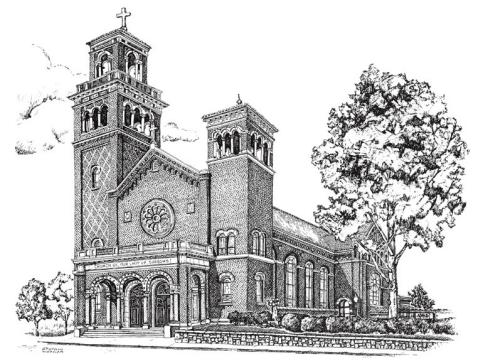


Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

Lenten Reflection: A Call to Mercy and New Beginnings

As we move through this season of Lent, the Gospel of John offers us a powerful story that highlights the mercy of Jesus and the invitation to begin anew. The scene unfolds with a woman caught in adultery, dragged before Jesus by the scribes and Pharisees. Publicly humiliated, she is placed in the center for all to see. Her accusers, eager to trap Jesus, invoke the Law of Moses, which demands that such a woman be stoned. They ask Jesus, "What do you say?"

Jesus' response is striking. He does not immediately speak but bends down and writes on the ground with his finger. His silence is profound, creating a moment for reflection, a pause that turns the gaze away from the woman and toward the hearts of her accusers.

When they press him for an answer, Jesus responds with words that cut through their hypocrisy: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." One by one, the accusers depart, beginning with the elders, until Jesus is left alone with the woman. It is in this sacred silence that mercy triumphs over judgment. Jesus looks at the woman and asks, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" When she responds, "No one, sir," Jesus says, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

This Gospel invites us to reflect deeply on our own lives. During Lent, we are called to examine our hearts, recognizing that we, too, are sinners in need of mercy. How often do we, like the scribes and Pharisees, focus on the faults of others while ignoring the need for our own conversion? Jesus' words remind us that we all stand before God as people in need of forgiveness.

But Jesus does not leave us in our brokenness. His mercy is not an excuse to continue living in sin, but an invitation to transformation. When he tells the woman to "go and sin no more," he is calling her — and all of us — to a new way of life. Lent is a season where we are invited to let go of patterns of sin and embrace a life of holiness and renewal.

As we journey toward Easter, this Gospel challenges us to ask: Are we quick to judge others while ignoring our own need for grace? Do we accept Jesus' invitation to leave behind our old ways and walk in newness of life? And most importantly, are we willing to extend the same mercy to others that we have received from God?

Lent is not merely a season of repentance but an opportunity for renewal. It is a time when Jesus bends down in the dirt of our lives, meets us where we are, and lifts us up with words of mercy and hope. As we reflect on this Gospel, may we open our hearts to the mercy of Jesus and commit to a life that reflects his grace. Let us remember that the same Lord who forgives us also empowers us to walk in the light of his love.

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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

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APRIL 6, 2025
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Feasts and Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, April 7—St. John Baptist de la Salle

TUESDAY, April 8

WEDNESDAY, April 9

Noon † Christopher Camarena

THURSDAY, April 10

Noon Jennifer Martinez and Family (living and
deceased)

FRIDAY, April 11— St. Stanislaus

SATURDAY, April 12— Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, April 13— Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

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

4/12 & 4/13	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon Lynette Wheeler Deacon Michael Elsey	Bill Copotosto Ann Creedon Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
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Readings for the 5th Week of Lent

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

Parish Calendar of Events

- Apr 7— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Apr 11— 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
- Jun 7— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 19— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Jun 28— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Francis of Paola

Born in Szczepanow near Kraków on July 26, 1030, he was ordained a priest after being educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno, then capital of Poland, and at Paris. He was appointed preacher and archdeacon to the bishop of Kraków, where his eloquence and example brought about real conversion in many of his penitents, both clergy and laity. He became bishop of Kraków in 1072.

During an expedition against the Grand Duchy of Kiev, Stanislaus became involved in the political situation of Poland. Known for his outspokenness, he aimed his attacks at the evils of the peasantry and the king, especially the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II.

The king first excused himself, then made a show of penance, then relapsed into his old ways. Stanislaus continued his open opposition in spite of charges of treason and threats of death, finally excommunicating the king. Enraged, the latter ordered soldiers to kill the bishop. When they refused, the king killed Stanislaus with his own hands. Forced to flee to Hungary, Boleslaus supposedly spent the rest of his life as a penitent in the Benedictine abbey in Osiek.

Prayer of the Week

The Crucem Tuam

Adoramus Te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemisti mundum.

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

This prayer is regularly prayed throughout the Stations of the Cross.

For Your Reflection

The Word who became all things for us is close to us, our Lord Jesus Christ who promises to remain with us always. He cries out, saying: *See, I am with you all the days of this age.* He is himself the shepherd, the high priest, the way and the door, and has become all things at once for us. In the same way, he has come among us as our feast and holy day as well. The blessed Apostle says of him who was awaited: *Christ has been sacrificed as our Passover.* It was Christ who shed his light on the psalmist as he prayed: *You are my joy, deliver me from those surrounding me.* True joy, genuine festival, means the casting out of wickedness. To achieve this one must live a life of perfect goodness and, in the serenity of the fear of God, practice contemplation in one's heart. This was the way of the saints, who in their lifetime and at every stage of life rejoiced as at a feast. Blessed David, for example, not once but seven times rose at night to win God's favor through prayer. The great Moses was full of joy as he sang God's praises in hymns of victory for the defeat of Pharaoh and the oppressors of the Hebrew people. Others had hearts filled always with gladness as they performed their sacred duty of worship, like the great Samuel and the blessed Elijah. Because of their holy lives they gained freedom, and now keep festival in heaven. They rejoice after their pilgrimage in shadows, and now distinguish the reality from the promise. When we celebrate the feast in our own day, what path are we to take? As we draw near to this feast, who is to be our guide? Beloved, it must be none other than the one whom you will address with me as our Lord Jesus Christ. He says: *I am the way.* As blessed John tells us: *it is Christ who takes away the sin of the world.* It is he who purifies our souls, as the prophet Jeremiah says: *Stand upon the ways; look and see which is the good path, and you will find in it the way of amendment for your souls.* In former times the blood of goats and the ashes of a calf were sprinkled on those who were unclean, but they were able to purify only the body. Now through the grace of God's Word everyone is made abundantly clean. If we follow Christ closely we shall be allowed, even on this earth, to stand as it were on the threshold of the heavenly Jerusalem, and enjoy the contemplation of that everlasting feast, like the blessed apostles, who in following the Savior as their leader, showed, and still show, the way to obtain the same gift from God. They said: *See, we have left all things and followed you. We too follow the Lord, and we keep his feast by deeds rather than by words.* -From an Easter letter by Saint Athanasius, bishop

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 24, 2025 to March 30, 2025

Plate _____	\$381.25
Envelopes _____	\$1335.00
Catholic Relief Services _____	\$277.00
Easter Flowers _____	\$150.00
Candles _____	\$45.00
Maintenance _____	\$5.00
Poor Box _____	\$65.01
Weddings _____	\$3000.00
Online _____	\$205.80

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, **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 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.