

# Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

## From Our Pastor:

In our Gospel today, Jesus chooses and sends out 72 disciples to send ahead of him in pairs to all the places they were to visit. They were to tell those they visited that the Kingdom of God was at hand, to heal the sick, and to cast out demons. They were to be reliant upon what God would provide them—particularly through the hospitality of others. They were to take very little with them.



This story resonates with me because I spent a couple of summers during college doing something very similar for a youth catechesis program called Totus Tuus. We were sent out in groups of 4 and could only bring what would fit in the trunk of a car, which, between all four of us was not much—just a week's worth of clothes and a backpack. Like the 72 we relied on the hospitality of the parishioners of the parishes we visited. We slept where they offered it to us, we were required to eat what was put in front of us (even if it included things we didn't like) and we were paid very little. It was often grueling, with us spending roughly 9 hours or so teaching or doing other activities with the youth, and in our spare time praying together. But even so, it was an immensely fruitful and blessed time, teaching kids and watching them grow closer to Jesus. During this time, we were to encourage discernment of vocations to the priesthood and religious life—echoing Jesus' words that "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." It was amazing to watch the seeds of a vocation take root. When talking about vocations, one of our leaders asked if any of the kids thought God might be calling them to be a priest, monk, or nun. One boy, about 10 years old, raised his hand and said he wanted to be a priest. Later, she asked him when he started thinking of being a priest and he told her, "This week, at Totus Tuus."

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## Parish Office

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Next to the church at the top of the stairs.

## Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
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

JULY 6, 2025  
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, July 5— The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm † Regina Garcia Foster, Joseph, Paula,  
Ronald I Garcia

**SUNDAY, July 6— The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, July 7**

**TUESDAY, July 8**

**WEDNESDAY, July 9— St. Augustine Zhao Rong and  
Companions**  
Noon 12-year-old Kaden

**THURSDAY, July 10**  
Noon Tonnye Armstrong

**FRIDAY, July 11— St. Benedict of Nursia**

**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

### 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

7/5 & 7/6	4:00pm	11:00am
<b>Reader</b>	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
<b>Server/ Sacristan</b>	John Pileggi	George Bryde
<b>Usher</b>	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

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

### Readings for the 14th Week in Ordinary Time

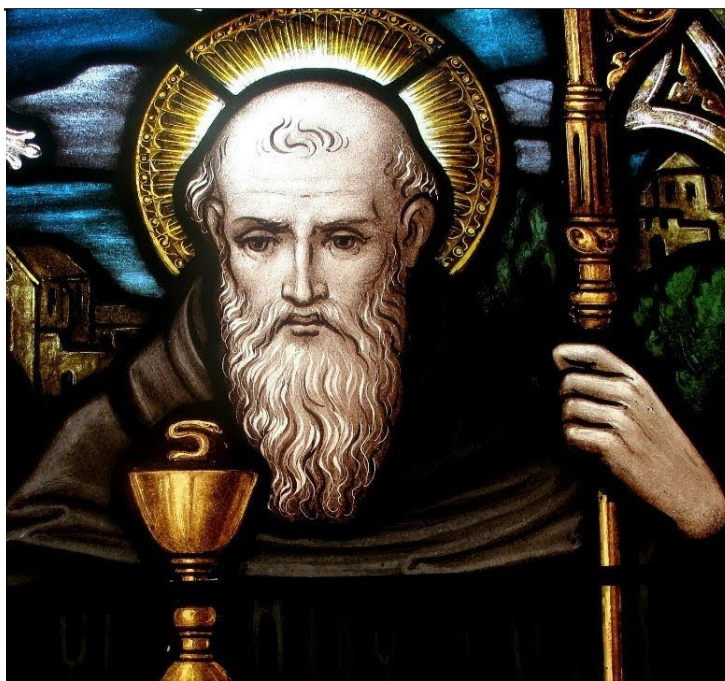
Monday: Gn 28:10-22; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15; Mt 9:18-26  
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1-3,6-8,15; Mt 9:32-38  
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7, 17-24; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7  
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23-29, 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15  
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23  
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33  
Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

## Parish Calendar of Events

- Jul 7— The Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Jul 12—Church Cleaning at 9am
- Jul 12—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 12— Wedding at 6pm
- Jul 12-13— Food Pantry Collection
- 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
- 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— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 11— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 18— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Benedict

Benedict was born into a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome, and early in life was drawn to monasticism. At first he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world—pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, the people suffering from war, and morality at a low ebb. He soon realized that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose Benedict as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste. Still the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one “Grand Monastery” to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, and permanent worship in one house. Finally he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world—Monte Cassino, commanding three narrow valleys running toward the mountains north of Naples. The Rule that gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor, and living together in community under a common abbot. Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside. In the course of the Middle Ages, all monasticism in the West was gradually brought under the *Rule of St. Benedict*. Today the Benedictine family is represented by two branches: the Benedictine Federation encompassing the men and women of the Order of St. Benedict; and the Cistercians, men and women of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance.

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Even though most are prevented by their job or family obligations from doing what Jesus asked the 72 to do, we can still take it to heart, particularly reaching those that do not normally darken the doors of a church. Jesus calls us to carry his message to them— those that seem lost, forgotten, or undesirable, as well as those that may seem to be doing just fine but in reality Jesus knows they are far from him. All people need to hear Jesus’s message. So I encourage you to reflect on these questions.

*Who in my life or neighborhood needs to hear of Jesus’ saving love?*

*What causes me fear of approaching these people?*

*Do I pray regularly for vocations for the Church, among both religious or laity?*

*What is lacking in me that keeps Jesus’ message from resonating with those that I share the Gospel?*

*Have I asked God to assist me with these problems?*

Jesus’ has willed that his outreach to those around us depends on our willingness to help. Let us take it to heart and not be afraid. He will be with us.

## Prayer of the Week

### The Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked foe, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you That with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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## 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 23, 2025 to June 29, 2025**

Plate	\$365.00
Envelopes	\$1441.00
Candles	\$72.00
Poor Box	\$61.00
Weddings	\$1000.00
Maintenance	\$500.00
Online	\$66.89



## Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, July 12th, 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 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 will be meeting at 6:30 on Wednesday, July 2nd 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, **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](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).