



MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



MARCH 8, 2026 • 3RD 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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PARISH STAFF

Presbyteral Moderator: Reverend Michael P. McCandless

Parish Life Coordinator: Deacon William Yoho

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Parish Assistant: Diane Griffiths dianeg4mos@gmail.com

Liturgical Minister Scheduling: 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.

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.

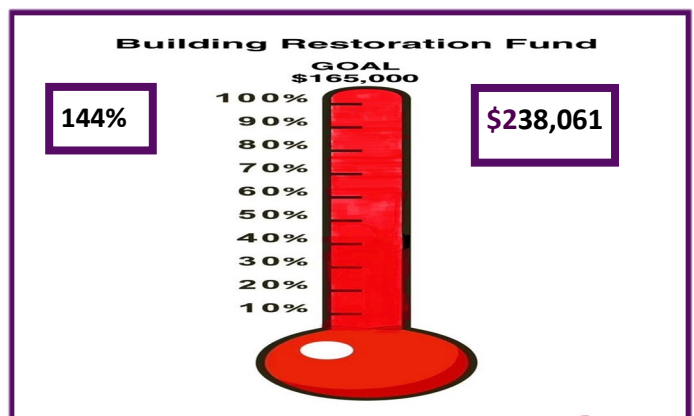


SACRAMENTS

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 mospensinsula@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.



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

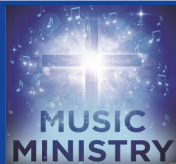


MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, March 14— 5:00 PM
 Deceased of Mother of Sorrows
Sunday, March 15 — 9:30 AM
 Nancy Dolan Roder (Lindway family)



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, Don Toth, Greg Trecaso & Megan*
& for those who have passed away including
the deceased of MoS



Our Christmas choir was beautiful and there is room in the choir loft for a few more who enjoy singing. We begin practice for Holy Week on Wednesday, March 11 at 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. We will meet weekly for 4 weeks to prepare for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Please contact Darlene at darlenebednarz@gmail.com to ask any questions or to confirm your attendance.



MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 3/9: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

TUESDAY, 3/10: Lent Weekday
 Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY, 3/11: Lent Weekday
 Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY, 3/12: Lent Weekday
 Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

FRIDAY, 3/13: Lent Weekday
 Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

SATURDAY, 3/14: Lent Weekday
 Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

SUNDAY, 3/15: 4th Sunday of Lent
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

March 8, 2026
3rd Sunday of Lent
John 4:5-42

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.



In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: **“One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37)**. He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— Father John Muir

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Note: Schedule & locations subject to change due to church renovations. Check the bulletin, parish website and listen to announcements at Mass for updates.

- Wednesday, 3/11: Faith & Fiction Book Club 10:00 AM
Choir Practice 1:30 PM
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
Choir Practice 1:30 PM
- Friday, 3/20: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, 3/25: Choir Practice 1:30 PM
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
- Wednesday, 4/1: Choir Practice 1:30 PM
- 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

MoS PARISH MISSION

Join us this week at our parish mission to help you on your Lenten journey.

- ◆ Mar 11-12, 7PM - **From Encounter to Discipleship** Parish Mission by Fr. Jeffrey Lindholm, Parochial Vicar at St. Barnabas (Northfield) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Macedonia) Churches.
- ◆ Mar 11 includes the opportunity for Confession and Eucharistic Adoration

SPECIAL LENTEN PRESENTATION

- ◆ Mar 26, 7PM - **The Crucifixion in Art** presentation by Father James Daprile, pastor emeritus of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Aurora and docent at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

SHROUD OF TURIN - SECOND CHANCE TO HEAR THE PRESENTATION!

In case you missed the interesting, informative and touching presentation by David Onysko on the Shroud of Turin last week, you can still watch it via live-stream.



Just go to **Mother of Sorrows - Peninsula** on YouTube and click on **2026-02-26 Presentation Shroud of Turin**.
<https://m.youtube.com/@motherofsorrows-peninsula03151/streams>

Those who were present and those who have already watched it on livestream all agreed that it was an outstanding presentation. Please take some time this Lenten season to watch, learn and give thanks to our Savior for what he endured for our salvation.

The slide deck is also posted on our website <http://www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org> under the menu About Our Parish->Past Parish Events-> 2026 Past Parish Events.

Your Parish Offering February 21-22, 2026

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$860.00	\$354.10	1,214.10	1,859.00	(644.90)
Maintenance Fund	\$75.00	\$51.00	126.00	358.00	(232.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$5,210.00	\$321.50	5,531.50	578.00	4,953.50
Other	\$248.50	\$0.00	248.50	285.00	(36.50)
Total	\$6,393.50	\$726.60	7,120.10	3,080.00	4,040.10