

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

Returning to Old Ways — and Hearing the Call Again.

After the Resurrection, one might expect the disciples to be filled with unstoppable energy, boldly proclaiming the Good News to all the world. After all, they had seen the Risen Christ! Yet in today's Gospel, we find them doing something surprising: they return to their old profession — fishing. Despite the astonishing events they have witnessed, they drift back to the life they knew before Jesus called them. Simon Peter says, "I am going fishing," and the others quickly follow. It's a simple statement, but it reveals much about the human heart.



This moment captures something deeply true about all of us. When life becomes uncertain, stressful, or overwhelming, it is easier to go back to old habits — even ones that no longer satisfy. Instead of boldly walking into the unknown with faith, we cling to what is familiar. We find comfort in the routines, even if they are fruitless, much like the disciples' long night of fishing that yielded nothing. Yet notice what happens next: Jesus meets them right where they are. He doesn't criticize them for returning to the fishing boats. He doesn't shame them for falling short of their calling. Instead, with tender familiarity, He calls out to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" When they answer "No," He invites them to cast their net once more — but this time, in obedience to His word. Immediately, their nets are overflowing, too heavy to haul in. In this simple act, Jesus reminds them — and us — that success, fulfillment, and fruitfulness come when we listen to Him, not when we rely solely on our own efforts. Peter's response is beautiful. As soon as he recognizes that it is Jesus, he leaps into the water, leaving everything else behind, to rush toward the Lord. It is an
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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 4, 2025
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 3— The Third Sunday of Easter
8:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, May 4— The Third Sunday of Easter
11:00am † Joseph Francis Pileggi

MONDAY, May 5

TUESDAY, May 6

WEDNESDAY, May 7
Noon † Joey Harris

THURSDAY, May 8
Noon

FRIDAY, May 9

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

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

5/3 & 5/4	8:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Arthur Kovach
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

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

Readings for the Third Week of Easter

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1; Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21; Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8; Ps 66:1-7; Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30

Parish Calendar of Events

- May 5— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- May 7— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- May 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 3— Wedding at 6pm
- May 9— Wedding at 4:30pm
- 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 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 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. John of Avila

St. John of Avila was a mystic and missionary preacher in Spain. He was born in the Castille region of Spain and at the age of 14 was sent to study law at the University of Salamanca. He soon began studies in theology and philosophy and was ordained a diocesan priest. When his parents died, they left him a considerable fortune. He gave it all away to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville in the hopes of being a missionary to Mexico. The local bishop convinced him to stay and spread the Gospel in Andalusia. Over the next nine years, he became known as an engaging spiritual director, a capable spiritual director, and a wise confessor. Because John preached against vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared. He worked later in Cordoba and then in Granada. He helped to form the University of Baeza, one of the first of many colleges to be run by diocesan priests dedicated to teaching and giving spiritual direction. John also helped the newly formed Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) to grow in Spain and the colonies. He was friends of Sts. John of Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. His works have been preserved and translated into many languages. He was named a Doctor of the Church in 2012.

Prayer of the Week

The Regina Caeli

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

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image of passionate, unfiltered love. His heart, despite all his past failures, remains deeply tied to Christ. After breakfast, Jesus tenderly addresses Peter's earlier denial — not with anger, but with healing. Three times He asks, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Three times Peter responds, and three times Jesus commissions him: "Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep." With these words, Jesus restores Peter and reaffirms his role as the leader of His flock. Peter's past failure does not disqualify him from future mission; rather, it becomes the foundation upon which his ministry of humble service is built.

This Gospel is a powerful reminder for all of us. It is so easy to fall back into old patterns when the road of discipleship becomes difficult. We may even feel ashamed when we realize we have slipped into old habits of self-reliance, fear, or distraction. But Jesus does not abandon us. He stands on the shore of our lives, patiently waiting, calling us back to Himself. Each day, He asks us the same question: "Do you love me?" Our love, even if imperfect and hesitant, is enough. If we answer "yes," He renews His call: to trust Him, to follow Him, and to care for those He entrusts to us. This Easter season, may we have the courage to leave the empty nets behind, jump out of the boat, and follow the voice of the One who calls us forward into life, love, and mission.

TURN YOUR STATE INCOME TAXES INTO CATHOLIC SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

The state of Missouri allows you to re-direct up to half the income tax you owe to an education fund. As a good steward, **why not** direct taxes you have to pay anyway to help a child receive a Catholic education?

MOScholars Program Information May 3 & 4 - After Mass

The **Bright Futures Fund** will distribute over \$10 million in scholarships in 31 diocesan Catholic schools with your help. **TRANSFORM LIVES WITH TAXES you have to pay anyway!**

BrightFuturesFund.org Christy Gruenbaum | (816) 714-2338
MOScholars | Development Coordinator

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 April 21, 2025 to Apr 27, 2025

Plate _____	\$333.00
Envelopes _____	\$1846.00
Candles _____	\$72.00
Maintenance _____	\$302.90
Poor Box _____	\$60.01
Weddings _____	\$2990.00
Lighthouse _____	\$20.00
Online _____	\$30.87

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.

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The Knights of Columbus

Are you looking to make a difference in your community, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships? The Knights of Columbus are calling you! Please contact Arthur Kovach at (816) 574-0900 or arthurkovach@gmail.com for more information.



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 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.