



MOTHER OF SORROWS



12TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”
- Mt 10:31

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JUNE 21, 2026 • 12TH 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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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.

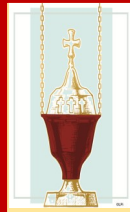
WEEKLY VISITATION/COMMUNION: Homebound parishioners are encouraged to receive communion regularly. If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass due to illness, surgery, or other circumstances, & you would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to the home, please 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, June 27— 5:00 PM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

Sunday, June 28 — 9:30 AM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish



MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 6/22: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

TUESDAY, 6/23: Weekday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/ Mt 7:6, 12-14

WEDNESDAY, 6/24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

THURSDAY, 6/25: Weekday

2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

FRIDAY, 6/26: Weekday

2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

SATURDAY, 6/27: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17

SUNDAY, 6/28: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/ Mt 10:37-42)



those who are sick and suffering

Tammy Cozzone, Kelly Jasko, John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Ken Michalik, Oren Ryan, & Tom Schleicher

& for those who have passed away including

our family members and the deceased of Mother of Sorrows parish

Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of fathers.

Bless them with wisdom, strength, and joy.

Comfort those who miss their fathers today, and remind every dad of the love and value they hold.

Amen.



GOSPEL MEDITATION:

June 21, 2026

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Matthew 10:26-33

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an “indignant despair.” Haven’t we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel: **“Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.”** (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow’s fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, “Do not be afraid,” hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father’s care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— *Father John Muir*

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Calendar of **EVENTS**

Wednesday, 6/24: Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM
 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM
 Saturday, 7/4: 4th of July Celebration after 5:00 PM Mass
 Wednesday, 7/8: Faith & Fiction Book Club 10:30 AM
 Wednesday, 7/15: Rosary 8:45 AM & Mass 9:00 AM
 Wednesday, 7/22: Vision Committee 6:30 PM

CELEBRATE JULY 4TH WITH US!

After the 5PM Mass on Saturday, July 4, join us outside for a hot dog & ice cream celebration as we mark 250 years of our nation's history! Bring your family, friends, and your appetite — everyone is welcome for good food, fellowship, and fun under the summer sky before you head off to the fireworks. Let's celebrate freedom, community, and our shared blessings!



SUMMER SANDWICH MINISTRY

It's time to sign up as a volunteer for our Summer Sandwich Ministry. Once a month, we cooperate with the United Methodist Church to prepare 100-125 sandwiches to be delivered to St Bernard's in downtown Akron for distribution to the hungry & homeless. Last month, we had 6 volunteers from MOS - and that was perfect! We're looking for another 6-7 volunteers for June, July and August. We meet at 1:30 at PUMC, across the street from MOS, and make sandwiches together. All we need from you is your helping hands to assemble the sandwiches. All the ingredients are provided and PUMC will deliver the sandwiches once assembled. The time required is about 1-1/2 hours. We will assemble the sandwiches on Wednesday, June 24; Wednesday, July 22; and Wednesday, August 26. Please contact Carol Kamphuis at carolk4mos@gmail.com sign up at the back of the church for any or all of the months. Hunger doesn't end when the days get sunnier.



Have You Read Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical?

Pope Leo XIV's 1st encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas (On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence), offers timely & inspiring guidance on how Catholics can uphold human dignity in an age of artificial intelligence. Parishioners can read this important document, available free online by going to ewtnnews.com.

Your Parish Offering May 23-24, 2026					
	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$1,129.00	\$333.50	1,462.50	1,859.00	(396.50)
Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$51.00	51.00	358.00	(307.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$268.00	\$321.50	589.50	578.00	11.50
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	285.00	(285.00)
Total	\$1,397.00	\$706.00	2,103.00	3,080.00	(977.00)
Your Parish Offering May 30-31, 2026					
	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$859.00	\$484.50	1,343.50	1,859.00	(515.50)
Maintenance Fund	\$130.00	\$51.00	181.00	358.00	(177.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$75.00	\$5.25	80.25	578.00	(497.75)
Other	\$141.00	\$0.00	141.00	285.00	(144.00)
Total	\$1,205.00	\$540.75	1,745.75	3,080.00	(1,334.25)
Your Parish Offering June 6-7, 2026					
	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$1,609.00	\$463.50	2,072.50	1,859.00	213.50
Maintenance Fund	\$2.00	\$76.00	78.00	358.00	(280.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$1,548.00	\$118.25	1,666.25	578.00	1,088.25
Other	\$55.00	\$0.00	55.00	285.00	(230.00)
Total	\$3,214.00	\$657.75	3,871.75	3,080.00	791.75