yourself even more close to Our Lord.



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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

MARCH 2, 2025
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 1— 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY, March 2— 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, March 3— St. Katherine Drexel

TUESDAY, March 4— St. Casimir

WEDNESDAY, March 5— Ash Wednesday

Noon † Mike Burke, Elana Sanders-Braxton

THURSDAY, March 6

Noon Jennifer Martinez and Family (living and
deceased)

FRIDAY, March 7— Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

SATURDAY, March 8— 1st Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Jesse and Margie Ibarra

SUNDAY, March 9— 1st Sunday of Lent

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

3/1 & 3/2	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/ Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto
3/8 & 3/9	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/ Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 8th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17;
 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9; Ps 51:3-6, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13;
 Lk 4:1-13

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Next week we will have a second collection for the Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal. Please be as generous as you are able.

Parish Calendar of Events

- Mar 3— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Mar 5— Ash Wednesday at Noon
- Mar 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Mar 7— Stations of the Cross at 3pm
- Mar 9— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
- Mar 15— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Mar 18— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Mar 19— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 30— Catholic Relief Service Collection
- Apr 2— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- 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 Collection
- May 20— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- May 24— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 31— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Casimir

Born the third of thirteen children in 1461, Casimir was committed to God from childhood. Some of that commitment was the result of a tutor, John Dlugosz, whose holiness encouraged Casimir on his own journey. For Casimir, the riches around him were temptations to forget his true loyalties. Rebelling against the rich, fashionable clothes he was expected to enjoy, he wore the plainest of clothes. Rejecting even ordinary comforts, he slept little, spending his nights in prayer. And when he did sleep, he lay on the floor rather than a royal bed. Though his father must have wondered about him, he must have seen and admired Casimir's strength. He showed that he misunderstood this strength when he sent Casimir as head of an army to take over the throne of Hungary at the request of some nobles there. Casimir felt the whole expedition was wrong but was convinced to go out of obedience to his father. He could not help but feel at every step that it was disobedient to his other Father. So when soldiers started deserting, he was only too glad to listen to the advice of his officers and turn back home. His feelings were confirmed when he discovered that Pope Sixtus IV had opposed the move. His father, however, was furious at being deterred from his plans and banished Casimir to a castle in Dobzki, hoping that imprisonment would change Casimir's mind. Casimir's commitment to what he believed was right only grew stronger in his exile and he refused to cooperate with his father's plans any more despite the pressure to give in. He even rejected a marriage alliance his father tried to form. He participated in his true King's plans wholeheartedly by praying, studying, and helping the poor. He died at the age of 23 in 1484 from lung disease. He was buried with his favorite song, a Latin hymn to Mary called "Omni die dic Mariae" which we know as "Daily, Daily Sing to Mary." Because of his love for the song, it is known as the Hymn of St. Casimir.

For Your Reflection:

Come, eat your bread in gladness and drink your wine with a cheerful heart, for your works have been pleasing to God. If we would interpret this text in its obvious and ordinary sense, it would be correct to call it a righteous exhortation, in which Ecclesiastes counsels us to embrace a simple way of life and to be led by doctrines which involve a genuine faith in God. Then we may eat our bread in gladness and drink our wine with a cheerful heart. We will not fall into slanderous speech nor be involved in anything devious; rather we should think that which is right, and, insofar as we can, we should help the poor and destitute with mercy and generosity, truly dedicated to those pursuits and good deeds which please God. But a spiritual interpretation of the text leads us to a loftier meaning and teaches us to take this as the heavenly and mystical bread, which has come down from heaven, bringing life to the world, and to drink a spiritual wine with a cheerful heart, that wine which flowed from the side of the true vine at the moment of his saving passion. Of this the Gospel of our salvation says: *When Jesus had taken bread and had blessed it, he said to his holy disciples and apostles, Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you for the forgiveness of sins; and in like manner, he took the cup and said, All of you, drink of this: this is my blood of the new covenant, which will be shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.* For whoever eats of this bread and drinks this mystical wine enjoys true happiness and rejoices, exclaiming: *You have put gladness into my heart.* Indeed, I think this is the bread and this is the wine that is referred to in the book of Proverbs by God's subsistent Wisdom, Christ our Savior, saying: *Come, eat my bread and drink the wine I have mixed for you, hereby referring to our mystical sharing in the Word.* For those worthy to receive this are ever clothed in the works of light, which shine like a bright light as the Lord says in the Gospel: *Let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.* And, indeed, oil appears to flow continually over their heads, the oil that is the Spirit of truth, guarding and preserving them from all the harm of sin.

-On Ecclesiastes by St Gregory of Agrigentum, bishop

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.

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 at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From February 17, 2024 to February 23, 2025

Plate _____	\$975.00
Envelopes _____	\$2796.00
Catholic Charities Emergency Appeal _____	\$120.00
Candles _____	\$110.00
Poor Box _____	\$40.81
Maintenance _____	\$10.00
Weddings _____	\$995.00
Online _____	\$320.58

High Altar Restoration

As many of you know, the high altar and the crown are the centerpiece of our church's interior architectural design. Over the years, the lights around the crown have gone out, and our statues have accumulated dust and grime. We have hired a company to clean and polish the crown and statues and to replace the crown's lights with energy-efficient LED lighting. This upgrade will enhance both the beauty and efficiency of the lighting. The project is expected to last fewer than 10 days, and we hope this restoration will return the crown and statues to their former glory. Thank you for your patience and support!

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.



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 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

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.



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 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 March 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.