

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastoral Associate:

Throughout history, our Gospel today has captured the minds and attention of artists. The story is quite evocative—the disciples of Jesus are delirious with joy at having seen the Lord. Thomas, however, was not with them at the time that Jesus revealed himself and refuses to believe until he places his fingers in the nail marks and his hands in Jesus' side. Perhaps the best



depiction of this was Caravaggio's *The Incredulity of St. Thomas*, pictured here. Thomas, looking exhausted, disheveled, and consumed with grief, probes Jesus' side. Jesus' bodily nature is emphasized by the wound being displaced by Thomas's finger. Jesus guides him with his hand, showing a lack of any fear, made all the more evident by the fact that Thomas' hands are filthy, with dirt caked under his fingertips. It indicates that Jesus has conquered death and has nothing more to fear. Nothing further can harm him. Jesus is lit with bright light, and that light reflects on the faces of the disciples in varying degrees, but most upon Thomas. Thomas' face exhibits growing astonishment, illustrated by the lines in his forehead—demonstrating the exact moment that his faith returned to him and he loudly exclaims "My Lord and my God!" Behind him, Peter and John watch very intently, a look of intense concentration arresting their faces. It's clear that this gesture is meant for more than just St. Thomas.

And it is on that point that I want to dwell. When we have our doubts, it's important to not merely harbor them, but to find answers. Oftentimes finding those answers can help more than just you. Never forget what Jesus says when Thomas exclaims his belief. "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Even now, Thomas' desire to verify bears fruit for the Church, bringing others to faith by his investigation. Jesus is Risen, and that fact, verified by St. Thomas, has tremendous bearing on all of us. Let us take time today to thank Jesus, whose wounds show his deep and abiding love for us.

Parish Office

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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

APRIL 27, 2025
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 26— The Second Sunday of Easter
8:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, April 27— The Second Sunday of Easter
11:00am † Chandra Armstrong

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

TUESDAY, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena

WEDNESDAY, April 30—St. Pius V
Noon † Pope Francis

THURSDAY, May 1— St. Joseph the Worker
Noon Jennifer Martinez and Family (living and deceased)

FRIDAY, May 2— St. Athanasius

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Liturgical Assignments

4/26 & 4/27	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Eley	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

5/3 & 5/4	8:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Arthur Kovach
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the Second Week of Easter

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17—20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 5:27-32; 40-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

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 28— Legion of Mary** at 6pm (Every Monday)
- **Jun 7— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **May 1— Bible Study** at 7pm
- **Jun 7— Wedding** at 6pm
- **May 7— Knights of Columbus** at 6:30pm
- **Jun 7-8— Peter's Pence Collection**
- **May 3— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Jun 13— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **May 3— Wedding** at 6pm
- **Jun 14-15— Diocesan Communications Collection**
- **May 9— Wedding** at 4:30pm
- **Jun 19— Water Garden Society** at 5:30pm
- **May 17— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Jun 28— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **May 17— Wedding** at 6pm
- **Jul 2— Knights of Columbus** at 6:30pm
- **May 18— Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Collection**
- **Jul 3— Bible Study** at 7pm
- **May 20— Water Garden Society** at 5:30pm
- **Jul 12— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **May 24— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Jul 12— Wedding** at 6pm
- **May 31— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Jul 19— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Jun 4— Knights of Columbus** at 6:30pm
- **Aug 2— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Jun 5— Bible Study** at 7pm
- **Aug 6— Knights of Columbus** at 6:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— Pope St. Pius V

During his papacy (1566-1572), Pius V was faced with the almost overwhelming responsibility of getting a shattered and scattered Church back on its feet. The family of God had been shaken by corruption, by the Reformation, by the constant threat of Turkish invasion, and by the bloody bickering of the young nation-states. In 1545, a previous pope convened the Council of Trent in an attempt to deal with all these pressing problems. Off and on over 18 years, the Fathers of the Church discussed, condemned, affirmed, and decided upon a course of action, finally closing in 1563. Pius V was elected in 1566 and charged with the task of implementing the council's sweeping reforms. He founded seminaries for the proper training of priests. He published a new missal, a new breviary, a new catechism, and established the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) classes for the young. Pius zealously enforced legislation against abuses in the Church. He patiently served the sick and the poor by building hospitals, providing food for the hungry, and giving money customarily used for papal banquets to poor Roman converts. His decision to keep wearing his Dominican habit led to the custom—to this day—of the pope wearing a white cassock. Pius' ceaseless papal quest for a renewal of the Church was grounded in his personal life as a Dominican friar. He spent long hours with his God in prayer, fasted rigorously, deprived himself of many customary papal luxuries, and faithfully observed the spirit of the Dominican Rule that he had professed.

IN MEMORIAM

Pope Francis
Papacy:
Mar 13, 2013—April 21, 2025



Pope Francis greets visitors at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican May 15, 2024. (CNS photo/Lola Gomez)



Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, May 3rd, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning. Please come and lend a hand for the work is light and rewarding. Stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

A Special Thank You

Dear Friends at Our Lady of Sorrows Church,
On behalf of St. Monica Food Pantry, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your faithful monthly donations. Your generosity is truly making a difference in the lives of many individuals and families in need. Because of your ongoing support, we are able to provide nourishment, hope, and dignity to those who come through our doors. You are helping us live out the Gospel call to serve the least among us, and for that, we are deeply grateful. May God continue to bless your parish community abundantly.
With gratitude,
St. Monica Food Pantry Team

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 April 14, 2025 to Apr 20, 2025

Plate	\$843.00
Envelopes	\$1266.00
Holy Thursday	\$176.00
Holy Land	\$375.00
Candles	\$20.50
Maintenance	\$5.00
Poor Box	\$20.00
Weddings	\$995.00
Donation	\$125.00
Lighthouse	\$12.00
Easter Flowers	\$5.00
Online	\$593.27

Coffee and Donuts

Take a few extra moments after Sunday Mass to have a donut and some coffee and get to know some of your parishioners. This welcoming gesture will be a monthly occurrence sponsored by the Knights of Columbus starting this Sunday.

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.



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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You can also **text to give** by texting the amount you would like to give to **844-780-2300**. You will receive a registration link where you can give your payment information and then confirm.

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! Please contact Arthur Kovach at (816) 574-0900 or arthurkovach@gmail.com for more information.



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.

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **May 1st 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' crucifixion, and John's unique additions to the narrative. 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 May 10th and 11th** 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.