

# 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 Pastor:

### "Goose" Spirit

This Sunday we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit—Pentecost—the birthday of the Church. But unlike Christmas or Easter, Pentecost doesn't get the same attention. There are no Pentecost sales at Walmart, no fancy hats or candy baskets, and certainly no trees decorated with red flames. Maybe there should be, and we should! Because Pentecost is not an ordinary feast. It is the explosive, unpredictable, Spirit-driven moment that changed everything. If the Spirit never ascended to the Apostles in the upper room, you and me won't be here in this church today and many other churches across the world. So Pentecost is such a big deal.

Part of the reason we overlook Pentecost may be because the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Blessed Trinity, tends to stay behind the scenes. While God the Father thunders from clouds and Jesus delivers the Sermon on the Mount and raises the dead, the Spirit often is perceived as the Trinity's silent partner. But don't let the Holy Spirit fool you. Today, I'd like to suggest that the Holy Spirit is not silent at all. The Holy Spirit is alive and well.

We're used to seeing the Holy Spirit as a gentle dove, descending quietly upon Jesus at His baptism. The dove is elegant and serene—comforting, sure—but also tame and sentimental. It's a soft, sweet symbol. But the ancient Celts—the Irish—had another idea that I like.

In old Irish tradition, the Holy Spirit was depicted not as a dove, but as a wild goose.

Think about that for a moment. Geese are noisy. They bite. They honk. They travel in flocks and never leave one of their own behind. They don't tiptoe into your life—they barge in. And they refuse to be domesticated.

This is the Spirit of Pentecost. Not tame. Not manageable. Not housebroken. When the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, it wasn't a whisper but a roar—wind and fire and a crash of languages. The apostles didn't stay in the upper room and meditate. They ran out into the streets, proclaiming boldly in every language under heaven. Their message? The mighty acts of God. And everyone heard it—no matter their background, dialect, or country.

The goose, then, reminds us that the Spirit drives us out of comfort. It compels us  
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## 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

Adoration 11:00am

Confession 11:30 am

Mass Noon

## Baptism and Marriage

Call for information or email  
bgeist@oloskc.org

MAY 24, 2026  
PENTECOST

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, May 23— Pentecost**

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, May 24— Pentecost**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, May 25— The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

**TUESDAY, May 26— St. Philip Neri**

**WEDNESDAY, May 27— St. Augustine of Canterbury**

Noon The school community of Chesterton Academy of St. Philip Neri

**THURSDAY, May 28**

Noon Jennifer Martinez

**FRIDAY, May 29— Pope St. Paul VI**

**SATURDAY, May 30— The Most Holy Trinity**

4:00pm † Jacob M. Nachtigall

**SUNDAY, May 31— The Most Holy Trinity**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**No Weekday Mass**

Please keep our diocesan priests in your prayers as they gather this coming week for their annual retreat. There will be **no weekday Mass on Wednesday & Thursday.**

**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

5/23 & 24	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	John Pileggi	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

5/30 & 31	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

**Readings for the 8th Week in Ordinary Time**

- Monday: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10; Mk 10:17-27
- Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2-5; Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday: Jud 17, 20-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33
- Sunday: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

# Parish Calendar of Events

- May 23-24— Peter's Pence Collection
- May 25— Legion of Mary at 4pm (Every Monday)
- May 30— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 30— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jun 4— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Jun 6— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Jun 6-7— Tomorrow's Priests Collection
- Jun 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 13-14— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Jun 21— Communications Collection
- Jul 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jul 2— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Jul 4— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Jul 11-12— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Jul 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 25— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 25— Wedding at 6pm
- Aug 1— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Aug 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Aug 6— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Aug 8— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 14— Wedding at 2:30pm
- Aug 15— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 16— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Aug 22— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 29— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 2— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm

**Keep watching for more info & dates to come!**

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— Pope St. Paul VI

Born near Brescia in northern Italy, Giovanni Battista Montini was the second of three sons. His father, Giorgio, was a lawyer, editor, and eventually a member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies. His mother, Giuditta, was very involved in Catholic Action. After ordination in 1920, Giovanni did graduate studies in literature, philosophy, and canon law in Rome before he joined the Vatican Secretariat of State in 1924, where he worked for 30 years. He was also chaplain to the Federation of Italian Catholic University Students, where he met and became a very good friend of Aldo Moro, who eventually became prime minister. Moro was kidnapped by the Red Brigade in March 1978, and murdered two months later. A devastated Pope Paul VI presided at his funeral. In 1954, Fr. Montini was named archbishop of Milan, where he sought to win disaffected workers back to the Catholic Church. In 1958, Montini was the first of 23 cardinals named by Pope John XXIII, two months after the latter's election as pope. Cardinal Montini helped in preparing Vatican II and participated enthusiastically in its first sessions. When he was elected pope in June 1963, he immediately decided to continue that Council, which had another three sessions before its conclusion on December 8, 1965. The day before Vatican II concluded, Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras revoked the excommunications that their predecessors had made in 1054. The pope worked very hard to ensure that bishops would approve the Council's 16 documents by overwhelming majorities. Saint Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo on August 6, 1978, and was buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

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to honk the Gospel—loudly. It makes us dangerous to the status quo. And when the Spirit lands on someone, that person can no longer sit quietly.

It's the goose of St. Patrick, who returned to the very land where he had been enslaved to proclaim Christ. It's the goose of Francis Xavier, who journeyed to Asia and died proclaiming the Gospel in China. It's the goose of Dorothy Day, jailed for her witness to justice in New York. It's the goose of every nurse who comforts the dying, every whistleblower who defends the oppressed, and every college student who volunteers in forgotten places.

And sometimes, the wild goose challenges us to honk at injustice in our own backyard.

When we hear politicians using faith as a prop while ignoring the cries of the poor, the goose honks in holy defiance, "This is not the Gospel!"

When we see churches remain silent while injustice reigns outside their doors, the goose ruffles its feathers and warns, "If you will not speak, the stones will cry out!"

When we watch the earth groaning from pollution, forests burning, oceans choking on plastic, the wild goose stirs the prophets within us to act, to shout, to protect God's creation.

The Holy Spirit is not here to keep things the same. The Spirit is here to stir the pot.

And so we ask: have you domesticated the Holy Spirit in your lives? Do you allow the goose to unsettle you? Or have we trained it to sit quietly in the corner like a pet dove?

## KofC Baby Bottle Collection

Our Knights of Columbus Council is holding their annual Baby Bottle campaign this weekend through Father's Day. Donations support the MO Knights Sonogram Initiative maintaining machines throughout the State. Some 95% of mothers that meet their baby via sonogram decide to choose life! Thank you for your participation.



## Office of Child & Youth Protection—Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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.

If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, [ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org) 816-213-6024 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 816-714-2357 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From May 4, 2026 to May 10, 2026

Plate _____	\$292.00
Envelopes _____	\$1536.00
Candles _____	\$49.00
Poor Box _____	\$20.57
Weddings _____	\$995.00
Maintenance _____	\$25.00
Peter's Pence _____	\$20.00
Tomorrow's Priests _____	\$55.00
Mass Stipends _____	\$10.00
Lighthouse _____	\$23.00
Online _____	\$875.66

## The Knights of Columbus

Are you interested in strengthening your bonds as a family, deepening your faith in the Catholic Church, and working with like-minded men to help support your church and community? If so, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus.

**FREE MEMBERSHIP:** Join the Knights of Columbus between now and June 30th, 2026, and your first year of membership will be FREE! Use code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) To join the Knights use the link above or contact John Pileggi at [jgapileggi@gmail.com](mailto:jgapileggi@gmail.com)



## 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.

## Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumming, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Jim Taber, Michael Mora

## A Note From The Editor

Announcements and changes for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office in writing no later than Wednesday 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 Legion of Mary

Under the patronage and care of the Mother of God, the Legion of Mary is formed to serve both the spiritual growth of her members and in commitment of work and service to the Church.

The Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium meets every **Monday at 4pm in the parish hall except for the last Monday of the month, when we meet at St. Monica's at the same time**. This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica's, our sister parish.



## Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **June 4 at 7pm** and we normally meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month. We will study the Book of Genesis, the first and one of the most important books of the Bible. Please email Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for updates and details.



## Peter's Pence

This weekend we will have a second collection for Peter's Pence, which goes to supporting the Pope's charitable endeavors throughout the world.

## Social Outreach Ministry

The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of perishable and non-perishable food, toiletries, unopened 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 13th and 14th** 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).