



MOTHER OF SORROWS CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 2, 2026 - 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR MISSION & CORE VALUES

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.

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

Presbyteral Moderator: Reverend Michael P. McCandless

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Liturgical Minister Scheduling

OTHER PARISH INFORMATION

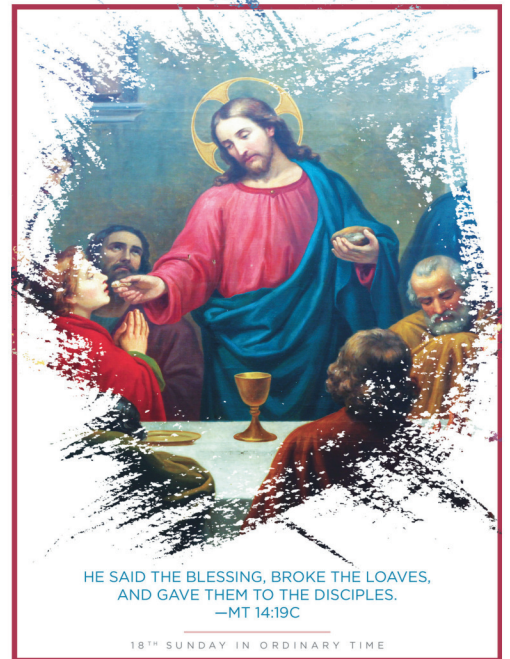
REGISTRATION: If you are new or have not yet registered, please register in person or call during office hours. If you are moving, please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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.

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION

AUGUST 2, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MATTHEW 14:13-21

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, **"the mood all changed."**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **"When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - August 8 - 5:00 PM

Eleanor Bednarz (Wally & Darlene Bednarz)

Sunday - August 9 - 9:30 AM

Laura Gerak (Terry & Denise Lahoski)



PLEASE PRAY

FOR... OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Tammy Cozzone

Kathy DiRocco

Kathleen Gus

Kelly Jasko

Scott McDonough

Ken Michalik

Kathleen Tomcik Nicotera

OUR DEPARTED THAT THEY FIND PEACE

Theresa Marchetti

WEEKLY READINGS



Monday, 8/3: Weekday

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday, 8/4: St. John Vianney, Priest

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, 8/5: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, 8/6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday, 8/7: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, 8/8: St. Dominic, Priest

Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, 8/9: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 8 - 5:00 PM	Sunday, August 9 - 9:30 AM
Priest: Fr. Rosing	Priest: Fr. Rosing
Lector 1: Carol	Lector 1: Linda
Lector 2: Betty	Lector 2: Fred
Server: None	Server: Eliza
EM: None	EM: None
Choir EM: Frank	Choir EM: Diane
Gifts: Lynda & Ed	Gifts:
Porter/Usher: Bill	Porter/Usher: Joe/Judy

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BULLETIN EDITOR

Beginning this week, you will notice a different look to our parish bulletin. This is due to the fact that the software program that was previously used to produce the bulletin has been retired. As we migrate to the new software, there will be a learning curve and a few hiccups for me, I am sure! I ask for your continued support and patience during this transition. May God bless you abundantly,
Diane G

UNDERSTANDING LITURGY VOTIVE CANDLES



Vigil candles, often called votive candles, are a form of burnt offering. In the Old Testament, burnt offerings were common, especially at the Temple where animals were sacrificed in holocaust (a burnt offering). Part of the meat was retained for the priests in the temple, but the rest of the animal was burnt up. The point of a burnt offering was to take something of value, remove it from personal use or profit, and offer it entirely to God. In addition to burnt offerings, there were also libations (poured offerings of oil or water), cereal offerings (offerings of grain) and even wave offerings such as the waving of palm branches on Palm Sunday.

Votive candles are from the tradition of a burnt offering. A candle is purchased and burnt to the honor of God. The burning candle symbolizes our prayer and love for God and our request that He remember our prayers. Sometimes candles are lit at the shrines of saints to ask for their intercession.

As symbols, we can regard smoke and incense as an image of praise and prayer rising to God.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Wednesday, 8/12: Faith & Fiction Book Club 10:30 AM
Sunday, 8/16: Blessing of the Kayaks 10:30 AM
Wednesday, 8/19: Rosary 8:45 AM & Mass 9:00 AM
Wednesday, 8/26: Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM
Wednesday, 8/26: Facilities Committee



RSVP
Holy Family Parish: 330-688-6411

Akron Serra Club

Seminarian Scholarship Awards Mass & Breakfast

Monday, August 10

8:00 AM Mass

Holy Family Parish
3179 Kent Rd, Stow, OH 44224

8:40-10:00 AM

Breakfast &
Seminarian Testimonials

**Come meet the men
preparing to serve as
priests for the Diocese of
Cleveland.**

**Hear their stories, celebrate
their vocations, and discover
how your prayers and
generosity are helping them
answer God's call.**

Nurturing Vocations Through Faith and Support

Seminary formation is a full-time commitment that often leaves little opportunity for employment. Educational expenses and everyday living costs can become significant burdens for men discerning the priesthood.

Through scholarships and financial assistance, Akron Serra Club helps ensure that finances never become an obstacle to answering God's call.

Your support helps our future priests focus on formation, prayer, and serving Christ.

Invest in Future Priests

Every vocation is a gift to the Church. With your support, the Akron Serra Club hopes to establish a permanent seminary scholarship fund so that future seminarians can answer God's call without financial barriers.

Your gift today can help make that vision a reality and support future priests for generations to come.

Tax receipts are available. Please make checks payable to the Akron Serra Club. Donations may be dropped off at your parish office in an envelope marked "Serra Club" and by contacting Betsy Tausch for additional information.

Please continue praying for all seminarians, priests, deacons, and consecrated religious throughout the Diocese of Cleveland. Your prayers strengthen those who have answered God's call.



Join the Serra Club

Support vocations through prayer, encouragement, fellowship, and financial support.

Learn more:

**Betsy Tausch
330-554-8488**

betsytausch@hotmail.com

YOUR PARISH OFFERING: JULY 18-19,2026

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$872.00	\$358.50	\$1,230.50	\$1,859.00	(\$628.50)
Maintenance Fund	\$120.00	\$51.00	\$171.00	\$358.00	(\$187.00)
Facility Restorations	\$103.00	\$105.25	\$208.25	\$578.00	(\$369.75)
Other	\$3,027.00	\$0.00	\$3,027.00	\$285.00	\$2,742.00
Total	\$4,122.00	\$514.75	\$4,636.75	\$3,080.00	\$1,556.75

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