

# 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 Pastoral Associate:

In our readings today, I am struck by the Catholicity of the Church, particularly after the events of this week. In our first reading, Paul and Barnabas extend their preaching to the Gentiles who are delighted to have them come among them. The Gospel was meant not just for the Jew, but for all other people as well. In our second reading, John has a vision of the heavenly host gathered around the throne of the Lamb.



And finally we read about Jesus declaring that "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me... no one can take them out of my hand."

These many descriptions of rejoicing crowds who constitute the flock of Jesus naturally make me think of the rejoicing crowds in St. Peter's square who anxiously waited to see our new pope. As I'm sure you're aware, Robert Francis Prevost, a Chicago native, was elected as the first pope from the United States, taking the name Leo XIV. He is a member of the Augustinian order of friars and has spent his life between America and as a missionary to Peru. Seeing the joyful celebration of a new Pope by the crowds and knowing that jubilant celebration was magnified across the world, these readings take on a whole new sense of meaning. We are one Church, united as the flock of Jesus Christ. The extension of the ministry by Paul and Barnabas (as well as the rest of the Apostles) to Gentiles is clearly shown by the vast array of people enumerated in the crowds. It is impossible not to notice in all the footage the vast number of flags of countless nations being waved by representatives of those lands. The Gospel has reached all corners of the earth and the triumph of Jesus Christ that  
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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

MAY 11, 2025  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, May 10— The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
8:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, May 11— The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
11:00am † Russ Daly

**MONDAY, May 12— Sts. Nereus and Achilles, St. Pancras**

**TUESDAY, May 13—Our Lady of Fatima**

**WEDNESDAY, May 14— St. Matthias, Apostle**  
Noon

**THURSDAY, May 15— St. Isidore**  
Noon Jennifer Martinez and Family (Living and Deceased)

**FRIDAY, May 16**

**SATURDAY, May 17— The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
8:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, May 18— The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
11:00am † Regina Garcia Foster, Joseph, Paula, Ronald I Garcia

### 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

5/10 & 5/11	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

5/17 & 5/18	8:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

### Readings for the Fourth Week of 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 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
 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 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

# Parish Calendar of Events

- May 12— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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 25— Coffee and Donuts after 11 am Mass
- May 25— Catholic Movie Night (Bella) at 5pm
- 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 7-8— Peter's Pence Collection
- Jun 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 14-15— Diocesan Communications Collection
- Jun 19— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Jun 22—Knights of Columbus Fundraiser Brunch after 11 am Mass
- Jun 28— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 2— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jul 3— Bible Study at 7pm
- Jul 5— Wedding at 6pm
- Jul 12—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 12— Wedding at 6pm
- Jul 19—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 2—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Matthias.

According to Acts 1:15-26, during the days after the Ascension Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—about 120 of Jesus’ followers. Now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter said, to fulfill the scriptural recommendation that another should take his office. “Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection” (Acts 1:21-22). They nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the Eleven. Matthias is not mentioned by name anywhere else in the New Testament. We do know, however, that he was a follower of Jesus from the beginning and was among those that received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, going out into the streets and preaching boldly. Non-biblical accounts of his life tend to contradict. Some say Matthias brought the Gospel west to Germanic regions. Others say he traveled south to Ethiopia to convert the cannibals. Still others say his evangelical journeys north brought him to Cappadocia. But wherever he went, Matthias is said to have performed many miracles that left people seized with wonder and joy that such a faith was possible. It is believed that St. Matthias died in Jerusalem, having been ordered to be put to death by the Jewish High Priest, first being stoned and then beheaded.

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we celebrate at Easter continues to radiate to all corners of the world. Countless empires of varying sizes and strengths have risen and fallen in the history of the world. But the Church remains and endures. We too should take the victory of Christ to others in our lives, our neighborhoods, and to the ends of the earth. In his address to the crowd, Pope Leo said “*God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs His light. Humanity needs Him like a bridge to reach God and His love. You help us to build bridges with dialogue and encounter so we can all be one people always in peace.*” Do not be afraid to share the Gospel with others, especially in this time of renewed interest in the Church. We have a mission to bring others to Christ and to help in growing Christ’s flock. Let us do so with great and abundant joy in the Resurrection of Christ.

## Prayer of the Week

### A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

*Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.*

## Coffee and Donuts

Take a few extra moments after Sunday Mass on May 25th to have a donut and some coffee and get to know some of your parishioners in the narthex of the Church. This welcoming gesture will be a monthly occurrence sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

## Tomorrow’s Priests Collection

Next week we will have a second collection for the education of seminarians for our diocese. Please be as generous as you are able.

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## 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 at 816-213-6024 or [ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:ombudsman@diocesekcsj.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 Assistance Coordinator at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org)

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From April 28, 2025 to May 4, 2025

Plate _____	\$402.00
Envelopes _____	\$2963.00
Candles _____	\$57.00
Maintenance _____	\$150.00
Tomorrow's Priests _____	\$25.00
Poor Box _____	\$30.47
Weddings _____	\$1000.00
Lighthouse _____	\$5.00
Online _____	\$195.52

## Catholic Movie Night

The Legion of Mary will have its next Catholic Movie Night on May 25th at 5pm in the parish hall. We will be watching **Bella (2008)**: a moving film about a chef with a mysterious past who spends the day with a waitress who dearly needs a friend. Parental discretion is advised. Food will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

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## The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are beginning their annual baby bottle campaign to help raise money for ultrasound machines for a mobile clinic, beginning the weekend of Mother's Day. Please take a bottle and fill it with spare change. The Knights will collect them on Father's Day.



## Email Prayer Chain

If you would like to request prayers, please email our prayer chain at [AnnMarie@oloskc.org](mailto: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, **June 12th 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' resurrection, and John's unique additions to the narrative. Please email Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto: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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).