

# 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:

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus presents us with the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man, by all accounts, lives an extravagant life. He is dressed in purple garments, the most expensive color of garment in that day purple dye was exceedingly expensive and time consuming to make, which meant that typically kings and extraordinarily rich people wore it only. He also dines not just every day, not just well, but sumptuously— in the most excessively lavish manner.

In juxtaposition to this man is Lazarus, who lives at the rich man's door. He is covered in sores and goes hungry, not even given the slightest consideration by the rich man who must surely pass him every day. He doesn't even give him the least of his scraps.

When both die, Lazarus is taken to the bosom of Abraham, another name for eternal life, as the God of Abraham is not the God of the dead, but of the living. (Mk 12:26-27) The rich man finds himself in the netherworld. The rich man is able to see both and begs that Lazarus to dip his finger in water and place the drop on his tongue to bring him relief. This is denied him by Abraham, as an immense gulf separates them.

We see here a reversal of situations in eternal life— a regular theme in Jesus' teachings. Those who are high will be made low. Those who are low will be made high. At another moment John the Baptist is named the greatest of disciples, but even the least of Jesus's disciples is greater than him in this world. Jesus meaning is plain here— worldly status means nothing in the kingdom of  
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## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

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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

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025  
THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, September 27— 26th Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

4:00pm † Fausta R. Pelaya

**SUNDAY, September 28— 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, September 29—Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and**

**Raphael**

**TUESDAY, September 30— St. Jerome**

**WEDNESDAY, October 1— St. Therese of Lisieux**

Noon

**THURSDAY, October 2— The Holy Guardian Angels**

Noon Anthony and Anastasia Martinez, family,  
and friends (living and deceased)

**FRIDAY, October 3**

**SATURDAY, October 4— 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, October 5— 27th 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

9/27 & 28	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Jim Carley	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

10/4 & 5	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-23, 29; Lk 9:46-50  
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56  
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62  
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-12; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16  
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24  
 Sunday: Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;  
 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Sep 29— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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— Church Cleaning at 9am
- 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
- Nov 18— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Nov 22— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 27— Thanksgiving Day at TBA
- Nov 30— Advent Begins
- Dec 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Dec 4— Bible Study at 7pm
- Dec 6— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Dec 13— Wedding at 6pm
- Dec 16— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Dec 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Dec 25— Christmas at TBA

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saints of the Week— The Guardian Angels

Before the creation of the world God created the angels, who are pure spirits, to serve him and to worship him. Among these are the guardian angels who protect and pray for human beings. Each human person has a guardian angel assigned to them to help guide them in this life and protect us from physical danger but more importantly spiritual danger. Jesus himself confirmed that we have guardian angels when he said “See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.” (Mt 18:10) Even Jesus himself seems to have had a guardian angel, who is mentioned in the account of the Garden of Gethsemane: “And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony, he prayed the longer. And his sweat became as drops of blood, trickling down upon the ground.” (Lk 22:42-44.) Angels are pure spirits who are not bound by space, time, or matter. They are always present and ready to help. Your angel is always praying for you before God and aids you in your own prayers. It’s important to remember to have a relationship with your guardian angel, who is your protector in this life. When you have difficulties, ask your angel for assistance. When you struggle with anger against someone, ask that person’s guardian angel to pray for you in overcoming that anger and finding a way to forgive them. The guardian angels are here to aid us in our walk to heaven. Let’s be sure not to forget them.

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Heaven. We are not rewarded by what we possess or who we know or what job we have or where we live. We are rewarded for what we do with those things for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Consider the time that Jesus observed many bringing in contributions to the temple. They would have likely been bringing in significant amounts— but it is of the widow who gives just a mite— the smallest of coins— that he praises because she gave everything she had. In other words Jesus praised her because she gave out of her poverty, not out of her riches.

We need to carefully consider our stewardship of the things that God has given us. Do we hoard things to ourselves? Or do we share what we have ourselves received? Do we care for our neighbor? Or do we ignore them to both their physical detriment our spiritual detriment? Do we give of our means to help support the poor and the mission of the Church? Do we seek to bring people into the Kingdom of God by urging repentance and baptism, or do we let them remain in their sins because to not do so might make us mildly uncomfortable?

Let us not forget that our place in this life, and our worldly riches will not count for much at the judgment if we did nothing with them for others.



## Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, October 4, 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.

## Prayer of the Week

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Come Holy Spirit, come by means of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse.*

*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 Sep 8, 2025 to Sep 14, 2025

Plate	\$434.00
Envelopes	\$2181.00
Candles	\$59.50
Poor Box	\$20.00
Maintenance	\$10.00
Weddings	\$995.00
Lighthouse	\$20.00
Mass Stipends	\$150.00
Online	\$586.96

## 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 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

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## The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday, October 1 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, **October 2nd at 7pm** and we normally meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month. We will study the Book of Genesis, the first and one of the most important books of the Bible. Please email Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for updates and details.



## Fr. Leonard on Vacation

Fr. Leonard is on vacation to visit his family in Kenya from August 26 to October 1. During this time away, he assures you that he will keep you and your families in his daily prayers. He kindly asks that you also keep him in your prayers—for safe travels, a restful visit, and a joyful reunion with loved ones. May this time of renewal strengthen him to return refreshed and ready to continue serving our parish community.

## 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 October 11 and 12** 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).