



MOTHER OF SORROWS



APRIL 26, 2026 • 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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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.

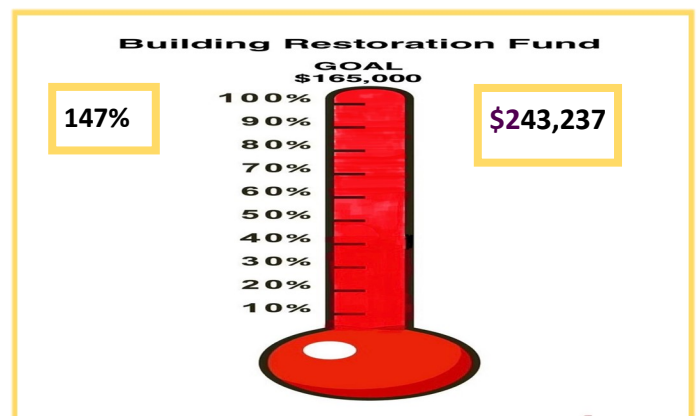


SACRAMENTS

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 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>



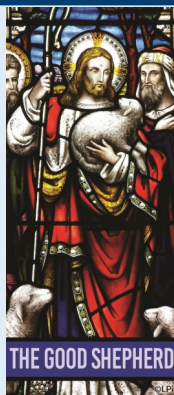
MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, May 2— 5:00 PM
 Deceased of Mother of Sorrows
Sunday, May 3 — 9:30 AM
 Frank Nicotera (Nicotera Family)



Pray for those who are sick and suffering
 Tammy Cozzone, Kelly Jasko, John Mazenec,
 Scott McDonough, Ken Michalik,
 Jerry O'Donnell, Fr. Terry O'Donnell,
 Oren Ryan, & Tom Schleicher
& for those who have passed away including
 our family members and the deceased of Mother
 of Sorrows parish

Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,
 Be the Good Shepherd in my life.
 Help me to know your voice and to respond.
 Help me to find your fold and the paths on
 which you lead.
 Bless me with verdant pastures and restful
 waters. Refresh my soul. Amen. ©LPi



MASS READINGS



MONDAY, 4/27: Easter Weekday
 Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

**TUESDAY, 4/28: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
 St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest**
 Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY, 4/29: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

THURSDAY, 4/30: St. Pius V, Pope
 Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY, 5/1: St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer
 Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

SATURDAY, 5/2: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

SUNDAY, 5/3: 5th Sunday of Easter
 Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter
John 10:1-10

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep."** (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: **"He is out of his mind."**

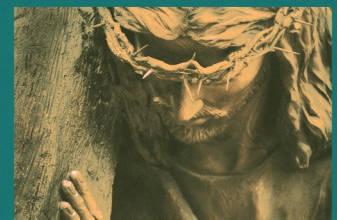
C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

— Father John Muir

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A LOVE THAT SURPASSES
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Calendar of EVENTS

- Wednesday, 4/29: Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM
Finance Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- Saturday, 5/9: May Crowning at 5:00 PM Mass
- Sunday, 5/10: May Crowning at 9:30 AM Mass
- Wednesday, 5/13: Faith & Fiction Book Club 10 AM
- Wednesday, 5/20: Rosary 8:45 AM & Mass 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, 5/27: Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM
Finance Council Meeting 7 PM

Ozanam Center Volunteers Needed



It is MOS' turn to volunteer at the Ozanam Center on **Saturday, May 2nd**. Time is 9:15-12:00. Address is: 93 Kent St., Akron, Ohio 44305. Mother of Sorrows has been volunteering at the St. Vincent DePaul Ozanam Center since 2007, a food and clothing bank located on the grounds of the Visitation of Mary parish. It is staffed by a weekly group of rotating parish volunteers from churches around the area. It is a beautiful opportunity to spend time serving the needs of others and meeting parishioners from other parishes in our area. Volunteers can work unpacking donations, sizing adult, children's and infants' clothing, distributing socks and undergarments, and supporting food distribution to the needy. Join a friendly group of SVdP volunteers as we strive to improve the lives of others in need. It's in giving that we receive.

 2nd Collection this weekend for Home Mission Appeal which supports US dioceses & parishes that lack resources to provide basic pastoral services. Funds are used for evangelization, religious education & ministry training. Please be generous.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER for Akron Pregnancy Services, MAY 16, 2026

The members of the K of C Fr. Maruskin Council # 10936 thank you for supporting the Baby Bottle Boomerang project we've used to raise money to support the Akron Pregnancy Services (APS) Pregnancy Center over the past few years. It's been effective due to your generosity, but not very efficient because of the large numbers of bottles and amount of loose change involved.

This year, the Knights will be taking on the APS Walk for Life which is typically held near their downtown offices at the Robinson House on Buchtel Ave on the Saturday following Mother's Day. Teams form and then solicit pledges from organizations, families & friends that are willing to support their participation in the walk. It's all done digitally with APS collecting and reporting all donations back to the individual Team.

In our case, we have asked active members who have served as Grand Knights of the Council to form three teams named for the guiding Principles of the Council:

KofC 10936 **Charity**: Bob Eikenburg* and Neil Durbin

KofC 10936 **Unity**: Don White* and Pat Rynd

KofC 10936 **Fraternity**: Ron Crock* and Jerry Chiurazzi

(*Team Captain)

Each Team will receive \$ 500 in Council Funds which will be eligible for ASAP refunds through our Supreme Knights organization. We will solicit additional contributions from Parishes we support Holy Family (Stow), St Mary(Hudson) and Mother of Sorrows(Peninsula) through their parish bulletins and email solicitations to family and friends using specific links for each Team.

These links will be published by team in an upcoming bulletin prior to the May 16 Walk for Life. Campaign progress will be published as appropriate, with the totals raised by each team reported by the Monday following the walk.

Thanks for supporting the Team of your choice!!!!

Vivat Jesus! Pat Rynd, Council #10936 Life Program Director

Your Parish Offering April 11 -12, 2026					
	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$2,682.00	\$523.50	3,205.50	1,859.00	1,346.50
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00	\$76.00	96.00	358.00	(262.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$70.00	\$138.25	208.25	578.00	(369.75)
Other	\$216.00	\$402.75	618.75	285.00	333.75
Total	\$2,988.00	\$1,140.50	4,128.50	3,080.00	1,048.50