

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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NOVEMBER 16, 2025 • 33RD 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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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 2:30 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.



**ONLINE
GIVING**

Please consider OSV Online Giving for weekly contributions: You can access the eGiving portal at

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

Thank you for your GENEROSITY!

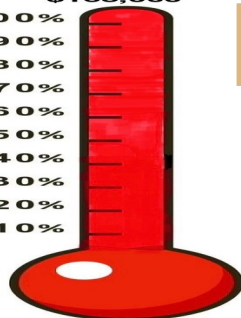
Building Restoration Fund

**GOAL
\$165,000**

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100%
90%
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40%
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\$200,651



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, 11/17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

TUESDAY, 11/18: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY, 11/19: Weekday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

THURSDAY, 11/20: Weekday

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

FRIDAY, 11/21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

SATURDAY, 11/22: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

SUNDAY, 11/23: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



Saturday, November 22— 5:00 PM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

Sunday, November 23— 9:30 AM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish



Pray for those who are sick and suffering

*Brian & Karen Becker, Jared Boehm, Tammy Cozzone,
Kelly Jasko, John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Ken Michalik,
Nancy Stohlman & Megan*

& for those who have passed away including

The deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish



Advent Wreath, Explained!

The Advent Wreath as we know it today is a modern spin on an ancient practice — or rather, several of them.

Christians have always utilized candles to illustrate the metaphor of Christ as the “great light” shining on a people waiting in darkness (Isaiah 9:2). Historians tell us that pre-Christian societies in Europe also viewed candles as symbolic of the coming light of spring, and may have used wreaths of natural material along with these candles. Traditions and rituals surrounding an “Advent Wreath” are often thought to have originated in the Lutheran tradition in 16th-century Germany. Today, Advent Wreaths are a practice embraced by most Christians in the Western world.

An Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreen and four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple; one is rose, representing Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the closeness of Christmas. In Catholicism, Advent Wreaths are blessed on the First Sunday of Advent. For Advent Wreaths in private homes, it is appropriate for a family member to perform the blessing.

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There will be a second collection this weekend for the Campaign for Human Development. Thank you for your generosity.

Your Parish Offering November 08-09, 2025

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$929.00	\$418.95	1,347.95	1,859.00	(511.05)
Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$46.00	46.00	358.00	(312.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$1,038.00	\$128.25	1,166.25	578.00	588.25
Other	\$536.00	\$0.00	536.00	285.00	251.00
Total	\$2,503.00	\$593.20	3,096.20	3,080.00	16.20



From the Deacon's Desk

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you who have enrolled in our online giving campaign in the last year. We have increased from 4 to 18 families that support us through online giving.

Online giving not only blesses the church with the consistent financial support that is needed, but it also provides a more efficient administration of the Parish.

In addition to that, it can simplify your life as well. Thanks to all of you that have enrolled and we ask everyone to prayerfully consider enrolling.

If you are not a computer person, we have volunteers from our finance council that would be willing to walk you through the process.

Thank you for all you do to support God's plan of salvation and the Mother of Sorrows community.

Deacon Will



ADVENT WREATH KITS FOR SALE!!

Having an Advent wreath in the home serves as a beautiful reminder of hope, faith, joy and peace, helping families prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ throughout the Advent season.

We will have a limited number of advent wreath kits for sale at the back of the church. Cost is only \$15 for the greens (artificial), ring and candles! You can keep it very simple, or add pinecones, ribbons or small birds or ornaments for decoration. It's a wonderful project to engage a whole family. Both young children and adult children can take pleasure in creating this sign of our faith. Advent begins on November 30. Please consider buying one for your home or as a gift for someone else. It's guaranteed to be a gift that will be used year after year.

Christmas is coming and again we would like to form a choir for the Christmas Eve Mass with prelude music at 4:30 followed by mass at 5 pm on Dec 24. Two Wednesday afternoon practices are scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on December 10 and 17. If you are interested in singing, please email our music director Darlene at darlenebednarz@gmail.com so music can be ready for you. All are welcome.



TO OUR SELFLESS AND BRAVE VETERANS — THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! Also, thanks to the generosity of MoS parishioners, we were able to deliver four boxes of new, warm clothing and one box of toiletries to support our VETS at the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center (Wade Park Division) in Cleveland. Our veterans are always in our hearts and prayers. Thank you to all veterans for your courage, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication in protecting our freedom and serving our nation with honor!



Gospel Meditation: Nov. 16, 2025 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 21:5-19



When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **"Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— Father John Muir

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