

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:

Recognizing the Voice That Leads to Life

There is one powerful theme running through this Gospel: the voice we choose to follow determines the life we will live.

Jesus paints a vivid image of a sheepfold—a place of safety, belonging, and care. The sheep are not led by force or fear, but by **recognition**. “The sheep hear his voice... he calls his own sheep by name.” That is deeply personal. God does not deal with us as a crowd. He knows you. He calls you by name. He speaks into your life. But here is the challenge: many voices are competing for your attention.

We live in a world filled with noise—social media, news, opinions, cultural pressures, and even our own fears and desires. Not every voice that sounds convincing is trustworthy. Jesus is clear: “A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.” In other words, some voices promise freedom but lead to confusion, anxiety, and ultimately emptiness.

So the real spiritual question is not simply, “Do I believe in Jesus?” but rather, “Do I recognize His voice—and do I follow it?”

Because it is possible to hear many voices and still miss His.

The sheep in the Gospel have learned something essential: they **discern**. They do not follow strangers. They run away from voices that do not belong to the shepherd. That means discipleship is not just about saying yes to God—it is also about saying no to what is not from Him.

Here is the lesson: a mature Christian learns to recognize the difference between the voice of Christ and the noise of the world.

But how do we do that in practical terms?

First, we must **spend time with the Shepherd**. Sheep recognize the shepherd's
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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 26, 2026
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Feasts and Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, April 27

TUESDAY, April 28— St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis de Montfort

WEDNESDAY, April 29— St. Catherine of Siena

Noon Alexis Hann

THURSDAY, April 30— St. Pius V

Noon † Stephen Wayne Blair

FRIDAY, May 1— St. Joseph the Worker

SATURDAY, May 2— The Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00pm † Joseph Francis Pileggi

SUNDAY, May 3— The Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Liturgical Assignments

4/25 & 26	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Nancy Lowdon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

5/2 & 3	4:00pm	11:00am
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Readings for the 4th Week in Easter

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-7; Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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

- **Apr 27— Legion of Mary** at 4pm (Every Monday)
- **Apr 24—Wedding** at 3:00pm
- **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
- **Jul 18—Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Jul 21— Water Garden Society** at 5:30pm
- **Jul 25— Wedding** at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Peter Chanel

Born in France in 1803, Saint Peter Chanel's interest in the missions began in school, when he read letters missionaries to America sent back home. As a young priest, Peter revived a parish in a "bad" district by the simple method of showing great devotion to the sick. Wanting to be a missionary, he joined the Society of Mary, the Marists, at 28. Obediently, he taught in the seminary for five years. Then, as superior of seven Marists, he traveled to Western Oceania. The bishop accompanying the missionaries left Peter and a brother on Futuna Island northeast of Fiji, promising to return in six months. He was gone five years.

Meanwhile, Saint Peter Chanel struggled with this new language and mastered it, making the difficult adjustment to life with whalers, traders, and warring natives. Despite little apparent success and severe want, he maintained a serene and gentle spirit, plus endless patience and courage. A few natives had been baptized, a few more were being instructed. When the chieftain's son asked to be baptized, persecution by the chieftain reached a climax. Father Chanel was clubbed to death.

Within two years after his death, the whole island became Catholic and has remained so. He was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1954. Saint Peter Chanel is the first martyr of Oceania and its patron.

Donut Sunday

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the back of the Church following the 11am Mass this weekend.

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voice because they hear it often. If we only turn to God occasionally—perhaps on Sundays or in moments of crisis—it becomes difficult to recognize His voice clearly. Prayer, Scripture, and the sacraments are not obligations; they are how we become familiar with the voice that gives life.

Second, we must **pay attention to the fruits of the voices we follow**. Jesus tells us plainly: the thief steals, kills, and destroys. Ask yourself: *Does this voice lead me to peace or to anxiety? To hope or to fear? To generosity or to selfishness?* The voice of Christ always leads toward life—toward deeper love, deeper trust, and deeper freedom.

Third, we must **have the courage to walk away from false voices**. That is not always easy. Some voices are attractive. Some are popular. Some even seem reasonable. But if they do not lead you closer to Christ, they are not worth following.

Finally, Jesus says something remarkable: "I am the gate." He is not just the shepherd; He is also the way. Through Him, we find safety, direction, and nourishment. "Whoever enters through me will be saved... and find pasture." That is the promise: not just survival, but abundant life.

My brothers and sisters, this Gospel is both comforting and challenging. Comforting, because we are known and loved by a Shepherd who calls us by name. Challenging, because we must decide whose voice we will follow.

This week, take a moment to listen. In the silence of your heart, ask: *Which voices are shaping my life? And more importantly: Am I truly following the voice of the Good Shepherd?*

Because in the end, the voice you follow will determine the life you live.



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 _____	\$847.00
Envelopes _____	\$2651.00
Candles _____	\$89.00
Poor Box _____	\$91.00
Weddings _____	\$1000.00
Maintenance _____	\$180.00
Mass Stipends _____	\$10.00
Lighthouse _____	\$3.00
Online _____	\$530.08

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, 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.