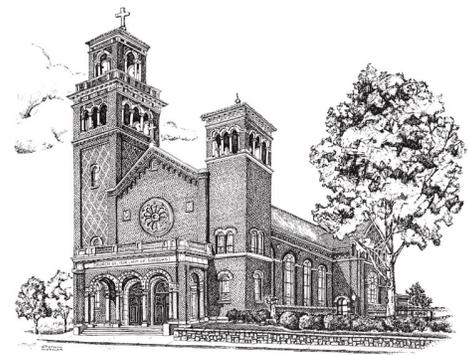


Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastoral Associate:

The renowned Catholic biblical scholar Scott Hahn once described the parable of the prodigal Son as “the Parable of the Running Father.” The mercy displayed by the father is quite remarkable. At the beginning of the parable, the son tells his father, “give me the share of the estate that should come to me.” This is him demanding his inheritance. This is him openly stating that he wishes his father was dead. And we can feel the pain of the father in the next sentence when he divides his property between his two sons.



And it is even more strongly felt when the younger son immediately collects everything he owns and leaves— seeking to be as far away from his father as possible by going to a distant country, openly squandering the inheritance, the legacy that his father had created for him.

How would this father have the right to act? He could wait for him to come all the way to him, to not admit him for days as he stood outside in the elements, forcing his son to make a display of his sorrow for all to see. He could force him to grovel at his feet. To plead for himself in the most humbling way possible. He could then make him a servant or slave rather than a son. He could make him go about for weeks or even years in rags, not trusting another penny to him, forcing him to work for every item and need he has and then leaving him with nothing when he dies. The son surely deserves it after the treatment he had given to his father and the complete wastefulness he showed to his father's possessions.

Yet somehow, despite the sheer ingratitude and open hatred his son had shown for him, the father (who had been looking out for his son, as if he had never ceased to watch for him) does not wait for his son to arrive at his estate but runs to him, not caring for how it looks to his neighbors or servants. His son attempts to give his rehearsed apology, but cannot complete it because his father is already ordering his servants to bring the finest clothes and jewelry with which to clothe him. He orders a party with the (continued on page 3)

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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 30, 2025
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 29— 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Deceased Members of the Ibarra Family

SUNDAY, March 30— 4th Sunday of Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, March 31

TUESDAY, April 1

WEDNESDAY, April 2— St. Francis of Paola

Noon Jennifer Martinez & Family (Living and Deceased)

THURSDAY, April 3

Noon

FRIDAY, April 4— St. Isidore

SATURDAY, April 5— 5th Sunday of Lent

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

SUNDAY, April 6— 5th 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

3/29 & 3/30	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Copotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

4/5 & 4/6	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 4th Week of 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, 17-18;
 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: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Parish Calendar of Events

- Mar 30— Catholic Relief Services Collection
- Mar 30— Parish Brunch after the 11am Mass
- Mar 31— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Apr 2— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Apr 3— Bible Study at 7pm
- Apr 4— Stations of the Cross at 3pm
- Apr 13— Palm Sunday
- Apr 15— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Apr 17— Holy Thursday at 6pm
- Apr 18— Good Friday at 3pm
- Apr 18— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Apr 19— Easter Vigil at 8pm
- Apr 20th—Easter Sunday at 11am
- 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
- Jun 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jun 5— Bible Study at 7pm
- Jun 7— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Francis of Paola

Francis of Paola was born in 1416. After accompanying his parents on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, he began to live as a contemplative hermit in a remote cave near Paola, on Italy's southern seacoast. Before he was 20, he received the first followers who had come to imitate his way of life. Seventeen years later, when his disciples had grown in number, Francis established a Rule for his austere community and sought Church approval. This was the founding of the Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi, who were approved by the Holy See in 1474. In 1492, Francis changed the name of his community to "Minims" because he wanted them to be known as the least (*minimi*) in the household of God. Besides the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, Francis enjoined upon his followers the fourth obligation of a perpetual Lenten fast. He felt that heroic mortification was necessary as a means for spiritual growth. It was Francis's desire to be a contemplative hermit, yet he believed that God was calling him to the apostolic life. He used the gifts he had received, such as the gifts of miracles and prophecy, to minister to the people of God. Following the request of Pope Sixtus IV, Francis traveled to Paris to help Louis XI of France prepare for his death. In this way, Francis was able to influence the course of national politics. He helped to restore peace between France and Brittany and between France and Spain by persuading Louis XI to return some disputed land. Francis died while at the French court in 1507.

Sunday Brunch

Everyone is welcome to join us for our quarterly parish fellowship meal on **March 30 after the 11am Mass** in the parish hall. We promise great food and wonderful fellowship. If you are able to bring a dish, that's great. If you aren't, please come anyway. Please sign the sign up sheet in the back of the church.

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greatest delicacies. It is truly astonishing in every way the extravagant love this father has for his son, who, as he described "was dead and has come to life again." There are times in our lives where we do something so wrong, so unbelievably shameful, so embarrassing that we can scarce think of it without enormous pain and sorrow. But no matter what you've done, Jesus makes it clear that the Father will forgive and run to you at the first sign of repentance. God does not wish us to wallow in our sins, as the son wallowed in the pigs' filth. He does not want us to live this life of shame but to have dignity despite everything we've done.

There is no one that is unfit for redemption. But it is important to note that none of this would have happened if the son had not decided to return. The Father respects our free will and our choice to turn away from him. He will not force us to come back to him. So it is important to turn and repent. If you have not yet been to confession this year, I strongly urge you to go. Above one of our confessionals is the image of the prodigal son. And above the other is the image of the Good Shepherd, who goes out into the wastes and the wild to bring back the lost sheep, carrying it upon his shoulders (an image of Christ carrying the cross of our sins). Let us not hesitate to turn back to him during this time of Lent so that we will be ready to rejoice in the great celebration of our return to the embrace of the Father at Easter.

Prayer of the Week

A Prayer from the Diary of St. Faustina

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy — to Your compassion, O God. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your Son's final coming — that day known to You alone. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to Heaven. Amen.

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 March 17, 2025 to March 23, 2025

Plate _____	\$348.37
Envelopes _____	\$1636.00
Candles _____	\$84.50
Poor Box _____	\$80.00
Weddings _____	\$3995.00
Online _____	\$190.37

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This weekend we will have a collection for the Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able.

Catholic Movie Night

The Legion of Mary will have its next Catholic Movie Night in **May (Date to be decided)** in the parish hall. We will be watching **Bella**: a moving film about a chef with a mysterious past spends the day with a waitress who dearly needs a friend. Parental discretion is advised. Food will be provided. We hope to see you there!

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.

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, **April 3rd 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 explore Jesus' trial before Pilate, exploring the many twists and turns it takes. 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 April 12 and 13**, 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.