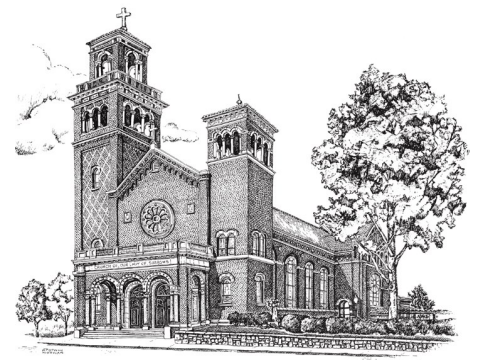


# Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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## From our Pastoral Associate:

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells us, "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Jesus makes it plain that if we are to remain in his love, we should keep his commandments. Keeping God's commandments proves our love for him and opens us up to Jesus being more clearly revealed to us.

God's commandments are not negative but positive. They set us on the right road to God. Commandments exist not so much to turn us away from a thing but to orient ourselves to what is the best thing. Even in the Garden of Eden, God's command that Adam and Eve not eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was focused on directing them to eat of the Tree of Life in the center of the Garden. God is our Creator. Having created us, he also knows what is best for us and what we need to flourish. So when he gives these commands, it is with that aim in mind. That is why Jesus says that his yoke is easy and his burden is light (Mt 11:30). When we follow God's commandments, we find it easier to see God in everything, just as Jesus promised. This flourishing caused by following God's commandments is what the Church calls Holiness. When we follow sin, we find the opposite happening.

We know in our hearts that this is true. Sin sets up an obstacle and barrier in our relationship with God. It distorts our view of reality and leads us to continue on a path away from God, who is our source of joy, grace, and life. We see ourselves less inclined to pray, to worship him at Mass, even finding it harder to believe. This ultimately leads to happiness and deprivation, much like a plant that is not allowed to see the light.

Ask yourself, "Where do I struggle in following the commandments? Why did God give this commandment to follow? How is the commandment beneficial to me? Have I been to confession lately on this or other points where I have failed to live up to God's desire for me?"

It is not an easy thing to ask these questions of ourselves. Doing so will help bring us more closely in union with him and on the path of holiness. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). He longs for us to have that abundance of life that comes from following his commands.



## Parish Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monday-Friday

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**Diocesan Victim Advocate**

**Whitney True-Francis**

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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 7, 2023  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, May 13— The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, May 14— The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
11:00am For the Poor

**MONDAY, May 15— St. Isadore**

**TUESDAY, May 16**

**WEDNESDAY, May 17**

Noon

**THURSDAY, May 18—St. John I, Pope**

Noon

**FRIDAY, May 19**

**SATURDAY, May 20— The Ascension of the Lord**  
4:00pm Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, May 21— The Ascension 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.

# Readings for Holy Week

5/13 & 14	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Brad Geist
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

5/20 & 21	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the Sixth Week of Easter

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4,5-6a; Jn 15:26-16:4a  
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14, Jn 16:12-15  
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-3ab, 3c-4; Jn 16: 16-20  
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23  
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28  
 Sunday: Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

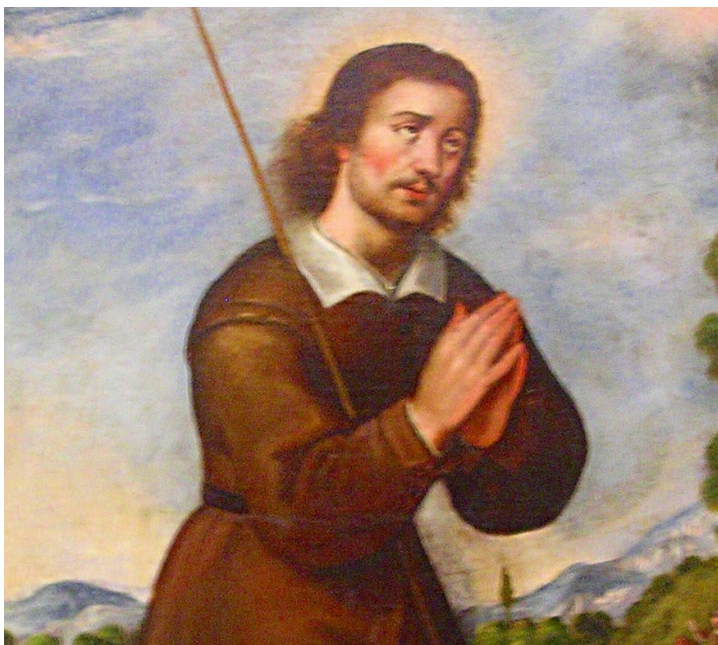
# Parish Calendar of Events

- May 13-14 Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- May 15— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- May 16— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- May 18— The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- May 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 20-21— Tomorrow's Priests Collection
- May 27— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 27— Wedding at 6pm
- May 28— Peter's Pence Collection
- June 1— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- June 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- June 10— Wedding at 1:30pm
- June 10— Wedding at 6pm
- June 10-11 Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- June 13— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- June 15—The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- June 17— Wedding at 6pm
- June 24— Diaconate Rite of Candidacy w/ Bishop Johnston at 10am
- July 1— Wedding at 1:30pm
- July 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- July 8— Wedding at 1:30pm
- July 15— Wedding at 1:30pm
- July 18— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- July 20—The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- Aug 3— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Aug 12—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 17—The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!



# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Isidore the Farmer

St. Isidore was born in Spain in the late 1000's and worked as a hired hand for a wealthy landowner named John de Vergas. He shared everything he earned, even his food, with the poor. He attended Mass early in the morning every day and this soon his coworkers complained that Isidore often showed up late to work because he spent so much time praying. Despite regularly reporting to work late, Isidore regularly accomplished the work of 3 men. The explanation of this was evident as on many occasions John and the workers saw angels helping Isidore in the fields, sometimes taking over for Isidore while he prayed. Isidore had a wife known as Maria Cabeza and together produced a son. On one occasion, their son fell into a deep well and at their prayers the water level of the well rose to the height of the ground, bringing the boy, alive and well, along with it. Maria always had a pot of stew ready in their home for the poor. On one occasion, the pot ran empty despite not everyone being fed. When she told everyone that it was empty and there was no more food, Isidore insisted that she go back and check the pot. When she returned to the stove she found it full again and everyone was allowed to be served. St. Isidore died on May 15, 1130 and was canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV.

## The Holy Hour for Marriage

Our next Holy Hour for Marriage **will be at 6pm on May 18th** at Our Lady of Sorrows and is monthly on the third Thursday of every month. The Holy Hour is for married and engaged couples to come and pray in eucharistic adoration over each other and for the needs of their marriage. There will be a short reflection on an aspect of married life and confession. When it is over, all couples are encouraged to go on a date with their spouse or fiancé. We encourage our parishioners to come and pray during this time.

## For Your Reflection:

The Holy Spirit renews us in baptism through his godhead, which he shares with the Father and the Son. Finding us in a state of deformity, the Spirit restores our original beauty and fills us with his grace, leaving no room for anything unworthy of our love. The Spirit frees us from sin and death, and changes us from the earthly men we were, men of dust and ashes, into spiritual men, sharers in the divine glory, sons and heirs of God the Father who bear a likeness to the Son and are his co-heirs and brothers, destined to reign with him and to share his glory. In place of earth the Spirit reopens heaven to us and gladly admits us into paradise, giving us even now greater honor than the angels, and by the holy waters of baptism extinguishing the unquenchable fires of hell.

We men are conceived twice: to the human body we owe our first conception, to the divine Spirit, our second. John says: *To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God. These were born not by human generation, not by the desire of the flesh, not by the will of man, but of God.* All who believed in Christ, he says, received power to become children of God, that is, of the Holy Spirit, and to gain kinship with God. To show that their parent was God the Holy Spirit, he adds these words of Christ: *I give you this solemn warning, that without being born of water and the Spirit, no one can enter the kingdom of God.*

Visibly, through the ministry of priests, the font gives symbolic birth to our visible bodies. Invisibly, through the ministry of angels, the Spirit of God, whom even the mind's eye cannot see, baptizes into himself both our souls and bodies, giving them a new birth.

Speaking quite literally, and also in harmony with the words of *water and the Spirit*, John the Baptist says of Christ: *He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.* Since we are only vessels of clay, we must first be cleansed in water and then hardened by spiritual fire — for *God is a consuming fire.* We need the Holy Spirit to perfect and renew us, for spiritual fire can cleanse us, and spiritual water can recast us as in a furnace and make us into new men.

*-From a treatise On the Trinity by Didymus of Alexandria*

## 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](mailto: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 Whitney True-Francis, at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org)

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From May 1 to May 7, 2023

Plate.....\$319.00

Envelopes.....\$1336.00

## Prayer of the Week

### The Angel of Fatima Prayer

*O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.*

Amen.

This prayer was given to the children of Fatima by the Angel of Peace before Our Lady began appearing at Fatima. He appeared to the children holding a chalice and a host and taught them to say this prayer daily.

## Tomorrow's Priests Collection

Next weekend, May 20-21, there will be a second collection for the Tomorrow's Priests collection. This goes to directly building the future of the Church by helping to defray the cost for the education of the seminarians in our diocese. Please be as generous as you are able.

## The Knights of Columbus

Our Knights of Columbus Council #2457 meets in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesdays beginning with recitation of the Rosary at 6:30pm. We are also establishing a Women's Auxiliary to help support the Knights' charitable works both practically and spiritually. Please contact Brad Geist or John Pileggi for more information."



## Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera

## 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 fax it to 816.421.6037 or email Brad at the office at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

## Parish Bible Study— The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **June 1st at 7pm** and we 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 will dive into the story of the Woman at the Well, a woman who was an outcast but found herself as the chief instrument of Jesus in reaching a people that would have otherwise been hostile to him. We will also explore the healing of an official's son. All are welcome! 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 next monthly collection of these items will be May 13-14th**, and will take 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).

## Additional Collections this Month

This month there will be three additional collections:

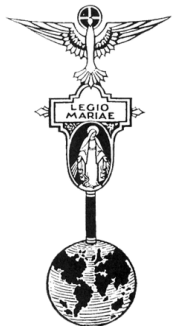
**May 13-14**— Food and goods for St. Monica food pantry

**May 20-21**— Tomorrow's Priests collection for seminarians

**May 27-28**— Peter's Pence collection for the Pope's charitable activities. Please be as generous as you are able.

## The Legion of Mary

The Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every **Monday at 6:00pm in the parish hall**. The Legion of Mary is a Marian group that seeks to imitate Mary in serving Jesus in those they meet by advancing the Gospel. This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica's, our sister parish. If you would like more info contact Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for more information or come to a meeting.



## 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.

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