

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastoral Associate:

Today marks the celebration of Corpus Christi, a day that we reflect on the great gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. On this day it is typical to celebrate not only with Mass but also with other expressions of Eucharistic devotion such as adoration and processions that help us to experience Jesus, who is truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament consecrated by the priest at Mass.

I want to share with you a special miracle, perhaps the most famous of the miracles of the Eucharist, as the story is deeply fascinating. In the 8th century, a priest was celebrating Mass in Lanciano, Italy and during the consecration was entertaining grave doubts regarding the teaching of the Church on the change that the bread and wine undergo during the words of consecration ("This is my body, this is my blood"). As he came to this moment in the Mass, his doubts plagued him even more deeply. But as he said the words, to his astonishment the bread and wine were transformed into physical flesh and blood. His doubt vanishing, he took a moment to thank God for the miracle and his merciful love, turned and joyfully showed the congregation what had taken place. News of the miracle spread throughout the countryside and multitudes of people came to adore. During this time the blood coagulated into 5 globules, which onlookers connected with the five wounds of Christ—those in his hands, feet, and sides. To this day, the miracle continues to exist. The flesh and blood (which you can see in the picture above) have been perfectly preserved without any use of preservatives or other means. In the 1970's the Vatican gave the local bishop permission to have scientific tests performed to



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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 22, 2025
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, June 21— The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, June 22— The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, June 23

TUESDAY, June 24— The Nativity of John the Baptist

WEDNESDAY, June 25

Noon

THURSDAY, June 26

Noon

FRIDAY, June 27— The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

SATURDAY, June 28— Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, June 29— Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

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

6/21 & 6/22	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	John Pileggi	Arthur Kovach
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

6/28 & 6/29	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 12th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16; Ps 106:1-5; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Is 61:9-11; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 2:41-51

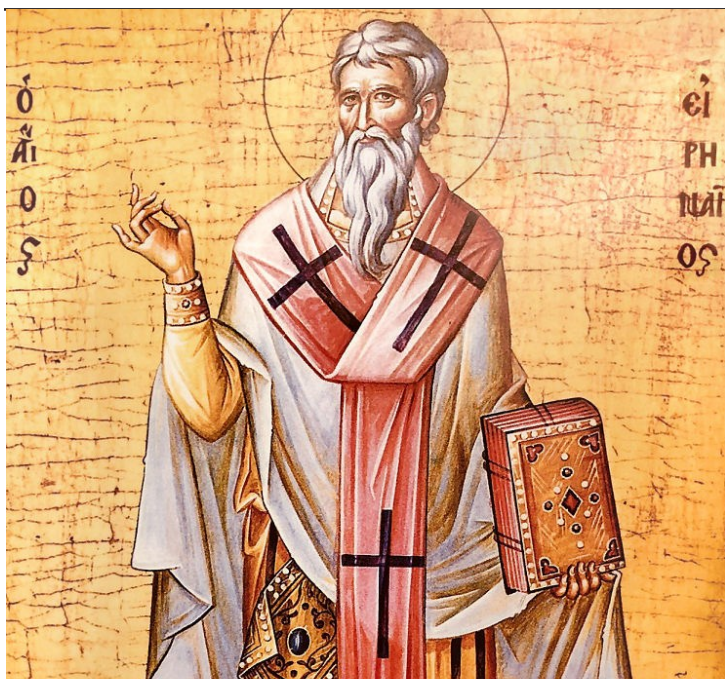
Sunday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Parish Calendar of Events

- **Jun 22—Knights of Columbus Fundraiser Brunch** after 11am Mass
- **Jun 23— The Legion of Mary** at 6pm (Every Monday)
- **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 9-10— Food Pantry Collection**
- **Aug 16—Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Aug 16-17— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection**
- **Sep 3—Knights of Columbus** at 6:30pm
- **Sep 4— Bible Study** at 7pm
- **Sep 6— Jun 14— Church Cleaning** at 9am
- **Sep 6— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Sep 13— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Sep 20— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Sep 20— Wedding** at 6pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Irenaeus of Lyon

St. Irenaeus lived from around 130 to 202. Born in Smyrna, Greece, he played a large role in guiding and expanding Christian communities in the southern region of what is now France. He had seen and heard the preaching of St. Polycarp, who in turn was the disciple of the Apostle John. Unlike many of his day, Irenaeus was raised in a Christian home. Ordained a priest, Irenaeus was sent to Pope Eleutherius to inform him of the heresy of Montanism which was spreading. He soon became the Second bishop of Gaul, succeeding St. Pothinus, who had been martyred during a persecution. The Church is fortunate that Irenaeus was involved in many of its controversies in the second century. He was a student, well trained, with great patience in investigating, tremendously protective of apostolic teaching, but prompted more by a desire to win over his opponents than to prove them in error. As bishop of Lyons he was especially concerned with the Gnostics, who took their name from the Greek word for “knowledge.” Claiming access to secret knowledge imparted by Jesus to only a few disciples, their teaching was attracting and confusing many Christians. After thoroughly investigating the various Gnostic sects and their “secret,” Irenaeus showed to what logical conclusions their tenets led. These he contrasted with the teaching of the apostles and the text of Holy Scripture, giving us, in five books, a system of theology of great importance to subsequent times. Moreover, his work, widely used and translated into Latin and Armenian, gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics. It was Irenaeus that provided us with the three pillars of Divine Revelation— Scripture, Tradition, and the teaching of the Apostle’s successors (what we now call the Magisterium). The circumstances and details about his death, like those of his birth and early life in Asia Minor, are not at all clear. However in 2022, Pope Francis named Saint Irenaeus a Doctor of the Church.

show its veracity. What they found is that no trace of any preservative is used. The flesh is real human flesh and comes from the heart and is a cross section of the myocardium, the endocardium, the vagus nerve and also the left ventricle of the heart for the large thickness of the myocardium. It is still fresh and shows no signs of decay despite being 1200 years old. The blood is type AB (universal donor) and belongs to the same person as that of the host. The blood has proteins in the same normal proportions that are only present in fresh blood. God gives these kinds of miracles to help to support our faith and to help us to see the truth in them. In this case, God wished us to know that in the Eucharist, we truly receive Jesus Christ— his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in his entirety. In this exchange of love, God strengthens our souls and gives us the strength to be faithful to him. I encourage you today and throughout this week to take some time to reflect in front of the tabernacle about the great gift that God has given to us in the Eucharist, and how you can live your own life in a way more focused on Jesus in the Eucharist— whether that be by attending daily Mass, spending time in front of the tabernacle, or even coming to Adoration, which we have on Thursdays from 11am-Noon. It is even a good idea to ask yourself how you can show even greater reverence for him at Mass— are you preparing yourself in silence before Mass? Are you dressing for the occasion? Do you properly fast before Mass? Have you gone to confession on a regular basis so as to be free of mortal sin? All of these are great ways of growing closer to Jesus in the Eucharist.



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 June 8, 2025 to June 15, 2025

Plate	\$299.00
Envelopes	\$1000.00
Peter's Pence	\$483.85
Candles	\$75.00
Poor Box	\$95.00
Weddings	\$5990.00
Donation	\$4000.00
Funeral	\$300.00
Online	\$222.03

Prayer of the Week

The Ending of the Divine Praises

May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

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 6:00pm in the parish hall except for the last Monday of the month, when we meet at St.**

Monica's. 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, Berhane Shiker, Jim Tabor

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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Knights News

Congratulations to our council's new officers!

Please join us for our annual fundraiser

brunch (free-will donation) on **June 22nd at**

Noon in the Parish Hall followed by our installation ceremony at **2pm**. All are invited.



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, 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 14-15** 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.