

# 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:

### The Trinity: Relationship

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity was not always my favorite subject in the seminary. In fact, I still remember taking Trinity I and Trinity II classes and wondering at times whether the professors were speaking English or some heavenly language reserved only for theologians and saints. We spent long hours reading St. Augustine and other great theologians trying to explain the mystery of one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I remember one phrase from St. Augustine that almost gave me a headache: *"The Son proceeds from the Father by eternal generation, while the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son by spiration."* I can still remember sitting in class thinking, "What exactly does that even mean?" Words like *consubstantial*, *procession*, *generation*, and *spiration* sounded intimidating and complicated. To be honest, at the time I was just trying to survive the class and pass the exams. But something interesting happened near the end of the course. I slowly began to appreciate why the Church spent so much time reflecting on the Trinity. I realized that theology was not trying to complicate God. It was trying to protect something beautiful and important about God.

The doctrine of the Trinity tells us one simple but life-changing truth: God is relationship. God is not lonely. God is not isolated. From all eternity, the Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father, and the Holy Spirit is the bond of love between them. At the very heart of the universe is not power, fear, or selfishness—but love.

That realization changes how we see our lives.

Many people today struggle with loneliness, division, and broken relationships. Families stop talking to one another. Communities become polarized. People hide behind phones and social media yet still feel deeply disconnected. The Trinity reminds us that we were created for communion, for relationships, for  
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## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

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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 31, 2026  
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**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

**MONDAY, June 1— St. Justin Martyr**

**TUESDAY, June 2— St. Marcellinus and Peter**

**WEDNESDAY, June 3— St. Charles Lwanga and Companions**

Noon † Anthony Martinez

**THURSDAY, June 4**

Noon Carrole Faltermeier

**FRIDAY, June 5— St. Boniface**

**SATURDAY, June 6— Corpus Christi**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, June 8— Corpus Christi**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

# Liturgical Assignments

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

6/6 & 7	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	George Bryde
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 8th Week in Ordinary Time

- Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-12
- Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1-2, Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160-161, 165-168; Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44
- Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14-16; Ps 147:12-15; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

**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@olosc.org if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Jun 1— Legion of Mary at 4pm (Every Monday)
- 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
- Sep 3— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Sep 4— Wedding at 2:30pm
- Sep 5— Wedding at 1:30pm

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

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

There is very little information available about Marcellinus and Peter. It is believed that both were Roman clergy, with Marcellinus being a priest and Peter an exorcist. Both are included in the Roman Canon of the Mass, alongside other early martyrs and saints. The little we know about these martyrs comes to us from Saint Damasus I, who served as pope from 366–384. As a child, Damasus heard the story of the martyrdom of Saints Marcellinus and Peter from the mouth of one of the executioners who later became a Christian. After their arrest, Marcellinus and Peter were likely given a sham trial, found guilty, and then offered the chance to gain their freedom by burning incense to the Roman gods. They refused. While in prison, the two men preached the Gospel to other prisoners and jailers. To put an end to their evangelization, orders were given to take them to a secret location in a nearby forest, where they were ordered to dig their graves. They did so joyfully, and were then beheaded and buried in that secret location to prevent other Christians from venerating their tombs. After Marcellinus' and Peter's deaths, their stories became well known. Some time later, through divine providence, two holy women named Lucilla and Firmina were directed to the burial site. They took the saints' bodies and buried them in what is today called the Catacombs of Marcellinus and Peter. These catacombs hold thousands of graves, primarily of Christians, and once also served as a secret place of Christian worship.

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love.

This is why human beings suffer tremendously when relationships break down. We are made in the image of a Trinitarian God. Deep within us is the desire to love and to be loved.

The Trinity also teaches us humility. Even St. Augustine himself admitted that the Trinity is ultimately a mystery beyond complete human understanding. There is a famous story about him walking along the beach trying to understand the Trinity. He saw a small child attempting to pour the entire ocean into a little hole in the sand. Augustine realized that trying to fully explain the Trinity is like trying to fit the ocean into a tiny hole. God is always greater than our minds.

Yet the beautiful thing is this: even if we cannot fully understand the Trinity, we can experience the Trinity. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we invoke the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Every Mass begins in the name of the Trinity. Every baptism is celebrated in the name of the Trinity. The Trinity is not just a theological formula buried in old books. The Trinity surrounds our daily Christian life.

Perhaps the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity is inviting us to ask ourselves a simple question: Do our lives reflect the love and unity of the Trinity? Do we bring peace into our homes? Do we forgive? Do we build communion or division? Do we love only when convenient, or do we love sacrificially like God Himself?

In the end, the mystery of the Trinity is not merely something to study. It is a mystery to live.

## 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 18, 2026 to May 24, 2026

Plate _____	\$389.00
Envelopes _____	\$1446.00
Candles _____	\$89.75
Poor Box _____	\$41.00
Weddings _____	\$1000.00
Maintenance _____	\$50.00
Peter's Pence _____	\$476.00
Mass Stipends _____	\$40.00
Online _____	\$817.93

## 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)



## Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, June 6th, we will have our monthly Church cleaning. It will begin at 9:00am. Please

come and lend a hand for the work is light and rewarding. Stay a few minutes or an hour. We will need many people to get everything done.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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).