



# MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



MARCH 15, 2026 • 4TH 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

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

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### PARISH STAFF

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**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 [mospensinsula@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.



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 21— 5:00 PM**  
 Deceased of Mother of Sorrows  
**Sunday, March 22 — 9:30 AM**  
 Deceased of Mother of Sorrows



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

**Pray for those who are sick and suffering**

*Sophie Andrews, Tammy Cozzone, Luke DesRosiers, Thomas Fiocca, Kelly Jasko, John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Ken Michalik, Frank Przybojewski, Oren Ryan, Tom Schleicher, Don Toth, & Megan*

**& for those who have passed away including**  
*Greg Treceso & the deceased of MoS*



**MASS READINGS**

**MONDAY, 3/16: Lent Weekday**  
 Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**TUESDAY, 3/17: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day**  
 Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16



**WEDNESDAY, 3/18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
 Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

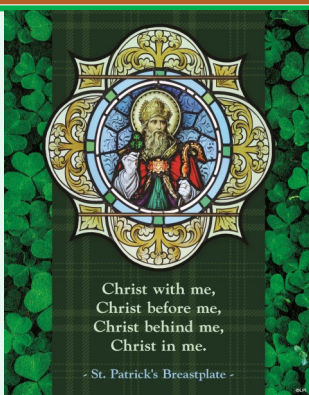
**THURSDAY, 3/19: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**FRIDAY, 3/20: Lent Weekday**  
 Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**SATURDAY, 3/21: Lent Weekday**  
 Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

**SUNDAY, 3/22: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
 Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**St. Patrick's Breastplate** is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. Its eleven sections call upon different elements of divine protection, beseeching Christ to surround the physical and spiritual reality of those who say it.



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**GOSPEL MEDITATION:**

**March 15, 2026**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**John 9:1-41**

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, **"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2)** They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: **"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."** He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: **"I am the light of the world" (John 9:5)**. He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.



Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

**Lenten challenge:** Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— *Father John Muir*

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Calendar of **EVENTS**

*Schedule & locations subject to change due to church renovations. Check the bulletin & parish website for updates.*

- Wednesday, 3/18: Rosary 8:45 AM & Mass 9:00 AM  
Choir Practice 1:30 PM
- Friday, 3/20: Stations of the Cross Noon
- 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 Noon
- 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 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

**Women's Retreat—Martha's Day Out: Building Bethany- Welcoming the Sacred Heart into Your Home**

Keynote Speaker: Emily Jaminet, Natl. Exec. Dir. of Welcome His Heart Saturday, and author of Secrets of the Sacred Heart and other titles.

March 21, 8 AM— 3 PM at St. Sebastian Parish Zwisler Hall, 476 Mull Ave, Akron, 44320. Tickets: \$35, includes light breakfast, lunch and program materials.



**2026 Knights of Columbus Bonanza Charity Raffle**

Your Mother of Sorrow Knights' raffle tickets are available in the container at the entrance to the church! There is over \$108,000 in CASH prizes, and your council earns \$4.40 on each \$5.00 ticket sold, proceeds support numerous worthy causes and individuals throughout the community and church (for example, the MoS front steps & ramp). The tickets contain more details about the raffle. The Knight's name on the ticket is only for council identification. Knights don't receive compensation for ticket sales. The drawing will be held May 23, 2026. Each ticket is \$5.00, the stub must be completed with either a 10-digit phone number or complete mailing address for notification. Place your stub (retain the large portion) and payment (cash or a check made out to "Knights of Columbus" in a provided envelope and deposit it with the offertory collection.

*The Knights thank you for your past and future support!*



**The Crucifixion in Art** will be presented by Rev. James Daprile, PhD, on Thursday, March 26 at 7PM. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: Because of ongoing renovations at Mother of Sorrows, the presentation will take place at Peninsula United Methodist Church, located diagonally across the street from MoS. Free parking is available in the PUMC lot behind the church. Fr. Daprile serves as pastor emeritus of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Aurora and is a docent at the

Cleveland Museum of Art. He has presented at The First Friday Club of Greater Akron and numerous other venues across Ohio. He leads gallery talks, tours and presentations at the Cleveland Museum of Art. There is no cost to attend. Call 330-657-2631 or email [carolk4mos@gmail.com](mailto:carolk4mos@gmail.com) for more information.

**Your Parish Offering February 28 - March 1, 2026**

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$1,301.00	\$455.10	1,756.10	1,859.00	(102.90)
Maintenance Fund	\$100.00	\$51.00	151.00	358.00	(207.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$1,893.00	\$5.25	1,898.25	578.00	1,320.25
Other	\$40.00	\$0.00	40.00	285.00	(245.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,334.00</b>	<b>\$511.35</b>	<b>3,845.35</b>	<b>3,080.00</b>	<b>765.35</b>