



# MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



**JANUARY 18, 2026 • 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Our Mission:** We are a Christ-centered and Holy Spirit-led parish, welcoming and genuine in community, faithful and reverent in worship, and humble stewards who serve with generous hearts.

**Our 4 Core Values:**

**Christ-Centered & Holy Spirit-Led:** We are a community that puts Jesus at the center, seeking and following the Holy Spirit's guidance.

**Welcoming & Genuine Community:** We are a warm and non-judgmental family where everyone belongs and is embraced.

**Faithful & Reverent Worship:** We are devoted to celebrating sacred liturgies that offer a profound and respectful encounter with God.

**Generous & Humble Servants:** We are grateful stewards of God's gifts, serving others and our world with generosity and humility.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 9:30 AM

**Holy Days/Holidays:** See bulletin schedule.

## PARISH OFFICE

**Hours:**

Monday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

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## PARISH STAFF

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

**Parish Life Coordinator:** Deacon William Yoho

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## 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.

**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.

**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.

## 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.



## 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.

**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](mailto:mospeninsula@gmail.com).

**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.

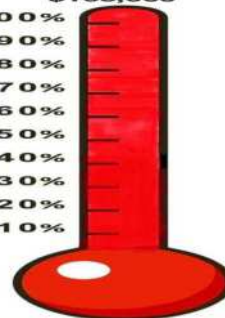
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## Pray for those who are sick and suffering

*Sue Adrolla, Tammy Cozzone, Thomas Fiocca, Brian Hitt, Kelly Jasko, John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Ken Michalik, Connie Morehouse, Tom Schleicher, Nancy Stohlman, Greg Trecaso & Megan*

**& for those who have passed away including**  
*Bill Feterle & the deceased of Mother of Sorrows*

## MASS INTENTIONS



**Wednesday, January 21 —9:00 AM**

Edna Sofchak (Carol & Ed Kamphuis)

**Saturday, January 24— 5:00 PM**

Tammy Cozzone (Brenda Omiecinski)

**Sunday, January 25— 9:30 AM**

John Palmiere (Michael Guerriero)

## Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,  
Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide.  
Remind us of our identity in You: loved, called, and equipped  
for mission.

Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and  
grace in each step. Amen. ©LPI



## MASS READINGS

**MONDAY, 1/19: Martin Luther King Day**

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**TUESDAY, 1/20: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr**

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**WEDNESDAY, 1/21: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**THURSDAY, 1/22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**FRIDAY, 1/23: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;**

**St. Marianne Cope, Virgin**

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**SATURDAY, 1/24: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**SUNDAY, 1/25: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-

## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

**January 18, 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**John 1:29-34**

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34).** That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— *Father John Muir*

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## ActivitiesCALENDAR

Wednesday, January 21

Rosary (8:45 AM) and Weekday Mass 9:00 AM

Vision Team Meeting 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 22

Human Trafficking Presentation 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 28

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM

Finance Council 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 31

MoS Volunteers at Gennesaret

Saturday, February 7

MoS Volunteers at Ozanam Center 9:15 AM

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**PLEASE JOIN US**  
**JANUARY 22, 2026**

### Human Trafficking Awareness is Everyone's Responsibility

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and Mother of Sorrows has scheduled a presentation by Ted Rusinoff, Chairman of the Board of The Exodus Road ([theexodusroad.com](http://theexodusroad.com)), an international organization established to fight modern-day slavery by partnering with law enforcement to fight human trafficking crime and empower survivors on their journey to freedom.

The presentation will take place in Mother of Sorrows Church at 7PM on Thursday, January 22. This event is designed to educate, equip, and empower community members to recognize the signs of trafficking and learn how we can work together to protect the vulnerable.



#### THANK YOU!

Mother of Sorrows Parish thanks Brenton Taussig of Consolidated Plastics in Stow for the donation of the awesome all-weather rugs!!



The 2025 Mother of Sorrows contribution statements will be mailed out the beginning of January. If you do not receive one and need one, please contact the parish office.

#### Catholic University Collection | THIS WEEKEND 17-18 January 2026

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. Gifts to the National Collection, the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. — support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Thank You!!

#### Ozanam Center Volunteers

A very special thank you to the 10 volunteers who came to the SVdP Ozanam center last Saturday to support the families in need. It was a record number of volunteers from our church! We should all be really proud of our congregation and its commitment to not only support the needy, but also helping our parish prosper! Our next parish date to volunteer is Saturday, February 7, 9:15 AM.



#### Your Parish Offering December 31, 2025 - January 4, 2026

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$1,339.00	\$328.95	1,667.95	1,859.00	(191.05)
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00	\$51.00	71.00	358.00	(287.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$16,068.00	\$505.25	16,573.25	578.00	15,995.25
Other	\$923.00	\$200.00	1,123.00	285.00	838.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,350.00</b>	<b>\$1,085.20</b>	<b>19,435.20</b>	<b>3,080.00</b>	<b>16,355.20</b>



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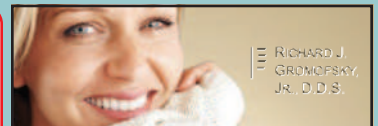
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