



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
August 5, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Altar Servers: We don't appreciate our altar servers enough. It is when they don't show up that, suddenly, we miss them. It is like simply taking them for granted. I know during the summer, families are out of town, but like with the Chapel of Our Savior, people are expected to call for a substitute. We can't depend on the other two servers showing up.

On a recent Sunday Kent Graeve came to the rescue and served with a young fellow who was not ready to serve by himself. I told the people on that occasion that Kent did not assign himself to serve, since we all know he does a super job training and assigning the servers, lectors, and extraordinary ministers. He, at his retirement age, donned the cassock and served the Mass with a new server.

Last Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. Mass, when no one showed up to serve, I went to the microphone and made an appeal. I then talked about a priest who did what I was doing, but told the people he would not start Mass unless at least one server showed up to serve. So, two ladies, Norma Kay Sprayberry and Cathy DiPiazza, came into the sacristy, quickly found cassocks, and Norma Kay grabbed the procession crucifix and was ready, but not before Mary Measel, with her newly confirmed son from the RCIA Class added the third server. We honor and thank the three who volunteered, but who kept asking, "Who is going to tell us what to do?" Trudy Confessore, the cantor, filled in the information during Mass, since she was in the sanctuary.

Several Sundays ago a parent brought his ten year old into the sacristy and left. The set up person had to help find the right cassock and help dress the ten year old. I made a statement about the delay of Mass when the

set up person, after dressing the ten year old, had to light the candles. The parent wrote Kent Graeve a criticism of me when the parent missed the point. I was not criticizing the server for being late. I was mentioning that the ten year old needed some help, while the father just left the child to fend for himself. Usually, when a very young server is assigned, the parent comes into the sacristy to help the child vest and do what is necessary to help with lighting the four candles in the Sanctuary. So, in the letter of criticism of me, the parent obviously felt guilty and claimed there was only an eight second delay. The letter was handwritten, so it was not a typo. Yes, at least an eight minute delay.

My first message to parents is, how great that you have your children serve. They don't drive cars, so helping them be on time and, if they are young, helping them find the right size cassock and helping them with a difficult wick for lighting the candles is a great service. Incidentally, at the sign of peace I always tell each server: "Thanks so much for serving."

I thank the parish council for the lively meeting this past week. We resolved that when non-parishioners use our gym, they should have at least one parishioner with them. Do not loan your job to anyone without your being present yourself.

We also reviewed and approved the request to refurbish, with fabric, the pews in the church, along with carpet. Refurbishing the wood of the pews was left for another vote.

Madonna and Child Guild offered to do their part in refurbishing the cry room and the parish will do the rest.

Patty Kyle came as a guest to request the outdoor Stations of the Cross. This, too, was put on hold until and depending on the practicality of the locations of their stations. Laney Gagnon, who represents a renewal of devotion of the Holy Spirit by studying how we can apply the gifts of the Spirit in our own lives, gave a presentation and requested we

invite the folks from Texas to come to us. The Council listened and voted wholeheartedly to have the leaders from this devotion speak to us at OLS.

Peggy Sandlin did the most incredible job on answering the need for another 200 plus pictures in our pictorial directory. For some reason the pictures and arrangement seem to look better than the original. This is not doing the first 2018 issue over. It is the addendum to the first, which did not have over 200 more pictures people wanted in the directory, along with the whole parish roster with everyone's phone number. God must have picked Peggy for this addendum, since I don't know anyone else with such dedication, determination, and work ethic to put this suddenly together. THANK YOU, PEGGY SANDLIN!

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

**The Feast of the Assumption is August 15. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows:**

Tuesday, August 14: 6 p.m. Vigil  
 Wednesday, August 15: 6:30, 7:30 a.m.  
 9:00 a.m. (school)  
 12 noon  
 6:00 p.m.



Vivian Bonamy, Vita D'Amico,  
 Mary Ann Huie, Melanie  
 Gilchrist, Charlie Kai  
 Wadsworth, Fr. John  
 Robinson, Margie Cole

**CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Wednesday at 10 AM (Need Committed Adorer)**

**Friday at 9 AM (Need Committed Adorer)**

**Friday at 11 AM (With a Partner)**

**Friday at 9 PM (With a Partner)**

Our goal is to have at least 2 people on each hour. These are the hours needed, but do select an hour that best fits your schedule.

Please call Mary Claire Brouillette at 871-2909 or Trudy Carpri at 643-0248.



Monday, Aug. 6	Jeff Butterfield Annie Diergo John Holt
Tuesday, Aug. 7	Dale Richards Annie Diergo Joseph Schilleci
Wednesday, Aug. 8	Special Intention Sp. Int. The Lucy Family Joseph Schilleci
Thursday, Aug. 9	Joe Alfano Sp. Int. The Nabors Family Annie Diergo
Friday, Aug. 10	Special Intention Louis & Mildred Ryan Joseph Schilleci
Saturday, Aug. 11	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sp. Int. The Putman Family Lena Carruba
Sunday, Aug. 12	Marion Heatherly/ People of the Parish Annie Diergo Joseph Schilleci

## What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

**Sat. Aug. 11:** All 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for a Day of service in Birmingham. Meet at OLS at 8 a.m. to ride with us to the central meeting site. The day will conclude with dinner and Mass. We return to OLS @ 8 p.m. Please RSVP for this event by emailing Ginny or Carol. This is a great opportunity to get those Confirmation service hours! We are also in need of chaperones and "contractors," especially those with landscaping, building, or gardening expertise!

**Core Team Recruiting!** Do you love the Eucharist and have a desire to share that love with teens? Please prayerfully consider joining the OLS Core Team! We are in need of men and women with strong faith to volunteer their time and talent starting this Fall. Please contact Ginny or Carol for more information.

### ***Life Teen High School***

**Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>:** Fall Kick Off! Join us for diner and games as we start the new semester! 7-8:30 p.m.

### ***Edge Middle School***

**Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>:** Long Live the King! Join us for our kick-off dinner and games as we start the new semester and dive into our theme, Kingdom Come! We will learn more about Christ's life on earth and the impact it continues to have today. 7-8:30 p.m.



Do you like to sing? Please come and check out the OLS Children's Choir. Our first rehearsal is on **Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from 3:30 – 4:30

p.m. in the Church Music Room. Come and make a joyful noise to unto the Lord!

For more information please email Mrs. Garcia at: [OLSChoirKids@gmail.com](mailto:OLSChoirKids@gmail.com)



**REGISTRATION for PSR now Open!** PSR Faith Formation classes for children and youth ages 3 years to 18 years. PSR (Parish School of Religion) is for all children not attending Catholic school from ages 3-18! Preparation for Confirmation and First Communion for those not attending Catholic school is through our Faith Formation classes. Visit [www.olspsr.com](http://www.olspsr.com).

***Catechists (teachers) and adult helpers needed for grades K5, 1, 4 and 7.***

**If you have questions, or are interested, Please call Suzanne 205-871-1431 or email [dre@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:dre@ourladyofsorrows.com)**

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### **The InChoirer**

Choral singing calms the heart, improves lung function, and boosts mood and self-esteem. It is also scientifically proven that people who sing in a group report far higher well-being. There are so many other reasons why people sing in choirs! The main reason you should join the choir at OLS: A purpose to serve something beyond yourself. If you'd like to join the choir, rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. in the music room. We need all voices, men, in particular. We will begin singing Sunday mornings in September. More information is on the back of the bulletin.

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## Bible Study

St. Ambrose, an early Church father and Bishop of Milan wrote, "The reason we should devote time to reading scripture is to hear God speak to us". All are invited to hear God speak by attending Bible study on Thursday evenings from 7- 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our ten-week study of the *Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*, will begin on September 13, and conclude on November 15. Since study material must be ordered, registration is required. You can register or obtain additional information by writing to: kentgraeve@gmail.com or calling 999-3474.

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## Church Cry Room

The Madonna and Child Guild recently completed renovations of the cry room upstairs, including new paint, flooring and décor. All families with young children are welcome to use these new accommodations. We would like to thank Commercial Floor Systems for their flooring material and labor donation.

Dear ladies,  
In studying The Word, The Bible, we learn about our beloved shepherd and His sheep in John 10, Psalm 23, Ezekiel 34. We are reminded how Jesus loves his people, each one of us especially. Jesus the shepherd is the Good Shepherd. He goes after his beloved ones. He doesn't just wait around and hope they'll come back home. When he reaches them, He picks them up and carries them on his shoulder, back home, all the time speaking loving words to them. He Gives us Rest and refreshing water and food to eat for mind, soul, and body. He says that the sheep know His voice, especially in HIS WORD. "Do not be afraid, I am with you always," says Jesus to each one of us, in Matt. 28:20. Come join us for Bible Study and fellowship on Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We will be starting September 11. Call Mary Ann Graeve at 205-908-2728 to register. Leave your name and number, and I will return your call.

**The Magnificat Prayer Breakfast** will be held at St. Elias Parish Hall on Saturday, August 25, from 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Carolyn Wright will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$15 and are available by contacting Donna Chmielarski at 205-408-0308 and from Alpha Church Supply. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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**Nazareth House is looking for volunteers** interested in working with children and youth having intellectual and developmental disabilities in a Saturday morning city-wide program of religious education. Catholic high-school students are invited to a training workshop on Saturday, August 18, at St. Francis Xavier School. The workshop begins at 10 a.m. in the School Annex Building and runs until 12 noon. For further information or directions, please email Sister Mary Vernon Gentle at Mygentle@aol.com or Father Patrick Cullen at Fr.cullen@stpaulsbhm.org or telephone 251-1279. If you are unable to attend on August 18, but would like to participate in the program, please contact Fr. Cullen or Sister Mary Vernon as soon as possible to discuss the possibility of taking part in a make-up day the following week.

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**The Italian-American Heritage Society** will have its next meeting on Sunday, August 12, at 2 p.m. in the OLS Parish Hall. All of Italian heritage are encouraged to join. Meetings are normally on the second Sunday of each month at OLS. The goal of the IAHS is to increase awareness of the sacrifice our ancestors made in immigrating to this country and to preserve their memory and honor them and their contribution to this area and our nation. For questions and information, contact Mary Jo Fritts at 205-222-3443.

## Perpetual Adoration Anniversary



Our Lady of Sorrows will celebrate twenty-six blessed years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 4:45 p.m. from the Chapel of Our Savior to the Church with the Knights of Columbus leading as the Honor Guard. The OLS Choir will lead the singing.

*Benediction will begin at 4:55 pm, followed by Holy Mass at 5:00 pm, celebrated by Msgr. Martin Muller, Pastor.*

There will be an appreciation dinner for all **Committed Adorers, Substitute Adorers and their families** immediately following Mass in the Family Life Center.

This is an opportunity to thank and praise Our Lord for the grace of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration and to pray to the Holy Spirit for an increase of many more Committed Adorers.

The appreciation dinner is being completely catered this year. So, come bring your family and enjoy a night out!

**The Chapel will be closed until 9:00 P.M.**