

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: "Stay With Us" — The Courage to Invite Jesus In

There is something deeply human in today's Gospel. Two disciples are walking away—from Jerusalem, from hope, from everything they thought would turn out differently. They are not just walking to Emmaus... they are walking away from disappointment.

And haven't we all taken that walk before?

You had a plan. You had faith. You trusted God. And then something didn't work out—prayers unanswered, relationships strained, doors closed. And

without even realizing it, you start heading toward your own "Emmaus"—that place of quiet resignation where you say, "Well... I guess that's just how life is."

What is fascinating is this: Jesus is already walking with them. But they don't recognize Him. Not because Jesus is hiding—but because their expectations are blinding them. They expected a victorious Messiah, not a crucified one. They expected glory without suffering. Sound familiar?

Sometimes we miss Jesus not because He is absent, but because He does not show up the way we expected.

And then comes my favorite part of the story—Jesus asks a question He already knows the answer to: "What are you discussing?" You can almost imagine Cleopas thinking, "Where have you been?" It's like someone asking you, "How was the game?" when your team just lost in the final seconds. You're thinking, "Are you serious right now?"

But Jesus is doing something powerful. He is inviting them to tell their story—to name their disappointment, their confusion, their pain. And here is the first challenge for us: **Have you told Jesus your real story lately?** Not the polite, church-version prayer. Not the "I'm fine, Lord."

But the honest one: "Lord, I'm tired. I don't understand. I thought things would be different."

Because healing begins when we stop pretending.



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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

APRIL 19, 2026
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 18— The Third Sunday of Easter

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, April 19— The Third Sunday of Easter

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, April 20

TUESDAY, April 21— St. Anselm

WEDNESDAY, April 22

Noon † George Anton Kleine

THURSDAY, April 23— St. George, Martyr

Noon † Jean Waldron

FRIDAY, April 24— St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

SATURDAY, April 25— The Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, April 26— The Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Liturgical Assignments

4/18 & 19	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

4/25 & 26	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Nancy Lowdon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Rita Witt
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Readings for the 3rd Week in Easter

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1; Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8; Ps 66:1-7; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

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.

Parish Calendar of Events

- **Apr 10— Legion of Mary** at 4pm (Every Monday)
- **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 9-10— Food Pantry Collection** after Mass
- **May 16— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **May 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
- **May 30— Wedding** at 6pm
- **Jun 3— Knights of Columbus** at 6:30pm
- **Jun 4— Bible Study (Genesis)** at 7pm
- **Jun 6— Church Cleaning** at 9am
- **Jun 6-7— Tomorrow's Priests Collection**
- **Jun 13— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Jun 13-14— Food Pantry Collection** after Mass
- **Jun 16—Water Garden Society** at 5:30pm
- **Jun 21— Communications Collection**
- **Jul 1— Knights of Columbus** at 6:30pm
- **Jul 2— Bible Study (Genesis)** at 7pm
- **Jul 4— Church Cleaning** at 9am
- **Jul 11-12— Food Pantry Collection** after Mass
- **Aug 16— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection**

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Born in 1577, Mark Rey became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. Nicknamed “the poor man’s lawyer,” Rey soon grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest, joining his brother George as a member of the Capuchin Order. Fidelis was his religious name. His wealth was divided between needy seminarians and the poor.

As a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi, Fidelis continued his devotion to the weak and needy. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers. Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. Almost certain violence threatened. Those who observed the mission felt that success was more attributable to the prayer of Fidelis during the night than to his sermons and instructions.

He was accused of opposing the peasants’ national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis, to which he had gone against the advice of his friends, a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed.

A Protestant offered to shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God’s hands. As he traveled on the road back, he was attacked by a group of armed men and killed.

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen was canonized in 1746. Fifteen years later he was recognized as a martyr.

Then Jesus does something unexpected. He doesn’t fix their situation right away. He doesn’t perform a miracle on the spot. Instead, He opens the Scriptures. He walks them through the story of God. Why? Because before God changes your situation, He often changes your understanding. He helps you see that your story is bigger than your moment of pain. That suffering is not the end. That even the cross is part of the plan. Now here is the turning point of the Gospel: They arrive at Emmaus. Jesus makes as if to continue. And everything depends on what they do next. They say: **“Stay with us.”** That simple invitation changes everything. Because the truth is this: Jesus will walk with you... but He will not force His way into your home, your heart, your life. You have to invite Him. And let’s be honest—sometimes we don’t. We invite Him to Mass... but not into our decisions. We invite Him into prayer... but not into our relationships. We invite Him into Sunday... but not into Monday morning. But the moment they say, “Stay with us,” everything shifts. At the table, Jesus takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them.

And suddenly—**their eyes are opened.** My brothers and sisters, that is not just a moment in the past—that is the Eucharist.

Every Mass is Emmaus.

We come in with our questions, our burdens, our disappointments. We listen to the Word. And then, at the altar, Jesus is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

So the question is not whether Jesus is present—He is—but whether our hearts are ready to recognize Him. And if we truly see Him in the Eucharist, we cannot leave the same way we came; we leave changed, renewed, and sent forth with burning hearts.

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 Apr 6, 2026 to Apr 12, 2026

Plate _____	\$5241.00
Envelopes _____	\$2561.00
Holy Land _____	\$100.00
Candles _____	\$78.50
Poor Box _____	\$80.00
Weddings _____	\$6985.00
Maintenance _____	\$425.00
Mass Stipends _____	\$20.00
Hall Rental _____	\$150.00
Lighthouse _____	\$5.00
Online _____	\$126.45

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, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumming, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Jim Taber

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, **May 7 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 Neophytes

Please pray for Noah and Drew, our newest members of our parish, who joined us at 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.