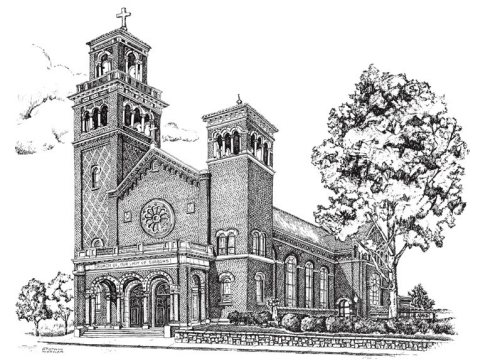


Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



ESTABLISHED 1890

IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

The Feast of the Ascension

Can you imagine standing on a hill, watching someone you love disappear into the clouds? That's what the disciples experienced on the day of the Ascension. Forty days after the Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven right before their eyes. One moment he was blessing them... the next, he was gone. Or so it seemed. But this wasn't a goodbye. This was a handover. This was Jesus saying, "Now, it's your turn."

The Acts of the Apostles tells us the disciples were left staring into the sky—until two angels appeared and asked, "Why do you stand here looking up?" (Acts 1:11). In other words: don't just stand there! Go! Live! Witness! The Ascension invites us to stop living with our heads in the clouds and start living with our feet on the ground—and our eyes fixed on the mission Jesus gave us.

The Ascension reveals three important truths:

Christ is glorified – Jesus, fully God and fully human, now sits at the right hand of the Father. His humanity is taken up into heaven, giving us a glimpse of our own destiny in Christ. The Ascension reminds us that heaven is our true home.

The Church is empowered – Jesus' final words to his disciples were a command: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). The mission of Christ is now the mission of the Church.

The Spirit is coming – Before ascending, Jesus promises, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" (Acts 1:8). The Ascension prepares us for Pentecost—the birth of the Church.

At the Ascension, Jesus didn't give a detailed strategic plan. He simply said: "You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). That's our job
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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

JUNE 1, 2025
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 31— The Ascension of the Lord

4:00pm † Jacob Nachtigall

SUNDAY, June 1— The Ascension of the Lord

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, June 2— Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

TUESDAY, June 3— St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

WEDNESDAY, June 4

Noon

THURSDAY, June 5— St. Boniface

Noon Jennifer Martinez and Family (Living and Deceased)

FRIDAY, June 7— St. Norbert

SATURDAY, June 8— Pentecost

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

SUNDAY, June 9— Pentecost

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

5/31 & 6/1	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

6/7 & 6/8	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the Seventh Week of Easter

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7, Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36;
Jn 17:11-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20;
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104: 1, 24, 29-31, 34;
Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23

Parish Calendar of Events

- Jun 2— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Jun 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jun 7— Church Cleaning at 9am
- 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— Communications Collection
- Jun 14-15— Food Pantry Collection
- 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—Church Cleaning at 9am
- Jul 5— Wedding at 6pm
- Jul 12-13— Food Pantry Collection
- Jul 12—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 12— Wedding at 6pm
- Jul 19—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 2—Church Cleaning at 9am
- 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
- Aug 16—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 3—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Sep 6— Jun 14— Church Cleaning at 9am

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Boniface

Boniface, known as the apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine monk who gave up being elected abbot to devote his life to the conversion of the Germanic tribes. Two characteristics stand out: his Christian orthodoxy and his fidelity to the pope of Rome. How absolutely necessary this orthodoxy and fidelity were is borne out by the conditions Boniface found on his first missionary journey in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. Paganism was a way of life. What Christianity he did find had either lapsed into paganism or was mixed with error. The clergy were mainly responsible for these latter conditions since they were in many instances uneducated, lax and questionably obedient to their bishops. In particular instances their very ordinations were questionable. These are the conditions that Boniface was to report in 722 on his first return visit to Rome. The Holy Father instructed him to reform the German Church. The pope sent letters of recommendation to religious and civil leaders. Boniface later admitted that his work would have been unsuccessful, from a human viewpoint, without a letter of safe-conduct from Charles Martel, the powerful Frankish ruler, grandfather of Charlemagne. Boniface was finally made a regional bishop and authorized to organize the whole German Church. He was eminently successful. In the Frankish kingdom, he met great problems because of lay interference in bishops' elections, the worldliness of the clergy and lack of papal control. During a final mission to the Frisians, Boniface and 53 companions were massacred while he was preparing converts for confirmation.

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description: to be living signs of Jesus' presence in the world. In our homes, at our workplaces, on our streets, in the parish—our faith isn't private. It's public. It's purposeful.

Being a witness doesn't mean preaching on street corners (though it could!). It means living with love, courage, joy, and mercy. It means forgiving those who hurt us. It means helping those who are forgotten. It means letting our lives speak louder than our words. The Ascension isn't just about Jesus going up—it's about us rising up. Rising to our calling. Rising to hope. Rising to meet the Spirit, who will come at Pentecost and light our hearts on fire. Jesus now reigns in glory, but he didn't leave us behind. He left us with a mission—and a promise: "I am with you always."

This week, ask yourself:

Where is God inviting me to grow?

Is there someone I need to reach out to in love?

What's one small way I can be a witness to Christ this week?

Prayer of the Week

The Veni Creator Spiritus

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
Vouchsafe within our souls to rest;
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
And fill the hearts which Thou hast made.
To Thee, the Comforter, we cry,
To Thee, the Gift of God Most High,
The Fount of life, the Fire of love,
The soul's Anointing from above.
Drive far away our wily Foe,
And Thine abiding peace bestow;
If Thou be our protecting Guide,
No evil can our steps betide.
Make Thou to us the Father known;
Teach us the eternal Son to own
And Thee, whose name we ever bless,
Of both the Spirit, to confess.
Amen.

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 19, 2025 to May 25, 2025

Plate	\$471.63
Envelopes	\$2226.00
Candles	\$102.00
Poor Box	\$0.37
Weddings	\$1000.00
Online	\$260.69



Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, June 7th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning. Please come and lend a hand for the work is light and rewarding. Stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting at 6:30 on Wednesday, June 4th in the parish hall. If you have an interest in joining the Knights, we strongly encourage you to attend this meeting.

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 KofC Baby Bottle Drive

The Knights of Columbus are continuing their annual baby bottle campaign to help raise money for ultrasound machines for a mobile clinic, beginning the weekend of Mother's Day. Please leave your donation in the baby bottles at the back of the church.. The Knights will conclude their effort 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, **July 3rd 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.