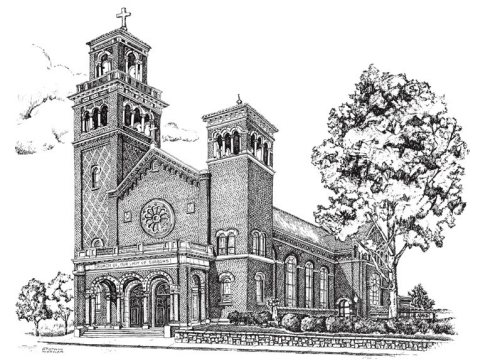


# Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

## From Our Pastor: Who Is My Neighbor?

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 10:25-37), we hear the familiar parable of the Good Samaritan. A scholar of the law, in an attempt to justify himself, asks Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" That question echoes through time and lands squarely in our pews today. It's easy to admire the story's compassion from a distance—but what happens when the road from Jerusalem to Jericho runs right through our neighborhoods, our social media feeds, and our own hearts?



Jesus doesn't respond to the scholar with a definition. He responds with a story. A man is beaten, robbed, and left for dead. Two respected religious figures—a priest and a Levite—see him, but cross to the other side. Only the Samaritan, an outsider, the one expected to keep walking, stops and acts with compassion. Let's be honest: that's not just a first-century story. That's our reality. How many times have we seen someone in pain, emotionally, financially, spiritually and passed by? How often do we convince ourselves that we're too busy, too tired, too uncertain, or maybe just not responsible for "that kind of person"? The challenge Jesus gives is not to *identify* who qualifies as a neighbor, but to *become* a neighbor ourselves. That shift in perspective is everything. In other words, the Gospel flips the scholar's question on its head: it's not "Who is my neighbor?" but "To whom am I being a neighbor?"

And that makes it uncomfortable. Because being a neighbor doesn't allow us to choose convenience or comfort. Being a neighbor means showing mercy even when we're on a tight schedule, even when it stretches our finances, even when it means loving those the world says are unlovable.

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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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org)

JULY 13, 2025  
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, July 12— The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, July 13— The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, July 14— St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

**TUESDAY, July 15— St. Bonaventure**

**WEDNESDAY, July 16— Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**  
Noon † Felix Anthony Pileggi

**THURSDAY, July 17**  
Noon Anthony and Anastasia Martinez, Family,  
and Friends (living and deceased)

**FRIDAY, July 18— St. Camillus de Lellis**

**SATURDAY, July 19— The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, July 20— The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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

7/12 & 7/13	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

7/19 & 7/20	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

### Readings for the 15th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 10:34-11:1  
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;  
Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1-7; Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27;  
Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18;  
Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 10-12, 13-15, 23-34;  
Mt 12:14-21  
Sunday: Gn 18:1-10; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28;  
Lk 10:38-42

## Parish Calendar of Events

- Jul 12-13— Food Pantry Collection
- Jul 14— The Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Sep 6— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 13— Founders' Day
- Sep 13-14— Food Pantry Collection
- Sep 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 20— Wedding at 6pm
- Sep 20-21— Church in Latin America Collection
- Sep 27— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Oct 2— Bible Study at 7pm
- Oct 4— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Oct 4— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 11— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 11-12— Food Pantry Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!



# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Tekakwitha was born near the place of the martyrdom of St. Isaac Jogues near Auriesville, New York. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of Jesuit missionaries but was prevented from harming them due to a treaty with the French. She was moved by the words of three Jesuits who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. She refused to marry a Mohawk brave, finally converted at 19. She was baptized with the name Kateri— Catherine— on Easter Sunday. Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people. She stole away one night on a 200 mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal. For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman whose future depended on being married. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. St. Kateri died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012.

Let's bring it home. Who is the person in your life that you're tempted to avoid—perhaps because of politics, race, economic status, past hurt, or simple difference? Who lies on your road between Jerusalem and Jericho? Jesus makes it clear: neighborliness is measured not by proximity or similarity, but by compassion. It is not just a feeling; it's an action. The Samaritan *moved toward* the wounded man, *touched* him, *bandaged* his wounds, *gave* of his resources, and *followed through*.

Imagine if the Church—our parish—became known not just for preaching love, but for radically practicing it. Imagine if people could say, "I don't know much about Catholics, but they show up when others walk away." That's evangelization. That's discipleship. That's how the kingdom of God breaks into this world.

This week, may I suggest a prayer and a challenge?

**Prayer:** "Lord, help me to see with Your eyes. Break my heart for what breaks Yours. Give me the courage to stop and show mercy."

## Prayer of the Week

### An Act of Humility after Holy Communion

Jesus, my Lord,

I confess that I am a sinner.

But in your goodness

You invite me to approach your Holy Table  
and to partake of your heavenly Banquet.

Trusting in your mercy, I come to you with confidence,  
albeit with a contrite and humble heart.

Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof;

but only say the word,

and my soul shall be healed.

Come to me, Jesus, come to me,

and keep me in your love

and your grace forevermore.

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](mailto: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](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org)

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

**From June 30, 2025 to July 6, 2025**

Plate _____	\$1397.00
Envelopes _____	\$3828.49
Candles _____	\$74.25
Poor Box _____	\$150.00
Weddings _____	\$995.00
Maintenance _____	\$205.00
Lighthouse _____	\$30.00
Mass Stipend _____	\$10.00
Online _____	\$227.18

## Mission Appeal

Today's Mass is being celebrated by Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest who is here for the 2025 Mission Appeal. There will be a second collection to support the missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers around the world. Thank you for your generosity and support.

## 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 Gumming, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxon 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

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You can also **text to give** by texting the amount you would like to give to **844-780-2300**. You will receive a registration link where you can give your payment information and then confirm.

## The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank our parishioners for their contribution to their successful Baby Bottle Campaign for Life again this year. They will be meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday, August 6th in the parish hall. If you have an interest in joining the Knights, we strongly encourage you to attend this meeting.



## 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.

## Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **August 7th 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 the final chapter of John's Gospel. Please email Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto: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 July 12-13** 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).