

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 Thirst we Hide

In this weekend gospel we read from the encounter of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. There is one small detail in this Gospel that speaks volumes: *the woman came to the well at noon*. No one fetched water at noon unless they were trying to avoid someone. The sun was high. The heat was intense. The village women would have come in the cool of morning, laughing, talking, sharing news. But she came alone. Some of us know what that feels like. We know what it means to adjust our schedule to avoid certain conversations. We know what it means to carry silent regret. We know what it means to feel defined by our past. This



Samaritan woman is not just a historical figure — she represents every person who has ever tried to live quietly with unresolved thirst. And right there, at the place of her avoidance, Jesus meets her. He does not wait for her in the synagogue. He does not demand that she fix her life first. He sits at a well — tired, thirsty, and vulnerable — and begins a conversation. “Give me a drink.” The Son of God makes Himself dependent on her. Think about that. The Creator of oceans asks for a sip of water. God begins not with accusation, but with relationship. Not with correction, but with connection. At first, she resists. There are barriers: Jew and Samaritan. Man and woman. Moral teacher and complicated past. But Jesus gently dismantles every wall. He moves the conversation from water in a bucket to water in the soul. From physical thirst to spiritual hunger.

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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 8, 2026
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Feasts and Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, March 9— St. Frances of Rome

TUESDAY, March 10

WEDNESDAY, March 11

Noon

THURSDAY, March 12

Noon

FRIDAY, March 13

SATURDAY, March 14— The 4th Week in Lent

4:00pm † Lillian Belfonte

SUNDAY, March 15— The 4th Week in Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Liturgical Assignments

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

3/14 & 15	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Rita Witt
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Readings for the 3rd Week in Lent

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:2-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Stations of the Cross

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



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 9— Legion of Mary at 4pm (Every Monday)
- Mar 13— Stations of the Cross at 3pm
- 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
- Jun 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jun 4— Bible Study at 7pm
- Jun 6— Church Cleaning at 9am

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Frances of Rome

Born of wealthy parents in 1384, Saint Frances of Rome found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband. As she became acquainted with her new relatives, Frances soon discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two, Frances and Vannoza, set out together—with their husbands' blessings—to help the poor. The years passed, and Frances gave birth to three children. With the new responsibilities of family life, she turned her attention more to the needs of her own household. But within a few years a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome with devastation and left Frances' second son dead. In an effort to help alleviate some of the suffering, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. When all the resources had been exhausted, Frances and Vannoza went door to door begging. Later, Frances' daughter died, and the saint opened a section of her house as a hospital. Saint Frances of Rome became more and more convinced that this way of life was so necessary for the world, and it was not long before she requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband. She did this for seven years, until her husband passed away, and then came to live the remainder of her life with the society—serving the poorest of the poor.

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” That sentence exposes more than a well. It exposes the human condition. We drink from many wells: success, reputation, relationships, comfort, pleasure, control. Yet somehow, we return thirsty. We promise ourselves, “If I just fix this one thing, I’ll be satisfied.” And still, something inside remains unsettled.

Jesus is not condemning her five husbands. He is revealing a pattern. She has been searching for security, identity, belonging. And none of it has lasted. When Jesus names her truth, He does it without humiliation. He does not shame her. He does not turn away. Instead, the conversation deepens. She shifts from defensiveness to theology. From avoidance to spiritual curiosity. “Sir, I can see you are a prophet.”

And here is the most beautiful transformation: she leaves her water jar behind.

The jar represented her routine, her burden, her daily survival. When she meets Christ, she forgets it. She runs back to the very town she once avoided. The woman who came alone now becomes a witness. The one who hid now proclaims. The one defined by her past now announces hope: “Come see a man who told me everything I have done.”

Notice — she does not say, “He shamed me.” She says, “He saw me.” That is the difference. When Jesus truly sees us, we no longer need to hide. And when we are no longer hiding, we become missionaries — not because we are perfect, but because we have been found.

Perhaps the question for us this week is simple: **What jar are we still clutching? What noon-time avoidance is God waiting to transform?** Christ is still sitting at the well. And He is still offering living water.

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 Feb 23, 2026 to Mar 1, 2026

Plate _____	\$335.00
Envelopes _____	\$2125.00
Catholic Relief Services _____	\$20.00
Candles _____	\$79.50
Poor Box _____	\$70.00
Maintenance _____	\$655.00
Lighthouse _____	\$35.00
Easter Flowers _____	\$150.00
Online _____	\$287.54

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 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.