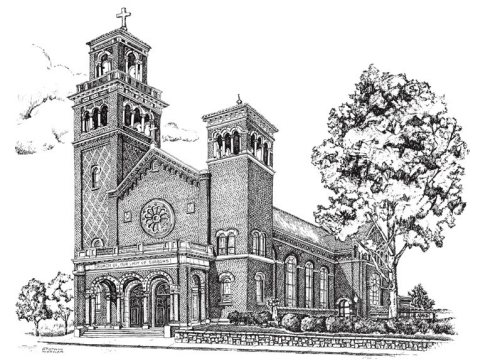


Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From Our Pastor:

The Power of Persistence in Prayer

If there's one word that leaps off the page in this Sunday's Gospel, it's persistence. Jesus doesn't just teach the "Our Father"—He tells a story to drive the point home: a man banging on his friend's door at midnight, refusing to go away until he gets what he needs. It's uncomfortable, isn't it? We don't like the idea of being annoying, of pushing, of repeating ourselves. And yet Jesus praises this very thing in the spiritual life: the stubborn, unrelenting, shameless insistence that God hears us—and will respond. Let's be honest: we are often quick to give up on prayer. We pray for something once or twice, and if we don't get an immediate answer, we assume it's not God's will. Or worse—we assume He



isn't listening. How often do we say things like, "I tried praying, but nothing changed"? Or, "I guess God doesn't want that for me."

But in this parable, Jesus tells us to keep knocking. Why?

Not because God is asleep. Not because He's reluctant to help. But because persistence shapes us. It grows our faith. It tests our sincerity. It purifies our motives. It stretches our hearts to desire not just what we want—but what God wants to give us.

Think about it: the man in the story isn't asking for bread for himself. He's pleading for someone else—for a hungry guest who has arrived unexpectedly. This kind of prayer—intercessory, urgent, and unselfish—is the kind of prayer that moves mountains. It's the kind of prayer that doesn't stop when the first door doesn't open. It's the kind of prayer that imitates the love of God: persistent, self-giving, tireless.

Jesus follows the story with a promise: "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." These are not empty

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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

JULY 27, 2025
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, July 26— The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm Pope Leo XIV

SUNDAY, July 27— The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, July 28

TUESDAY, July 29—Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

WEDNESDAY, July 30—St. Peter Chrysologus
Noon

THURSDAY, July 31— St. Ignatius of Loyola
Noon Donnie and Randi Lynn and Holy Souls

FRIDAY, Aug 1— St. Alphonsus Liguori

SATURDAY, Aug 2— The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, Aug 3— The 18th 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

| 7/26 & 27 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
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| Reader | James Hardy | Bill Capotosto |
| Eucharistic Minister | John Pileggi | Rita Witt |
| Server/Sacristan | John Pileggi | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tschirhart | Bill Capotosto |

| 8/2 & 3 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
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| Reader | John Pileggi | Maureen Kramanak |
| Eucharistic Minister | Deacon Michael Elsey | Rita Witt |
| Server/Sacristan | John Pileggi | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tschirhart | Bill Capotosto |

Readings for the 17th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Jn 11:19-27
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-25; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
 Sunday: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-13; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Parish Calendar of Events

- Jul 28— 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 15— Solemnity of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation) at Noon.
- 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

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death. Martha's well known for her attempt to make Jesus force her sister Mary to help her, but her great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27). John 12:1-8 describes Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany, an act which he praised highly. In their sight Jesus raised their brother Lazarus from the dead. Legends abound about the life of Lazarus after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is supposed to have left a written account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. Some say he followed Peter into Syria. Another story is that despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sisters, and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 30 years. Devotion to the three was widespread quite early in the Church.

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words. They're a call to spiritual perseverance. Not once. Not twice. But continually.

Of course, persistence in prayer doesn't mean we always get what we want, when we want it. But it does mean we open ourselves to receive what we most need: the Holy Spirit. Jesus says, "How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

That's the hidden gem of this Gospel. The real answer to prayer isn't just a job, a healing, or a solution—it's the presence of God Himself. When we persist, we're not just wearing God down. We're being drawn in. We're learning to rely on grace. So, don't stop praying. Keep knocking for that child who's strayed. Keep seeking healing for your marriage. Keep asking for strength through grief or addiction or confusion. Don't let the locked door fool you. God is home. And He is listening. And when the door finally opens, you may just find the greatest gift waiting: not the thing you were asking for—but the love of the One you've been seeking all along.

Prayer of the Week

An Evening Offering

O my God, at the end of this day I thank You most heartily for all the graces I have received from You. I am sorry that I have not made a better use of them. I am sorry for all the sins I have committed against You. Forgive me, O my God, and graciously protect me this night. Blessed Virgin Mary, my dear heavenly mother, take me under your protection. St. Joseph, my dear Guardian Angel, and all you saints of God, pray for me. Sweet Jesus, have pity on all poor sinners, and save them from hell. Have mercy on the suffering souls in purgatory.

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 July 14, 2025 to July 20, 2025

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| Plate | \$484.00 |
| Envelopes | \$1316.00 |
| Candles | \$79.54 |
| Poor Box | \$70.00 |
| Vincentian Missions | \$100.00 |
| Weddings | \$2995.00 |
| Online | \$617.83 |

Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 28th and will reopen Tuesday.

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.

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.

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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 for updates and details.



Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, August 2nd, 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.

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 August 9 & 10** 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.