

# 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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**SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 • 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## PARISH STAFF

**Presbyteral Moderator:** Reverend Michael P. McCandless

**Parish Life Coordinator:** Deacon William Yoho

**Director of Music:** Darlene Bednarz [darlenebednarz@gmail.com](mailto:darlenebednarz@gmail.com)

**Parish Assistant:** Diane Griffiths [dianeg4mos@gmail.com](mailto:dianeg4mos@gmail.com)

## PARISH OFFICE

### Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

**Parish Office:** 330-657-2631

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### Website:

[www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org](http://www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.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 [mospeninsula@gmail.com](mailto:mospeninsula@gmail.com).



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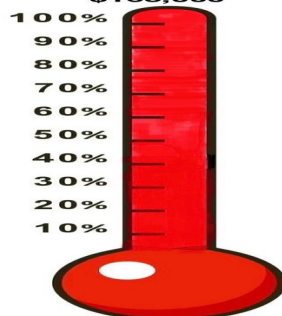
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## Building Restoration Fund

**GOAL**  
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114 %



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:SVDPofSTBARNABAS@gmail.com). Responses to messages are usually made within 48 hours.





## MASS READINGS

### MONDAY, 9/22: Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

### TUESDAY, 9/23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

### WEDNESDAY, 9/24: Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

### THURSDAY, 9/25: Weekday

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

### FRIDAY, 9/26: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

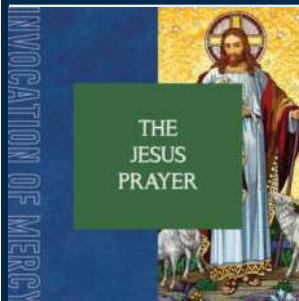
Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

### SATURDAY, 9/27: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

### SUNDAY, 9/28: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



### The Jesus Prayer, Explained!

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

The exact origins of the prayer are unclear, though it is often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, possibly via the Desert Fathers (early Christian ascetics who dwelled in Egypt). The prayer has been important to the traditions of both the Eastern Orthodox and the Eastern Catholic faithful. The text echoes the words of the publican in the parable from Luke 18:9-14, whose humble manner of prayer was praised by Jesus. Its short form and simple wording make it ideal for meditative prayer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 2667, highlights the Jesus Prayer, saying that “by it the heart is opened to human wretchedness and the Savior’s mercy.” ©LPi

## MASS+ INTENTIONS

### Saturday, September 27 — 5:00 PM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

### Sunday, September 28 — 9:30 AM

Sgt. Bernard Omiecinski (Walter & Brenda Omiecinski)



### Pray for those who are sick and suffering

Brian & Karen Becker, Laura Camp, Kelly Jasko,  
John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Megan, Ken Michalik,  
Nancy Stohlman, & Pam Whitney

### & for those who have passed away including

Ben Brandt

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Wednesday, September 24** from 6:00—6:45 PM. This is a special opportunity for us to spend time in the presence of the Eucharist, the presence of Jesus! This is a time when we can bring Jesus our needs, desires, fears, regrets and more. Consider spending this time with our Lord.

**MoS Parish Council Meeting** this Wednesday, September 24 at 7 pm in the Parish Life Center Conference Room.



### Your Parish Offering September 13-14, 2025

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$1,408.00	\$388.95	1,796.95	1,859.00	(62.05)
Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$51.00	51.00	358.00	(307.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$160.00	\$25.25	185.25	578.00	(392.75)
Other	\$33.00	\$0.00	33.00	285.00	(252.00)
Total	<b>\$1,601.00</b>	<b>\$465.20</b>	<b>2,066.20</b>	<b>3,080.00</b>	<b>(1,013.80)</b>

**GOSPEL MEDITATION:**

**September 21, 2025**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Luke 16:10-13**



Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store.

Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. “Really great work, John,” he said. “I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay.” I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the “**master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently**” (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he *wants* us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— *Father John Muir*

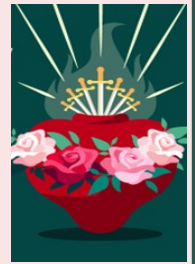
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**Prayer for Trust**

Jesus,  
 With your gentle mercy, build my trust. Help me to believe you when you say you want good for me. In every season, give me grace. In every need, be my answer.  
 Amen. ©LPi



Please join us as we close our year of celebration, devotion and gratitude to our Mother of Sorrows when we pray together the **7 Sorrows Rosary** at **8:45AM** prior to the 9:00 Mass on **Wednesday, September 24**. It is with great gratitude to Jesus through Mary, that Mother of Sorrows continues its mission. Please join us!



Our monthly **Weekday Mass** will take place on **Wednesday, September 24 at 9 AM**. Please join us!



**FIRST RESPONDERS MASS & RECEPTION**

Thank you for your Generosity!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners and local merchants who generously contributed cash and food donations for our First Responders' Reception. Your kindness and support helped make it a true success.



Because of your generosity, we were able to provide a warm, welcoming experience for everyone who attended. The abundance of food and financial support not only met our needs but reflected the strong spirit of community that defines our parish.

**To our merchants** — Costco, Fishers, Peninsula Coffee House, Purplebrown Farm Store, Romito's Pizza, Thirsty Dog Brewing Company and Winking Lizard — thank you for standing with us and giving so freely. To our parish family — your continued support is a blessing we never take for granted.

May God bless each of you for your giving hearts.





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