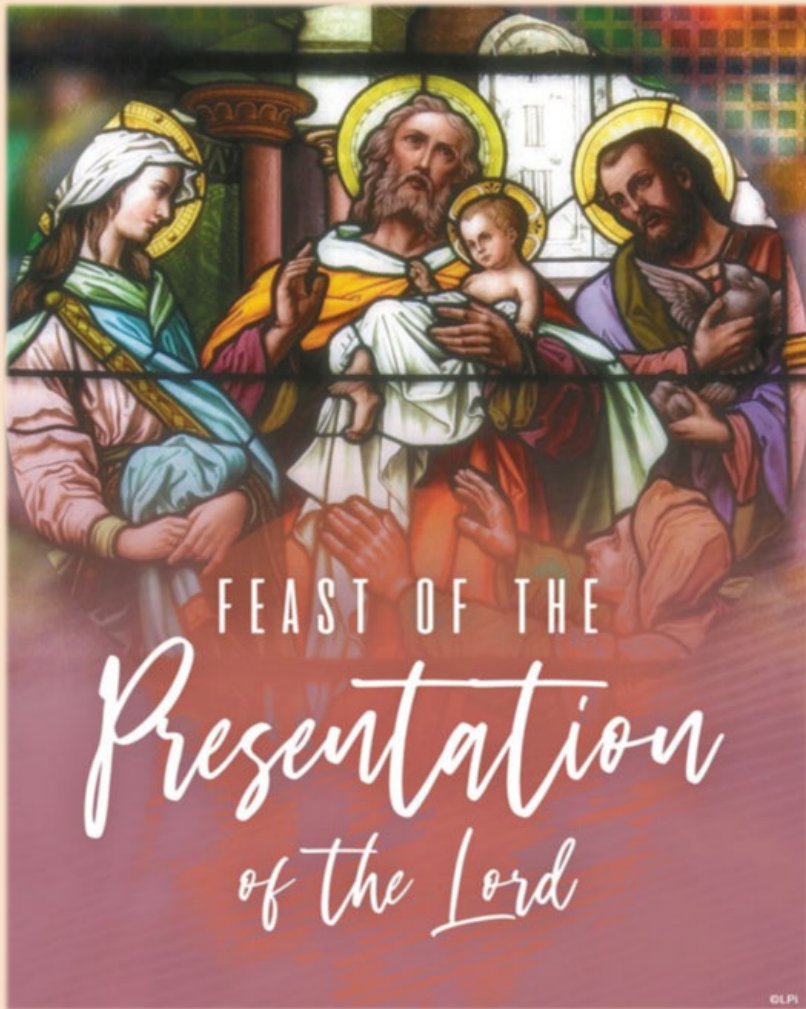


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Please call the Parish Office to register.

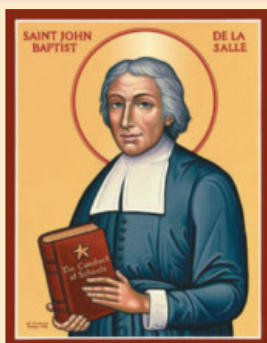
SACRAMENTS

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

497 Athena Drive
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Saturday anticipated Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass 11:00 AM



Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes

5900 Kennedy Avenue
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Saturday anticipated Mass 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass 9:00 AM



Mother of Sorrows

4202 Old William Penn Highway
Murrysville, PA 15668
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Saturday anticipated Mass 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

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Sunday, Feb 02, 2025

Get ready to fulfill your destiny

The information in scripture on Jesus' childhood is a bit sketchy. At the end of the story of the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple, we learn that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom." When we next hear of him, Jesus is 12 years old, discussing Jewish teachings at the temple, and "astounding" those who hear him. Quite a bit of growth and development obviously transpired in the intervening years! Mary and Joseph are the unsung heroes here, for having nurtured and raised Jesus in such a way that he was ready to fulfill his destiny. How can you continue to grow and develop in *your* faith?

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524). *"The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."*

Monday, Feb 03, 2025

Roll back the stone

Saint Pope John Paul II used the phrase the "culture of death" to describe society's willingness to undermine the value of human life at every turn. Abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, war, torture, discrimination, exploitative practices in research, and economic injustice are just a few of the many ways we devalue the image of God inherent in each person. Rather than seeking peaceful, life-affirming solutions, living "among the tombs" allows us to embrace violent and inhumane options more readily. Take steps in your own life to roll back the tombstone of indifference and promote life among the living.

Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20 (323). *"The man had been dwelling among the tombs, and no one could restrain him any longer, even with a chain."*

Tuesday, Feb 04, 2025

Keep in touch with Jesus

Jesus' power to heal transcended that of a mere traveling wonder-worker or miracle man. His healing power came from God, and those who were afflicted were restored not just by his divine ability, but through their faith in him as the Son of God. His miracles reveal both his divinity and his humanity, as they often involved a personal, compassionate touch. Healing, like suffering, takes many forms—physical, emotional, and spiritual—and Jesus addresses each with care. In times of need, do not hesitate to turn to him in faith. He will hear you and, with wisdom, offer you the healing touch you seek.

Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43 (324). *"Do not be afraid; just have faith."*

Wednesday, Feb 05, 2025

Don't get stuck in a rut

In the gospel, we often see Jesus amazed by the faith of others, crediting their belief as the key to their healing. But there are also moments when Jesus is "amazed"—perhaps *dismayed* would be the better word—by the lack of faith in those around Him. Narrow thinking, rigid routines, stereotypes, and negative assumptions can all block the miracles of God's love. To experience the fullness of God's power, keep your faith alive and open a path for the Lord to perform mighty deeds.

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6 (325). *"He was amazed at their lack of faith."*

Thursday, Feb 06, 2025

Unchanging demands and promises

Paul Miki (1562-97) was born into a wealthy Catholic family and received his education from the Jesuits. He grew to be deeply immersed in his own culture, with a profound understanding of Buddhism. After joining the Society of Jesus, he became an effective and compassionate preacher to the Japanese people. Despite the expulsion of his fellow Jesuits from Japan, Paul Miki chose to remain and continued his mission. Ultimately, he was crucified alongside 25 others in Nagasaki. For each generation of Christians, the core demands of faith and the promises of Christ remain unchanged: to love God and one another, and through this love, to experience eternal life.

MEMORIAL OF PAUL MIKI, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13 (326). *"Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave from there."*

Friday, Feb 07, 2025

Love is an open door

When Jesus began his public ministry, only a select few knew who he truly was. Some believed him to be Elijah or another prophet, while King Herod and others believed he was John the Baptist returned from the dead. Regardless, it was clear that Jesus was quickly gaining recognition as a healer and holy man. For our part, we would do well to heed the wisdom found in the Letter to the Hebrews: "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." Welcome the stranger with love and you may find you've opened the door to the divine.

Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29 (327). *"Let brotherly love continue."*

Saturday, Feb 08, 2025

A prayer before you go

Almost every Saturday of the year, we're invited to reflect on the example of Mary, the Mother of the Church, whose life reveals the essence of true discipleship. Her Magnificat is not just a model prayer and hymn of praise, but it lays the foundation for what all who follow Christ are called to do. As seventh-century monk Saint John Climacus wrote in his spiritual classic *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, "Prayer is the work of angels, and is the nourishment of everything spiritual." Embrace every opportunity to lift your heart in prayer and gain strength to carry out the Lord's work here on Earth.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34 (328). *"Through Jesus, let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise."*

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

The Mother of Sorrows School Mass will begin at 9:00 AM each Thursday.

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!

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on **Sunday, February 9** after the 11:30 AM Mass. If you are planning to have surgery, are experiencing health problems, or facing the challenges of aging, you are welcome to celebrate the sacrament.



BACK TO BASICS

The next Back to Basics Adult Faith Formation session will take place **Sunday, February 16**. Fr. Dave Slusarick will speak about the Sacrament of Matrimony.

FIRST COMMUNION SIGN-UPS



First Communion preparation sessions will take place **February 23** at 4:30 PM and **February 26** at 6:30 PM. Please scan the QR code above to view available First Communion Mass times and dates. Please sign up for a date and time that works for you and your family.

MOS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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*)

Monday 2/3

8:00 AM † Ricardo Robbbaro (*Kathleen Robbbaro*)

Tuesday 2/4

8:00 AM † George Yuhasz (*Rich & Mary Lynn Jacko*)

Wednesday 2/5 Saint Agatha

8:00 AM † Andrew & Katherine Virostko (*Olszewski Family*)

Thursday 2/6 Saint Paul Miki and Companions

9:00 AM † Lawrence Canobbio (*Norm & Martha Kalina*)
10:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 PM Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 2/7

8:00 AM † Deceased members of the Hill, Kovalesky & Jonas Families (*Cathy & Randy Hill*)

Saturday 2/8

9:00 AM **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
4:30 PM John & Mary Vargosko (*Daughter*)

Sunday 2/9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the Parish
9:30 AM † Sr. Angela Pikus (*Brodbeck Family*)
11:30 AM † Norbert & Kaci Miera (*Boleslaw & Felicia Gurski & Joseph & Christine Gurski*)
12:30 PM **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**
6:00 PM † Mary E. Tierno (*Frank & Gloria Skatell*)

OUR WEEKLY NUMBERS January 25 and 26

Mother of Sorrows

Attendance 1,509

Offertory \$ 45,335.61

Outreach \$ 1,025.00



**Financial assistance programs
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St. John

Attendance 339

Offertory \$ 7,096.00



St. Mary

Attendance 178

Offertory \$ 4,304.00



A heartfelt thank you to our parishioners and visitors for your gift of stewardship to our Parishes. Your generosity supports our many ministries and programs helping to advance our mission of bringing people to Christ. Thank you for the gifts you share with our Faith Community.

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

“Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.” – Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

ST. JOHN AND ST. MARY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

Monday 2/3

8:30 AM SM † Linda Wesley (*Diane & Sharwn Lynch*)

Tuesday 2/4

8:30 AM SJ † Rose & Charles Yaklich
(Betsy Yaklich)
12:00 NN SM Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 PM SM **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
6:00 PM SM Benediction and Reposition

Wednesday 2/5 Saint Agatha

8:05 AM SM Novena to Our Lady
of Perpetual Help
8:30 AM SM † Rose Mediate (*Elizabeth Wolfe*)

Thursday 2/6 Saint Paul Miki and Companions

8:10 AM SJ St. Joseph Novena
8:30 AM SJ Harold Wallace (*Jim Dodds*)

Friday 2/7

8:30 AM SM † Paula Topolosky (*Nancy Banko*)
7:00 PM SM For the Parish

Saturday 2/8

12:00 NN SJ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
4:00 PM SJ † Patricia (Lukacs) Huggins &
Diane (Lukacs) Berkoben (*Joe Capizzi*)

Sunday 2/9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM SM † Anthony Mediate (*Granddaughters*)
11:00 AM SJ For the Parish



We commend
to your prayers
Michael Starn,
who died recently.
May God
welcome him to
the joys of Paradise and bring
comfort and peace to his family.

SECOND COLLECTION

Annually, our Diocese participates in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Proceeds from this collection will help the Church to overcome challenges of rebuilding after decades of atheistic communist rule, bringing light to twenty-nine nations in Central and Eastern Europe.

The citizens of Central and Eastern Europe have been freed from the evil of communism for over thirty years, but much work still remains to accomplish the restoration of the Church in this part of the world.

Because of the generous response from parishioners in past years, the Bishops of the United States were able to provide aid when war and other forms of oppression brought suffering to the people of Central and Eastern Europe. Our goal is to continue to respond to the cry of the poor in these nations.

Thank you for your support of this collections. Donations can be made online at motherofsorrowchurch.org/donate.



A PEEK AT THE WEEK...

Sunday

February 2

8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, School
4:30 PM	MOS	Family Faith Formation, Social Hall
6:45 PM	MOS	OCIA, Ave Maria Room
7:00 PM	MOS	High School Youth Ministry, Social Hall

Monday

February 3

6:30 PM	MOS	Cub Scouts, Social Hall
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Tuesday

February 4 - Food Pantry

10:00 AM	MOS	Staff Meeting, Conference Room
6:30 PM	MOS	Cantor Meeting, Church

Wednesday

February 5

9:30 AM	MOS	Women's Bible Study, Social Hall
12:00 NN	MOS	Christian Mothers meeting, Social Hall
6:30 PM	MOS	Family Faith Formation, Social Hall

Friday

February 7

9:00 AM	MOS	Legion of Mary, Ave Maria Room
9:00 AM	MOS	Centering Prayer, Madonna Room
10:00 AM	MOS	Cardio Drumming, Social Hall

Saturday

February 8

7:00 AM	SM	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Social Hall
9:00 AM	MOS	Men's Renewal Group, Ave Maria Room
10:00 AM	MOS	Prayer Shawl Ministry, Social Hall
	MOS	Not So Newlywed Game Night, Social Hall

Sunday

February 9

8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, Ave Maria Room
3:00 PM	MOS	High School Youth Ministry, Social Hall

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Forty days after Christmas, the epiphany continues. Jesus is manifest as the Light of all nations and the Savior of the world.

This feast day used to be called the Purification of Mary. It is also called Candlemas, because candles are blessed at Mass on this day. In the Roman Tradition, this feast is called the Presentation of the Lord. In the Byzantine tradition of the East, this feast is called the Encounter.

The many names for this feast day indicate the many truths that the Lord is revealing to us.

- Those who **encounter** Jesus in the Church know that He is the Resurrection and the Life and that He will free us from sin and death.
- Those who are cleansed and **purified** in the waters of Baptism, are immersed into the death of Christ so that they might live in Christ forever.
- In the Eucharist, we join ourselves to Christ and are offered and **presented** as a spiritual sacrifice to God.
- Finally, like candles that are consumed as they burn and give light, we are to die to self so that the **light** of God's love might be manifest through our lives.

As we celebrate this feast on Friday, and whenever we gather to celebrate the Eucharist and encounter the Lord in Word, Sacrament and one another, may we rejoice in the Light. May we radiate the light of God's love to all whom we encounter every day of our lives.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP

All are invited to an evening of Praise and Worship at St. Mary Church on **Friday, February 21** at 6:00 PM. Come and adore Jesus and praise Him in song and worship. All are welcome!

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.

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.

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.

Fourth Grade Faith Formation



Meet Our Catechist

Mrs. Angela Lowe- I grew up in Murrysville and attended Mother of Sorrows School from 1st-8th grade. In 2016, when my daughters were in 1st and 2nd grade, we joined St. Mary Parish in an effort to find a Faith Formation program that would teach and guide them but also excite them while they learned.

I started helping with faith formation in 2019 and have had the opportunity to be part of the faith journey for these children, just as they have had a significant part in my own spiritual growth. This year I have been given the opportunity to teach the 4th grade children. The 4th graders have been focusing on learning about the importance and intention of rules, whether they are from God, a teacher, or mom and dad. The children have become more familiar with the Ten Commandments and are inquisitive while gaining an understanding of how these "rules" apply in everyday situations.

Active Participation in the Liturgy: The Role of the Offertory Gifts

As Catholics, we learn from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1071) that the faithful are called to conscious, active, and fruitful participation in the Liturgies. We engage in this participation through our responses, singing, and praying together. Another important role is presenting the Offertory Gifts to the priest. Carrying up the gifts is an expression of our gratitude to God for all He has given us. It is a tangible way for us to participate in the liturgy.

As the priest receives the gifts, he acts as the mediator between the faithful and God, and in doing so, we join in the offering. To actively participate in the liturgy, if the Mass is being offered for your loved one, please inform the ushers if you would like to carry the gifts. Additionally, if you wish to carry the gifts as a family or individual on any Sunday, kindly speak with the ushers before Mass begins.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This weekend, representatives from the St. John and St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul Conference will speak after all Masses to update parishioners on their work over the past year as they assist our neighbors in need.

SUPPORT MINISTRY

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

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.

BAPTISMS

If you are planning a Baptism, please contact Joann Giuffre at jgiuffre@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Baptisms may be scheduled before Lent or after Easter.

If this is your first child or if you have not attended a baptism preparation class within the past five years, you will need to complete a class before scheduling your child's Baptism.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive at St. John Baptist de La Salle in Delmont on **Tuesday, February 25** from 12:00 NN until 5:00 PM. You can schedule an appointment by visiting www.RedCrossblood.org and entering your zip code in the find a blood drive search box or by calling 1-800-733-2767.



**Our Lady of Lourdes
Feast Day Celebration**

**Tuesday, February 11
7:00 PM**

Join us at St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for our Feast Day celebration!

We'll begin with a special liturgy to honor our patroness, followed by light refreshments to continue the celebration.

Come share in this joyous occasion with our parish community!



MOS OUTREACH WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE FOR HOMELESS MEN

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Western PA will hold a winter clothing collection from **until 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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Join us in a "Souper Bowl" food drive leading up to the Super Bowl! We will be collecting soup in our deck boxes from **February 3 until February 27**.

This is a united effort of Outreach Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Faith Formation students. Please place soup in the deck box of your favorite Super Bowl team until February 10. We will have fun seeing which team Mother of Sorrows Parishioners are rooting for more. After that, we will still collect soup until **February 27**.

The soup will be given to our Food Pantry families in March. Please join us to provide a warm meal for our hungry neighbors.



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 each session will be \$8. For more information, please contact Eric Horton, PT, DPT at ehorton@allstartherapies.com.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY



Last Sunday, High School Youth Ministry held its first Evening of Encounter, one that centered on Friendship; friendship with each other and friendship with God. Jacob talked about the qualities we should look for in finding a good friend and being a good friend. We also had time of adoration, prayer, and praise music in the church, with a reflection on friendship by Deacon Brandon, and an opportunity for confession with Father Jay and Father Dave. After our Holy Hour, we enjoyed our friendship with each other as we ate and watched the last quarter of the play-off game!



All High School Youth are invited to join us at **7:00 PM** on **Sunday, February 2**, in the lower narthex. We will talk about praying with Scripture. Praying with His Word is a beautiful way to know God's heart, grow closer to Him and to pray in accordance with His will.

On **Sunday, February 9** we will meet from **3:00 to 5:00 PM** in the lower narthex to welcome a special guest speaker. We are pleased to have a Franciscan T.O.R. Sister coming to talk about the daily life, work, and charisms of the order and to answer our questions. Please invite a friend and join us!

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all those who responded to our wish list and provided much-needed items for the youth ministry. We are so grateful for your generosity!



*National Marriage
Week*



*February
7th-14th*



Vow Renewal

Saturday, February 8th
during
MOS 4:30 pm Mass

**Not So Newlywed
Game Night**

Saturday, Feb 8th
MOS Social Hall following
4:30 pm Mass

St. Mary's
Holy Hour for Marriages

Tuesday, Feb 11th
5-6 pm

MOS
Holy Hour for Marriages

Thursday, February 13th
6-7 pm

Back to Basics

Sunday, Feb 16th
7-8 pm in MOS Church
**“Living in Love: Marriage in
the Catholic Church”**
with Fr. Dave

Check out
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on FORMED

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for
**A Lenten Evening
of Reflection**

Monday, March 17 - 6:00 PM
Mother of Sorrows Parish,
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**Topic: "I Believe in the
Holy Spirit"**




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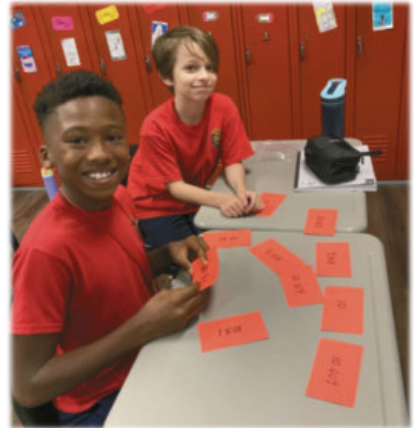
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Registration closes March 21st




**MOTHER OF SORROWS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**




Above: Mrs. Bayer's fifth grade math students enjoy their work on ordering decimals.



Right: During an Olweus lesson, students see if they can talk and listen at the same time.



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