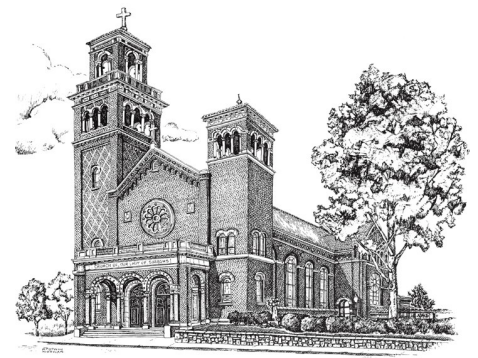


Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



ESTABLISHED 1890

IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

The True Christian Uniform: Love

In the early beginnings of the Church, Christians faced tremendous challenges in expressing who they were. For over three hundred years, the Roman Empire forbade them from practicing their faith publicly. In a world that misunderstood and persecuted them, Christians had to find creative ways to communicate their identity and distinguish themselves from the pagans and non-believers around them. One of the ways they did this was through *uniforms*—visible signs that set them apart and subtly expressed their allegiance to Christ. These outward signs became a silent witness in a world that often refused to listen.



Over time, this tradition continued in various forms. Today, we see it in the regalia of groups like the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver, the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of Malta, the Swiss Guards etc. We see it in the habits of monks and nuns and in the white collars worn by the Pope, Bishops, priests and deacons. These uniforms do more than identify a person—they reveal the office, mission, and community to which the wearer belongs. But while these uniforms are meaningful, Jesus invites us to wear a garment that goes deeper than fabric. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the true Christian uniform when He says: *"This I command you: love one another as I love you."* This love is not sentimental or surface-level. It is sacrificial, merciful, and deeply rooted in the heart of God. It is the kind of love that forgives enemies, serves the poor, comforts the broken, and speaks truth even when it's costly. Love is the Christian's most powerful identifier. It is our habit. It is our robe. It is *(continued on page 3)*

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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 18, 2025
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 17— The Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00pm † Regina Garcia Foster, Joseph, Paula,
Ronald I Garcia

SUNDAY, May 18— The Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00am The Parishioners of Our

MONDAY, May 19

TUESDAY, May 20— St. Bernardine of Siena

**WEDNESDAY, May 21— St. Christopher Megallanes and
Companions**

Noon

THURSDAY, May 22— St. Rita of Cascia

Noon

FRIDAY, May 23

SATURDAY, May 24— The Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, May 18— The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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

5/24 & 5/25	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	John Pileggi	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Arthur Kovach
Server/ Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Tomorrow's Priests Collection

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

Readings for the Fifth Week of Easter

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13, 21; Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Parish Calendar of Events

- May 18— Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Collection
- May 19— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- May 20— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- May 24— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 25— Coffee and Donuts after 11am 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 11am 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
- Aug 7— Bible Study at 7pm
- Aug 8— Wedding at 4pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Bernardine of Siena

Bernardine was born in Tuscany in 1380, the son of a governor. When he was 20, the plague was at its height in his hometown of Siena. Sometimes as many as 20 people died in one day at the hospital. Bernardine offered to run the hospital and, with the help of other young men, nursed patients there for four months. At 22, he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained two years later. For almost a dozen years he lived in solitude and prayer, but his gifts ultimately caused him to be sent to preach. He always traveled on foot, sometimes speaking for hours in one place, then doing the same in another town. Especially known for his devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, Bernardine devised a symbol—IHS, the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek—in Gothic letters on a blazing sun. This was to displace the superstitious symbols of the day, as well as the insignia of factions: The devotion spread, and the symbol began to appear in churches, homes and public buildings. Opposition arose from those who thought it a dangerous innovation. Three attempts were made to have the pope take action against him, but Bernardine's holiness, orthodoxy, and intelligence were evidence of his faithfulness. General of the Friars of the Strict Observance, a branch of the Franciscan Order, Bernardine strongly emphasized scholarship and further study of theology and canon law. When he started there were 300 friars in the community; when he died there were 4,000. He returned to preaching the last two years of his life, dying while traveling in 1444.

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our collar. It is the sign that we belong to Christ and that Christ lives in us. It is a uniform that cannot be taken off and should never be put aside. Unlike a badge or garment, it is meant to be lived and practiced every day.

This command to love challenges us not only to look like Christians on the outside but to be Christians on the inside. To love not just in words or symbols but in action and truth. Let us pray for the grace to wear this uniform faithfully—not just in church, but in our homes, workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods. When people see us, may they see love. May they see and encounter Christ.

Fr. Leonard

Eucharistic Adoration

Our sister Parish, St. Monica will host a stop on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage honoring St. Katharine Drexel. Join them for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, May 27th, from 4:30–5:30 PM. The choir will lead praise and worship, and Fr. Leonard will offer a short reflection on the life and legacy of St. Katherine Drexel. Let's come together to welcome pilgrims and adore our Lord.

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.

Congratulations Fr. Leonard!

This past weekend, Fr. Leonard was honored with a Doctor of Ministry in Chaplaincy degree from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. This achievement corresponds with his chaplaincy work at the Kansas City VA Hospital. Congratulations, Fr. Leonard!

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 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

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From May 5, 2025 to May 11, 2025

Plate _____	\$410.00
Envelopes _____	\$1960.00
Candles _____	\$74.00
Maintenance _____	\$280.00
Tomorrow's Priests _____	\$25.00
Home Missions Appeal _____	\$20.00
Poor Box _____	\$125.20
Weddings _____	\$3040.00
Online _____	\$294.06

Catholic Movie Night

The Legion of Mary will have its next Catholic Movie Night on **Sunday, 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.

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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. 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 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 June 14-15** and takes place on the second week-end 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.