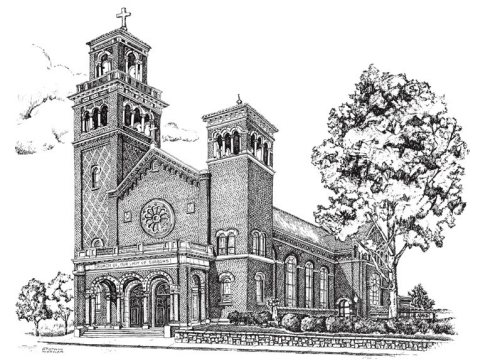


# Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

## From Our Pastoral Associate: Suffering with Christ

In our second reading today, St. Paul tells the Colossians that he has suffered for their sake and is filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ.

What does this mean? Is St. Paul trying to say that what Jesus accomplished through his Passion and Death on the Cross was not enough?



What's important to remember with St. Paul is the centrality of the teaching that the Church is the Body of Christ in his theology. St. Paul's conversion came about when he was persecuting the Church, but when Jesus blinds him and asks him what he is doing, he doesn't say "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting my church?" Rather, he says "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting *me*?" Jesus is the head of the Church, not like a CEO to an organization, but like that round ball that sits on your shoulders is to the rest of your body. In a mysterious way, we have been incorporated (literally "to form into a body") into Christ's body as a means of obtaining the salvation and resurrection that he achieved. We are made a new creation in Christ and so similarly we share his Father and his mission of bringing those we meet into relationship with the Father. The phrase "Christ has no other hands than yours..." is almost too inadequate to explain the reality of ourselves to Christ. We are Christ's hands, feet, mouth, etc., working in the world to accomplish his mission.

And so, when St. Paul says that he is making up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions, it is not to say that Jesus' suffering was inadequate for our salvation. Rather, it is to say that we ourselves are participating in Jesus' suffering for souls. Christ accomplishes this through us, not because he needs to, but because (continued on page 3)

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Monday-Friday

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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 20, 2025  
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Feasts and Mass Intentions

**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

**MONDAY, July 21— St. Lawrence of Brindisi**

**TUESDAY, July 22—St. Mary Magdalene**

**WEDNESDAY, July 23—St. Bridget**

Noon † Felix Anthony Pileggi

**THURSDAY, July 24— St. Charbel Makhluf**

Noon Anthony and Anastasia Martinez, Family,  
and Friends (living and deceased)

**FRIDAY, July 25— St. James the Apostle**

**SATURDAY, July 26— 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

7/19 & 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

7/26 & 7/27	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

### Readings for the 16th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1-6; Mt 12:38-42  
 Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28;  
 Mt 13:1-9  
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20; Dn 3:52-56;  
 Mt 13:10-17  
 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1-6; Mt 20:20-28  
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30  
 Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14;  
 Lk 11:1-13

## Parish Calendar of Events

- Jul 21— The Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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— 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
- Oct 18— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Bridget of Sweden

From age 7 on, Bridget had visions of Christ crucified. Her visions formed the basis for her activity—always with the emphasis on charity rather than spiritual favors.

She lived her married life in the court of the Swedish king Magnus II. Mother of eight children—the second eldest was Saint Catherine of Sweden—Bridget lived the strict life of a penitent after her husband's death. Bridget constantly strove to exert her good influence over Magnus; while never fully reforming, he did give her land and buildings to found a monastery for men and women. This group eventually expanded into an Order known as the Bridgetines.

In 1350, a year of jubilee, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Although she never returned to Sweden, her years in Rome were far from happy, being hounded by debts and by opposition to her work against Church abuses. A final pilgrimage to the Holy Land, marred by shipwreck and the death of her son, Charles, eventually led to her death in 1373. In 1999, Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, were named co-patronesses of Europe.



## A Special Thank You

We want to extend a special thank you to all those that helped clean the church this last Saturday. Thank you for keeping our church beautiful, bright, and clean for the worship of Christ our newborn King!

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he willed it to be done in this way.

Perhaps the most irritating and exasperating thing we hear when we're going through inconvenience or real suffering is to "offer it up." But it's actually profoundly helpful. What we're being told to do is to bring meaning into our suffering by uniting it with that of Jesus. In a mysterious way, we help others in the Church and throughout the world by doing this. The consequences of offering our sufferings to God are incalculable—because Jesus' suffering and death were incalculable.

How do we get in the habit of doing this? It's helpful to work to practice it everyday, especially by offering everything from your day at the first moments that you wake up and the last moments before you go to sleep (known as a morning and evening offering).

It is also a good way of getting yourself in training by creating inconveniences for yourself through fasting and offering up your fasting. Fasting trains us to see these moments as great moments of grace by which we can offer what we are experiencing to God for the benefit of souls. It also helps to focus our minds and hearts on God and what is important while helping us to break away from things that may be sinful or leading us slowly away from God.

I encourage you during this next week to spend time praying the prayer below, as well as offering up your sufferings and difficulties. You may well be helping someone in a way you can't begin to imagine.

## Prayer of the Week

### A Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month.

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 July 7, 2025 to July 13, 2025**

Plate	\$162.00
Envelopes	\$2701.00
Candles	\$79.11
Poor Box	\$80.00
Vincentian Missions	\$506.00
Weddings	\$1000.00
Mass Stipend	\$30.00
Online	\$227.18

## 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.

## 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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## 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.



## 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).