

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From Our Pastoral Associate:

Our readings today have a strong emphasis in remaining faithful to God despite all opposition and God's help in restoring us back to life. Our first reading details Jeremiah being exiled at the bottom of a well— a sure death sentence as there was no water and no escape. Only through the intercession of a friend was he saved. Our psalm matches the mood of this first reading, praising the Lord who *"heard my cry. He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp; he set my feet upon a crag; he made firm my steps."*

Naturally, this passage should make us think of Christ, who was placed in the tomb but was drawn out to stand on firm ground in the

Resurrection. This, of course is the message of the second reading, exhorting us *"Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart."*

And Jesus, in our Gospel reading, emphasizes that our faithfulness is likely to earn us enemies, even from the least likely people in our lives— including members of our own family. He states that a father will be divided from his son, and mothers against their daughters.

The reality for us as Christians is that we are in a period of warfare— that of what St. John the Apostle described as *"the world"* in his Gospel. For John *"the world"* is humanity under the influence of the Devil and sin in rebellion against God." Throughout this history of humanity, God has send messengers and prophets who seek to bring the world back to God, and over and over again they are violently opposed and killed. When Jesus says that he has not come to bring peace, but a sword— it is in response to this rebellion. The world does not tend to like faithfulness to God— the keeping of his commandments, the adherence to his truth, the attempts to win converts among the hearts of our fellow men. Peace in a world that opposes God with such ferocity is not possible. We regularly see martyrs being made, sometimes in the most



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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

AUGUST 17, 2025
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, Aug 16— The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, Aug 17— The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00am Faye Jolly

MONDAY, Aug 18

TUESDAY, Aug 19— St. John Eudes

WEDNESDAY, Aug 20— St. Bernard
Noon Lindsey Cutler

THURSDAY, Aug 21— St. Pius X
Noon Dawson Babbs

FRIDAY, Aug 22— The Queenship of the BVM
Noon

SATURDAY, Aug 23— The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, Aug 24— The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00am † Maria Iniguez, Jesus Iniguez
(Anniversary of death and Birthday)

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

8/16 & 17	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

8/23 & 24	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	John Pileggi	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 19th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-40, 43-44;
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10;
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1-5;
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30

Parish Calendar of Events

- 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 16— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- 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— 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
- Oct 18-19— Mission Sunday Collection
- Oct 21— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Oct 25— Wedding at 6pm
- Nov 1— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Nov 6— Bible Study at 7pm
- Nov 8— Wedding at 6pm
- Nov 15— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. John Eudes

Born on a farm in northern France, John died at 78 in the next “county” or department. In that time, he was a religious, a parish missionary, founder of two religious communities, and a great promoter of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. John joined the religious community of the Oratorians and was ordained a priest at 24. During severe plagues in 1627 and 1631, he volunteered to care for the stricken in his own diocese. Lest he infect his fellow religious, during the plague he lived in a huge cask in the middle of a field. At age 32, John became a parish missionary. His gifts as a preacher and confessor won him great popularity. He preached over 100 parish missions, some lasting from several weeks to several months. In his concern with the spiritual improvement of the clergy, John realized that the greatest need was for seminaries. He had permission from his general superior, the bishop, and even Cardinal Richelieu to begin this work, but the succeeding general superior disapproved. After prayer and counsel, John decided it was best to leave the religious community. That same year John founded a new community, ultimately called the Eudists—the Congregation of Jesus and Mary—devoted to the formation of the clergy by conducting diocesan seminaries. The new venture, while approved by individual bishops, met with immediate opposition, especially from Jansenists and some of his former associates. John founded several seminaries in Normandy, but was unable to get approval from Rome—partly, it was said, because he did not use the most tactful approach. John died in 1680.

unexpected places. We see whole churches being martyred in Africa, we see verbal attacks on Christians by media pundits on our own televisions. In France, there seems to be a different church catching fire every week or so. Until the time that Christ returns, we will not see a change in this state of spiritual warfare. But one thing is certain: we should not grow complacent, lest we fall back to being members of the world, rather than of Christ.

We need to resist this rebellion against God— most essentially in ourselves who, through our fallen human nature, are prone to sin and fall. The letter to the Hebrews urges us on saying, “*let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.*” We should do penance, go to confession, continuously avail ourselves of the sacraments, pray, fast, and seek to deepen our faith through holy reading and study. And then we should also turn to our fellow men and seek to bring them into peace and union with Christ, even if doing so may bring us opposition and even hatred. It is worth it for the price of souls for whom all of heaven would rejoice if they returned back to Christ. The letter to the Hebrews exhorts us: “*In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.*” So let us keep Christ at the center of our focus and seek to know him more deeply.

Diocesan Life and Justice Collection

The Life & Justice Campaign second collection will take place over the weekend of August 16-17. We invite you to scan the QR Code below for a 3-minute video featuring our most recent grant recipients who benefit from your generous giving and support.



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 Aug 4, 2025 to July Aug 10, 2025

Plate	\$354.00
Envelopes	\$1980.00
Candles	\$81.25
Poor Box	\$125.00
Weddings	\$1995.00
Online	\$313.48

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 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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The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus 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, **September 4th at 7pm** and we normally meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month. We have just concluded our study of the Gospel of John. Our next study will be announced soon. Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.



OCIA

Those parishioners interested in joining the Catholic Church at Easter are welcome to join OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults), which will begin in September. Please contact Brad in the parish office if you are interested.

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 September 13 and 14** 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.