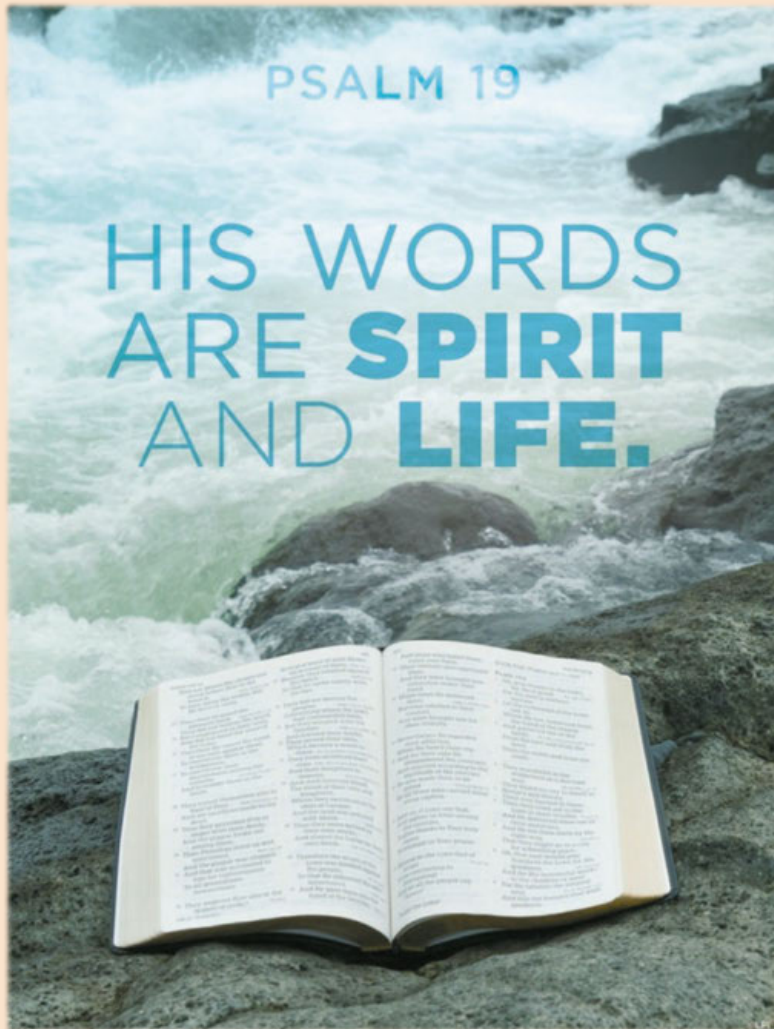


3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 26, 2025



New members are always welcome.
Please call the Parish Office to register.

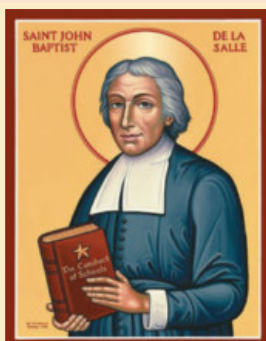
SACRAMENTS

Baptism:
Please contact Ellen Mady at MOS or Joann Giuffre at St. John and St. Mary at the Parish Office four months before the birth of your child.

Reconciliation:
Saturdays at 9:00 AM at MOS and 12:00 NN at St. John;
Tuesdays at 5:00 PM at St. Mary;
OR by appointment.

Marriage:
Please contact Monsignor Michael Begolly in the Parish Office at least one year in advance for information and scheduling.

Holy Communion
for those who are homebound:
Please contact the Parish Office.



St. John Baptist de La Salle

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Sunday Mass 11:00 AM



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Saturday anticipated Mass 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass 9:00 AM



Mother of Sorrows

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Murrysville, PA 15668
(724) 733-8870

Saturday anticipated Mass 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

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Sunday, Jan 26, 2025

Hidden lives cast a shadow

Humans are afflicted with the desire to make lists, categorize, arrange according to significance, and especially to assign importance among people. But we never see the whole picture, so how can we know who is more important, or which ability or action has the greatest potential for good?

In *Middlemarch* George Eliot reminds us: "For the growing good of the world is partly dependent upon un-historic acts, and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life and rest in unvisited tombs." Remember, we are all part of the Body of Christ; we are all necessary and important.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69). *"Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds?"*

Monday, Jan 27, 2025

Remember for humanity's sake

At the Wannsee Conference in January 1942, senior Nazi officials met to coordinate the implementation of the "Final Solution to the Jewish Question." No longer interested in driving Jews out of Germany, the Nazis embarked on a more efficient campaign: systematic extermination of those they deemed "undesirable" and "enemies of the state." In addition to the estimated 6 million Jews murdered, millions of others—political dissidents, Poles, Romani people, individuals with disabilities, gays, Jehovah's Witnesses, Catholics, and people of African descent—were also targeted. For any devoid of humanity, this plan could be seen as a success. For the rest of us, it stands as one of the darkest moments in human history, when evil reigned. On International Holocaust Remembrance Day, remember the horror of the final solution, for, as Pope Francis says, "Remembering is a condition for a better future of peace and fraternity."

Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30 (317). *"Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness."*

Tuesday, Jan 28, 2025

Questions, please

Faith is not simply unquestioned belief; rather, it often inspires us to ask questions. As Saint Anselm, an 11th-century theologian and doctor of the church, said, "Faith seeks understanding." This desire to both believe and understand is a constant throughout our spiritual journey. We read, pray, and engage in discussions, hoping the mysteries of our faith, the universe, and our own lives will be revealed. When it comes to differing opinions, Saint Thomas Aquinas reminds us, "We must love them both, those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject, for both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us find it." So, keep asking your questions; it is an essential part of a vibrant and healthy faith life.

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35 (318). *"The law has only a shadow of the good things to come."*

Wednesday, Jan 29, 2025

Provide a strong foundation

During Catholic Schools Week we remember and are thankful for the fact that the tradition of Catholic schools remains the same: "A Catholic education is an education for life." A Catholic education, whether on Sundays or five days a week, provides the foundation and the tools young people need to grow into faithful followers of Christ. The patron saint of teachers, John Baptist de la Salle, put it best: "Enter to learn, leave to serve." Support your local Catholic schools!

Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20 (319). *"Those sown on rich soil . . . bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."*

Thursday, Jan 30, 2025

All for the good

Catholic Schools Week is the perfect time to reflect on what we can learn from our Catholic schoolchildren. One young student wrote in a religion class report, "If you do good things, you will have good experiences. If you do bad things, you will have bad experiences." This simple yet profound understanding of virtuous living echoes Jesus' teaching in the gospel: "The measure you give will be the measure you get." If we want the young people in our lives to lead lives of love and good works, we do well to model those actions ourselves.

Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25 (320). *"We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works."*

Friday, Jan 31, 2025

Share and share alike

Christians commonly suffered the confiscation of their property during the persecutions of the early church, and church property has been confiscated by hostile governments ever since. Perhaps that is why the Catholic Church defends the right to private property. Yet the church also says that this right is not absolute; it is limited by the concept of the "social mortgage," our mutual obligations to one another and to a just distribution of wealth. You can read about church teaching on property and other social issues in the first "social encyclical," *Rerum novarum* ("On the Condition of Labor"), written by Pope Leo XIII and issued in 1891 (www.vatican.va).

Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321). *"You . . . joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, knowing that you had a better and lasting possession."*

Saturday, Feb 01, 2025

A holy roll call

In 1941 author James Agee and photographer Walker Evans published *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*, a book chronicling the lives of Alabama sharecropper families in the 1930s. The title came from the first verse of chapter 44 in the Book of Sirach: "Let us now sing the praises of famous men, our ancestors in their generations"—ironic, because the book was about people who were distinctly un-famous. The Sirach passage introduces a recognizable form of biblical literature, the listing of people who were models of faith and virtue. Parents, teachers, coaches, bosses, maybe even a great-grandmother whose stern photo on the wall sees you out the door each day—each of us has a holy roll call of spiritual ancestors whose lives have guided us.

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41 (322). *"Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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MASS TIME CHANGE

Beginning **Thursday, January 30**, the Mother of Sorrows School Mass will begin at 9:00 AM each Thursday.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION BACK TO BASICS

The Back to Basics Adult Faith Formation series will resume this **Sunday, January 26** from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the church. The evening's topic will be "Spiritual Pilgrimage and the 2025 Jubilee Year," presented by Fr. Dave Slusarick.

FIRST COMMUNION

If your child will be receiving his or her First Communion this spring, please register on the website by going to motherofsorrowschurch.org/religious-education.

Detailed information can be found in the document posted on the website.

MEN'S RENEWAL GROUP

All men are invited to attend the Men's Renewal Group on **Saturday Mornings** at 9:00 AM in the Ave Maria Room at MOS. The group's mission is based on Romans 12: "Do not model your behavior on the contemporary world, rather, discern the Will of God and renew your lives."

The meetings consist of fellowship and discussion of a variety of Catholic topics, based on a short video viewed during the meeting or portions of a book read prior to the meeting.

All men are warmly invited to stop in and see if the group is of interest.

MOS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday 1/25

9:00 AM **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
4:30 PM † Michael Shea (*Jim & Susan McLaughlin*)

Sunday 1/26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † Marie & Fred Certo (*Elaine Gorwaty*)
9:30 AM † Ernie Johnson (*Wife Kathy*)
11:30 AM † Mehall and Frowen Families (*Ed & Diane Mehall*)
12:30 PM **Sacrament of Baptism**
6:00 PM For the Parish

Monday 1/27

8:00 AM † Josephine, Catherine & Bernard Roslosky (*Olszewski Family*)

Tuesday 1/28 Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:00 AM † Lou Rostand (*Barbara Cseh*)

Wednesday 1/29

8:00 AM † Ron Melinchak (*Cheryl Melinchak*)

Thursday 1/30

9:00 AM † Judy Pearlman (*Marty Burgman*)
10:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 PM Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 1/31 Saint John Bosco

8:00 AM † Jim & Rosalie Bonner (*John & Marie Shimshock*)

Saturday 2/1

9:00 AM **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
4:30 PM For the Parish

Sunday 2/2 The Presentation of the Lord

7:30 AM † Nancy Stawosion (*Pat & Karen McDonough*)
9:30 AM † Patty Waldo (*Victoria Stowell*)
11:30 AM A. Certo 100th Birthday (*Jeff*)
6:00 PM Msgr. Michael, Fr. Dave & Fr. Jay & Family and Friends (*June & Frank Papciak*)

OUR WEEKLY NUMBERS January 18 and 19

Mother of Sorrows

Attendance 1,509

Offertory \$ 30,610.61

Outreach \$ 1,555.00



Church and Rectory Expense:
\$ 18,579.90

St. John

Attendance 298

Offertory \$ 3,638.30



St. Mary

Attendance 180

Offertory \$ 4,600.00



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STEWARDSHIP NOTES

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”

- NEHEMIAH 8:10

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

ST. JOHN AND ST. MARY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday 1/25

12:00 NN SJ

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 PM SJ



Arlene & Lemuel Bell (*Son Aaron Bell*)

Sunday 1/26

Third in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM SM



Helen Jelochen (*Bill & Jean Gillis*)

11:00 AM SJ

For the Parish

Monday 1/27

8:30 AM SM



Joe Volpe (*Alltel Coworkers*)

Tuesday 1/28

Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:30 AM SJ



Baby Jo (*Stanislaw Family*)

12:00 NN SM

Eucharistic Adoration

5:00 PM SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00 PM SM

Benediction and Reposition

Wednesday 1/29

8:05 AM SM

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

8:30 AM SM



Deceased Members of the Odes Family (*Family*)

Thursday 1/30

8:10 AM SJ

St. Joseph Novena

8:30 AM SJ

For the Parish

Friday 1/31

Saint John Bosco

8:30 AM SM



Betty Walkers (*Jim Dunn*)

Saturday 2/1

12:00 NN SJ

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 PM SJ



For the Parish

Sunday 2/2

The Presentation of the Lord

9:00 AM SM



Anthony Mediate (*Granddaughters*)

11:00 AM SJ

For the Parish

WITH SYMPATHY

We commend to your prayers Elvira Duca, who died recently. May God welcome her to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to her family.

FEAST OF SAINT BLASE

Blase was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He was martyred during the persecution of Christians by the Roman emperor Lucinius.

Blase is said to have been a physician as well as a bishop. A legend tells that Blase saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. Blase is now the patron saint of all who have diseases of the throat.

The tradition of blessing throats began at a time when the church's calendar was filled with blessings for the saints' days. Many of these are no longer practiced, but somehow the custom of blessing throats survived. Two candles are held in the shape of a cross, and the candles are touched to our necks.

We will celebrate the blessing of the throats after all Masses next weekend, **February 1 and 2**.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take

place at Mother of Sorrows on **Thursday, January 30 from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM**. To become a weekly adorer, sign up using the QR code or go to <https://adorationpro.org/mosmurrysville>.

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary will take place on **Tuesdays** from 12:00 NN until 6:00 PM.

A PEEK AT THE WEEK...

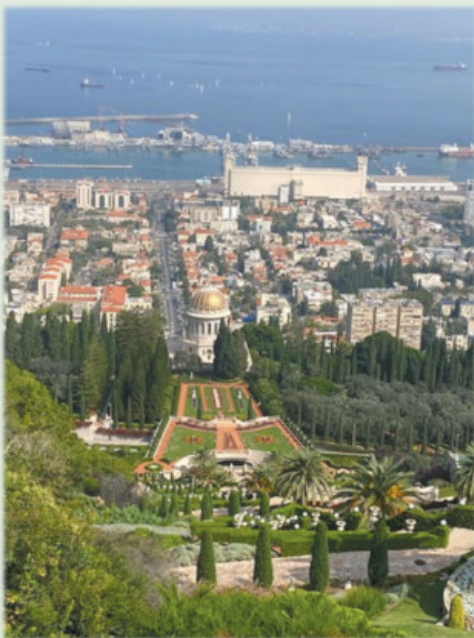
Sunday		January 26
		Catholic Schools Week
8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, Ave Maria Room
7:00 PM	MOS	High School Youth Ministry, Social Hall
7:00 PM	MOS	Back to Basics Adult Formation, Church
Monday		January 27
6:30 PM	MOS	Cub Scouts, Social Hall
Tuesday		January 28
10:00 AM	MOS	Staff Meeting, Conference Room
Wednesday		January 29
9:30 AM	MOS	Women's Bible Study, Social Hall
6:30 PM	MOS	Choir Rehearsal, Church
Friday		January 31
9:00 AM	MOS	Legion of Mary, Ave Maria Room
9:00 AM	MOS	Centering Prayer, Madonna Room
5:00 PM	MOS	An Evening of Hope, Church
Saturday		February 1
7:00 AM	SM	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Social Hall
9:00 AM	MOS	Men's Renewal Group, Ave Maria Room
Sunday		February 2
8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, Ave Maria Room
4:30 PM	MOS	Family Faith Formation, Social Hall
6:45 PM	MOS	O CIA, Ave Maria Room
7:00 PM	MOS	High School Youth Ministry, Social Hall



AN EVENING OF HOPE

An Evening of Hope: The Holy Land – Its People, Culture and Faith will take place **Friday, January 31**, at 5:00 PM in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall. Sponsored by the Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and Land of Peace, LLC, the evening will begin with Eucharistic Adoration, followed by dinner consisting of authentic Middle Eastern cuisine, presentations, art and cultural displays, Palestinian folk dance demonstrations and raffle gift baskets.

Seating is limited and the cost is \$75 per person. Proceeds will support the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem to help address the needs of Christians in the Holy Land. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/EveningOfHope to register.





FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Donuts and coffee will be served after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary on **Sunday, January 26**. Please join us for refreshments and good fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Next weekend, representatives from the St. John and St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be speaking after all Masses to provide parishioners with an update of the work that was done over the past year to assist our neighbors in need.

AN INVITATION FOR YOUNG MEN

All young men who are interested in exploring God's call and who are open to learning more about the Priesthood are invited to save the dates for Spring 2025 gatherings, the first Sunday of each month beginning February 2 at Saint John de La Salle Parish, 497 Athena Drive, Delmont.

The Melchizedek Project, for young men ages 18 and older, will meet from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, and **Exploring God's Call**, for young men of high school age, will meet from 6:30 to 8 PM.

Each gathering will include prayer, discussion, and the sharing of helpful resources. For more information or to make your attendance plans known, please contact Father Dave Slusarick, Associate Director, Office for Priestly Vocations at dslusarick@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



Sixteen women enjoyed a delicious lunch at Fortune Kitchen.

SUPPORT MINISTRY

All widows are invited to our next Support Ministry luncheon to share stories, conversation and friendship. Support Ministry is there for you.

The next lunch will be **Tuesday, February 11** at 1:00 PM at Hoss's in Murrysville. Please RSVP to Sandy Martin by February 7 by calling 724-787-9305 or emailing sandymartin112@gmail.com.

CAMP VIRTUE

All students currently in 5-7th grade are invited to register for Camp Virtue and take advantage of the 10% early bird discount. Daily adventures will include Camp Guyasuta Ropes Challenges, 2 Dam Kayak, A Relic Tour at Saint Anthony Chapel and a visit to Idlewild Park. Register now at the QR code to the right.

FUNERAL CHOIR

The ministry of music can be a great consolation and comfort at the time of grief for a family celebrating a funeral liturgy. We are restructuring our Funeral Choir at Mother of Sorrows, Saint Mary and Saint John.

The funeral choir would be invited to sing at funerals at all three of our parishes. When a funeral is scheduled, you would be contacted to sing. If you are interested in being a part of the funeral choir, please email Dr. Tom at toctave@dioceseofgreensburg.org. We will schedule a rehearsal of the most common music that is used for the funeral liturgy after we gauge interest.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND LADIES GUILD

The Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild will meet at noon on **Wednesday, February 5** in the Mother of Sorrows Social Hall. The afternoon will begin with a rosary, followed by a guest speaker and refreshments. All are welcome!

BOOMERS AND BEYOND



Join us on **Tuesday, February 11** at 11:30 AM in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall for a presentation on "Getting to the Heart of the Story- The human heart and the heart of God", presented by Dr. Tom Octave.

The heart is the place of encounter between God and humanity. Pope Francis recently wrote the encyclical letter "Delixit Nos" on the human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ. We will explore the practical implications of Pope Francis' message for us, as we get to the heart of the story of God's great love for all people. Our presenter, Dr. Tom Octave, is Director of Sacred Music for the Diocese of Greensburg and Director of Music and Liturgy at Mother of Sorrows Parish.

Boomers and Beyond is a ministry serving the 'baby boomers' and all adults of Mother of Sorrows Parish and the surrounding communities. Lunch and learn sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Topics are varied and reservations are not required. Participants are encouraged to bring a 'brown bag' lunch and a friend.



Cardio Drumming is coming to MOS on Fridays at 10:00 AM! A 10 week session will begin **Friday, February 7** in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall. Cardio Drumming is a whole-body exercise that involves participants drumming

on large physioballs while maintaining rhythm to music. This is a moderate to high-intensity workout that can be modified based on the client's comfort and response to activity.

Join us for this fun and exciting program that involves music, dancing, and socialization. The program has the potential to improve and maintain cardiovascular status to improve endurance, balance and mobility, range of motion and strength, posture, coordination, agility and quality of life. Try your first class for free; after the first class they will be \$8 each session. For more information, please contact Eric Horton, PT, DPT at ehorton@allstartherapies.com.

CONGRATULATIONS



We welcome Angelo Jack Grudowski into the Church through the saving waters of Baptism. May he continue to grow in faith and always remember that he is a beloved child of God.



We congratulate John and Marie Shimshock as they celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless them and their family.

MOTHER OF SORROWS OUTREACH MINISTRY
We stand by one another with deep compassion...

MOS OUTREACH WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE FOR HOMELESS MEN

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Western PA will hold a winter clothing collection from **January 18 through February 2**. Items needed are men's jeans, men's hoodies, men's boots, and men's winter coats. Warm caps and gloves are also needed. These items will be given to the homeless men who come to the Red Door at St. Mary of Mercy Church in the cold winter months.

Clothing items should be placed in the deck boxes on the lower level of the church, near the entrance to the Social Hall. We thank you for helping to warm these men in need.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY



All High School Youth are invited to join us at **7:00 PM** on **Sunday, January 26**, in the lower narthex for our first Evening of Encounter. This will be a time of reflection and prayer on the topic of Friendship, with a talk, time in adoration, and praise music in the church, after which we will recess to the Social Hall for food and games.

In February, we begin rehearsals for Living Stations of the Cross, so if you would like to be part of this year's presentation on April 11 and 12, please contact Jacob at jgindhart@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



Last Sunday the High School Youth Ministry began our study of Part Four of the Catechism on Christian Prayer. After surveying the students' current practice, Jacob talked about how to grow closer to God through spending time with Him in prayer on a regular basis - at least 15 minutes a day, in silence, sharing your heart and growing in intimacy with Him. The students also had a great time with a game called "pull up," that had them scurrying across the room to make a dance move and pull up another player in the circle before the music stopped!

TINY DISCIPLES

Families with children ages birth through kindergarten are invited to a free family playgroup at St. Barbara Parish Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Enjoy play time, crafts, music, dance and snacks while socializing with others. Older siblings and grandparents are welcome to attend. Scan the QR code above for updates or visit www.stbarbara.org/tinydisciples.

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Contestant: We need 5-6 couples to be contestants for the game



RSVP WITH THE QR CODE OR EMAIL TO ERIN PATTERSON: ERINMAEPATTERSON@GMAIL.COM



MOTHER OF SORROWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



JOB POSTING

Mother of Sorrows School is looking for two part-time custodians for the second shift; M-F, summers off. Custodians would be responsible for cleaning the building in the evenings, specific time TBD. If interested, please email and send resume to Mrs. Darcie Gatti, Principal MOSS and/or Gordon Palmer, maintenance at dgatti@mosschool.org and gpalmer@mosschool.org.



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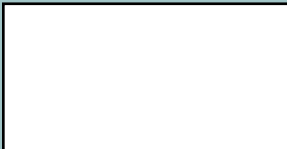
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