

MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



OUR MISSION STATEMENT
*We, the parishioners of Mother of Sorrows
Parish,
established in 1882,
Christ-centered and empowered by the Holy
Spirit, dedicate ourselves
to serve the needs of all by liturgical worship
and parish ministries.*

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AUGUST 3, 2025 • 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH STAFF

Presbyteral Moderator: Reverend Michael P. McCandless

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PARISH OFFICE

Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

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Website:

www.motherofsorrowspensinsula.org



SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM: A custodial parent or legal guardian must contact the parish office to request an Infant Baptism and to make arrangements for attending a baptismal class.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Fridays at 5:00 PM, Saturdays until 3:00 PM.

Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance to allow for the necessary preparation. Contact the Parish Office for detailed information. Email mospensinsula@gmail.com.



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<https://osvhub.com/motherofsorrowspensinsula/giving/funds>

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Building Restoration Fund



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM

Holy Days/Holidays: See schedule in bulletin.

Liturgical Minister Scheduling: Email motherofsorrowsscheduling@gmail.com

OTHER PARISH INFORMATION

REGISTRATION: If you are new or have not yet registered, please register in person or call during office hours. If you are moving, please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

WEEKLY VISITATION/COMMUNION: Homebound parishioners are encouraged to receive communion regularly.

If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass due to illness, surgery, or other circumstances, & you would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to the home, please email carolk4mos@gmail.com to set up a convenient time. We will be happy to bring the Holy Eucharist to you on a temporary or regular basis.

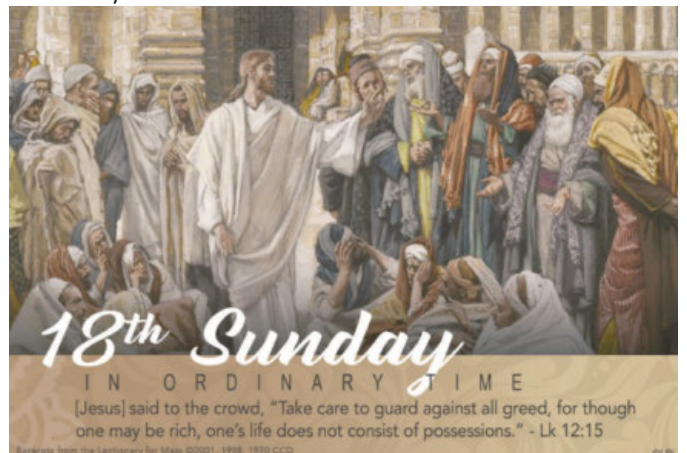
CARD MINISTRY REQUESTS: To request a greeting card from the parish for significant life events, please email

MoScardministry@gmail.com with the recipient's name & address, reason for the card, & requestor's contact information.

ARTICLES FOR THE PARISH BULLETIN: Items should be emailed to dianeg4mos@gmail.com by 4:00 PM on the Friday which is nine days prior to the desired publication date.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVDP)

We partner with St. Barnabas Parish in Northfield. If you or someone you know is in need of food, utilities or housing, call 330-467-7959 and at the prompt press "7" to leave a message or email SVDPofSTBARNABAS@gmail.com. Responses to messages are usually made within 48 hours.





MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 8/4: St. John Vianney, Priest

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

TUESDAY, 8/5: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY, 8/6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

THURSDAY, 8/7: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

FRIDAY, 8/8: St. Dominic, Priest

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY, 8/9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

SUNDAY, 8/10: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 9 — 5:00 PM

Robert Szczepanski (Diane & Charles Griffiths)

Sunday, August 10 — 9:30 AM

Laura Gerak (Terry & Denise Lahoski)



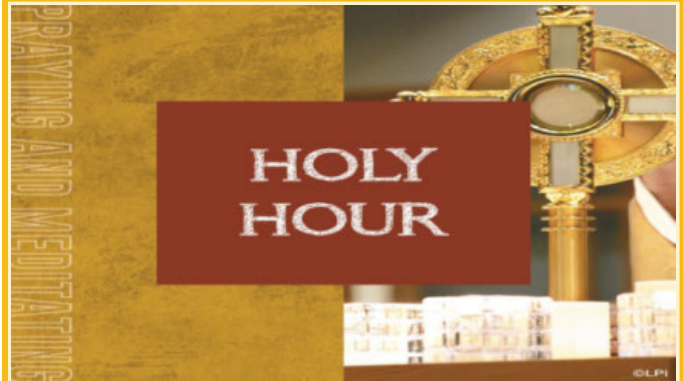
Those who are sick and suffering

Brian & Karen Becker, Laura Camp, Kelly Jasko, Judy Lahoski, Matt Leifer, Megan, Becky Nadeau, Jerry O'Donnell, Nancy Stohman, & Pam Whitney
& for those who have passed away including
Peter Leahy, Therese Slenn and Christopher Singel



Your Parish Offering

	In Pew	On-line
	7/19-7/20	7/19-7/20
Sunday Offering	\$762.00	\$246.85
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00	\$21.00
Facility Restor/Rep	\$150.00	\$356.50
Candle Money	\$4.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$936.00	\$624.35
Total Collected		\$1,560.35



Holy Hour, Explained!

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ. More broadly, a holy hour can also refer to any 60 minutes set aside in prayer and reflection, whether in church or elsewhere.

The holy hour devotion dates to the late 17th century, when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus Christ. In these visions, the Lord requested that St. Margaret Mary spend one hour every Thursday evening lying prostrate and meditating upon his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. This practice calls back to the Gospel of Matthew, which tells of Jesus' desire for the disciples to "remain here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38) as he awaited his passion.

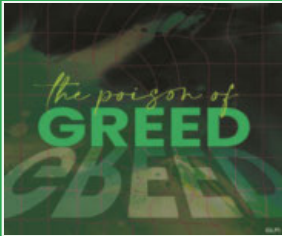
Holy hours can be made privately or in community, and the USCCB has created a variety of different holy hour formats that can be found at [usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion).

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Prayer for Open Hands

Lord, I do not know what any day holds,
 I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given.
 Help me to use them, then, as You would have me.
 Help me to live according to Your invitations.
 Amen. ©LPi





GOSPEL MEDITATION:

August 3, 2025
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 12:13-21

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **"Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir

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GET YOUR LIFE VESTS READY!!

On August 17, we will have **the Second Annual BLESSING OF THE KAYAKS** immediately following the 9:30 mass. We will get together at the river and have the blessing of the kayaks and then do a "Holy Armada" down the river.

This is an ideal opportunity to invite friends and family to join us, especially young people. If you have any questions or are interested in helping with this event, please reach out to Deacon Will at 330-620-0992.



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REMEMBER AND HONOR

MOTHER OF SORROWS is planning to honor our local First Responders at 5PM Mass on Saturday, Sept 13. Following Mass, we will host a small reception for everyone who would like to attend.

If you are interested in helping with the event (planning, set up, clean up, food prep, etc), please attend the planning meeting on Tuesday, August 5 at 7PM. Contact Carol Kamphuis at carolk4mos@gmail.com for meeting location and details.

We are also happy to accept any cash donations to assist in the cost of the event. Donations can be placed in the collection basket marked "First Responders Reception" or checks can be made payable to MOS, with the attention line "First Responders Reception."

Thanks in advance for supporting our First Responders!



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