



MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH

BREAD

"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes
forth from the mouth of God."

MATTHEW 4:4

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FEBRUARY 22, 2026 • 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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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 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 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. 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.

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.

Building Restoration Fund



Please consider OSV Online Giving for weekly contributions: You can access the eGiving portal at
<https://osvhub.com/motherofsorrowspeninsula/giving/funds>



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 28— 5:00 PM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows

Sunday, March 1 — 9:30 AM

Frank Nicotera (Nicotera Family)

**REMEMBER
in your prayers****Pray for those who are sick and suffering**

Sue Adrolla, Sophie Andrews, Tammy Cozzone, Luke DesRosiers, Thomas Fiocca, Brian Hitt, Kelly Jasko, John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Ken Michalik, Connie Morehouse, Robert Reimer, Iran Ryan, Tom Schleicher, Nancy Stohlman, Greg Trecaso & Megan

& for those who have passed away including

Daniel Egleston, Bill Feterle & the deceased of Mos

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent.

Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew.

Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow.

Amen.

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION:****February 22, 2026****1st Sunday of Lent****Matthew 4:1-11**

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: **"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil"** (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— Father John Muir

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MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 2/23: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY, 2/24: Lent Weekday

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY, 2/25: Lent Weekday

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

THURSDAY, 2/26: Lent Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

FRIDAY, 2/27: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot

and Doctor of the Church

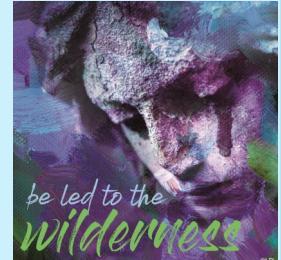
Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

SATURDAY, 2/28: Lent Weekday

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

SUNDAY, 3/1: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



February 22, 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

Calendar of EVENTS

Note: Schedule & locations subject to change due to church renovations.

Thursday, 2/26: Shroud of Turin Presentation 7:00 PM

Friday, 2/27: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Thursday, 3/5: Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM

Facilities Meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, 3/6: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Wednesday, 3/11: Faith & Fiction Book Club 10:00 AM

Parish Mission 7:00 PM

Thursday, 3/12: Parish Mission 7:00 PM

Friday, 3/13: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Wednesday, 3/18: Rosary 8:45 AM & Mass 9:00 AM

Friday, 3/20: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Wednesday, 3/25: Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM

Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Thursday, 3/26: The Crucifixion in Art 7:00 PM

Friday, 3/27: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Saturday, 3/28: Palm Sunday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, 3/29: Ecumenical Palm Sunday Service with United Methodist Church followed by Mass 9:30 AM

Thursday, 4/2: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

Friday, 4/3: Good Friday Outside Stations of the Cross Noon, Passion of the Lord Service 3:00 PM

Saturday, 4/4: Easter Vigil 8:00 PM

Sunday, 4/5: Easter Sunday Mass 9:30 AM

PLEASE NOTE: Eucharistic Adoration will be on Thursday, March 5 at 6 PM. Facilities meeting will be on Thursday, March 5 at 7 PM.

LENTEN PRESENTATION EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for these three special Lenten events, thoughtfully chosen to guide us prayerfully and intentionally into a deeper relationship with Jesus throughout this sacred season.



- ◆ Feb 26, 7PM - Presentation at MOS on the **Shroud of Turin** by David Onysko, well-known Sindonologist (one who scientifically studies the Shroud).
- ◆ Mar 11-12, 7PM - **From Encounter to Discipleship** Parish Mission by Father Jeffrey Lindholm, Parochial Vicar at St. Barnabas (Northfield) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Macedonia) Churches.
- ◆ Mar 26, 7PM - **The Crucifixion in Art** presentation by Father James Daprise, pastor emeritus of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Aurora and docent at the Cleveland Museum of Art.



2025 Knights of Columbus Annual Report

Knights of Columbus Fr. Maruskin Council #10936 includes membership from **Holy Family, St. Mary and Mother of Sorrows** parishes and exemplify our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. This report covers the period Jan 1-Dec 31, 2025 during which Council donations totaled **\$36,527**. The council was able to manage these charitable activities due to the generosity of parishioners and the community at-large. Thank you. The following summarizes our charitable donations for the year.

\$5,900 Support for Vocations
 \$9,432 Developmental Disabilities Support
 \$5,640 Church Support
 \$4,979 Community Support/Disaster Relief
 \$2,000 Global Relief
 \$3,150 HF School & Youth
 \$1,474 Church Bulletin Support
 \$900 Giving Tree
 \$1,912 Pro-Life Support
 \$1,140 Coats for Kids Program

We are always looking for men who want to deepen their faith and serve the church and community. For more information, please contact me at chiurazzi1@outlook.com or visit the Knights website at www.kofc.org. Sincerely, Jerry Chiurazzi - Grand Knight.

Your Parish Offering February 7-8, 2026

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$1,882.00	\$479.10	2,361.10	1,859.00	502.10
Maintenance Fund	\$200.00	\$76.00	276.00	358.00	(82.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$2,088.30	\$128.25	2,216.55	578.00	1,638.55
Other	\$9.00	\$0.00	9.00	285.00	(276.00)
Total	\$4,179.30	\$683.35	4,862.65	3,080.00	1,782.65