



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

February 17, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

I hope no one missed the great article in the *One Voice* written by one of our parishioners, Chuck Deering, Jr. Chuck is our only parish diocesan seminarian with three years in the seminary and three more years to go.

Chuck Deering, Jr. is the nephew of Father Michael Deering and the son of Chuck and Catherine Deering, who are usually at the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass.

Chuck, Jr., in his self-examining article, wrote about his weeklong trip to Puerto Rico with a class of 40 from Notre Dame Seminary. His initial thoughts were of helplessness about going to a poverty stricken and hurricane damaged island to minister to devastated people. Seminarians worked in an orphanage, a home of assisted living, repairing damaged homes and on the streets of a large city. His first thought was frustration in not knowing what to say or do for people to give them hope and encouragement.

Chuck had no choice but to go with his classmates, since this was part of the seminary training. It is called "blind faith" when we see the will of God and don't understand it.

At the end of the article he was absolutely amazed at what he and his classmates were able to do to help these poor people, while experiencing their poverty for a week, when a week before he thought it was so insane and a "waste of time." Chuck wrote that he was struck with what God could do with our shortcomings and hang-ups when we are properly disposed.

Chuck admitted how foolish he was to forget the words of God to St. Paul as Paul wrote to

the Corinthians about what God said to him:

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Next weekend there is a nationally known speaker, whom I have heard before, giving a retreat for those who might be interested in the priesthood. The priest is Fr. Brett Brannen. He is down to earth, passionate, and insightful as regards those who might think of the priesthood, but have all kinds of doubts. Our diocese is blessed to have Fr. Brannen next weekend for anyone who, in the slightest way, would like to know more about studying for the priesthood. It is a chance to see the recently rebuilt Camp Tekawitha and to meet others like oneself.

It is no secret that our country is very short on native vocations. We import help from India, Africa and Latin America for priestly ministry. However, every country is supposed to supply their own vocations. We are so grateful to those who come from foreign countries to help us in our spiritual needs.

Just because one goes on this retreat does not mean one is going to the seminary. The purpose is to think more deeply on that "passing thought." Also, the purpose of the seminary, itself, is to find out whether one is supposed to be ordained to the priesthood.

As Chuck said at the end of his article, it is a trust and a reliance on God's goodness if we are called to the priesthood.

The rest of us have an obligation to pray for vocations and those in the seminary. Since this is the year of St. Joseph, we are asking St. Joseph to help us pray to God for His Church and the vocations that are needed at this time for His Church.

If interested call 838-8318 and receive more information on the retreat this coming weekend.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 11 AM (Share with Partner)

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Tuesday at 1 PM (Share with Partner)

Wednesday at 9 AM (Share with Partner)

Thursday at 7 AM (Share with Partner)

Friday at 1 PM (Share with 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.



Mass Intentions

Monday, Feb. 18	Sp. Int. Marilyn Lauber Dale Richards
Tuesday, Feb. 19	Ross J. Rumore Special Intention Lena Carruba Josephine Romano
Wednesday, Feb. 20	John Alvey Frank Cusimano Dale Richards
Thursday, Feb. 21	Special Intention Frank Cusimano Dale Richards
Friday, Feb. 22	Michael Zarichnak Frank Cusimano Dale Richards
Saturday, Feb. 23	Josephine Sicola Pat McNamee Lena Carruba
Sunday, Feb. 24	People of the Parish Frank Cusimano Dale Richards



Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie,
Charlie Kai Wadsworth,
Margie Cole, Melanie
Gilchrist, Kennie Skellie,
Debbie White

Adult Education invites everyone to bring their Catholic Bible and attend on Sunday, February 24, for *Anima, Part 3: Blaze*. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments and the class begins at 10 a.m. Childcare is available in the nursery.

A parish Rosary will be prayed in the church on Wednesday, February 20, at 10:15 a.m. Benediction will follow the Rosary. All members of the parish are invited and encouraged to participate. Please bring your family members and friends. You may place your personal intentions in a prayer basket. The Altar Sodality will lead the Rosary. We hope you will join us.



**Rise Against
Hunger:**

Join the movement to end hunger in our lifetime! Help us to reach our goal to package 100,000 + meals on February 23rd. Working together we can create a world without hunger. This is open to all members of the church. Shifts are 9-11a.m., 12:30-2:30 p.m. and 3-5 p.m.

To register, go to our church website <http://www.ourladyofsorrows.com> or call Suzanne Corso or Tracey Doyal at 871-1431.

PRIESTLY DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

February 22 - 24

Camp Tekakwitha

Retreat Master: Fr. Brett Brannen, author of
To Save a Thousand Souls.

There is no cost to attend but
registration is required.

Contact the Office of Vocations to register:
205-838-8318 or vocations@bhmdiocese.org.

Deadline to register is February 15.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sunday, February 17: No meetings due to President's Day!

Sunday, February 24: Rise Against Hunger! Feed the hungry! Both EDGE and Life Teen will meet from 7-9 p.m. to package meals for those in need. Hair should be pulled back and a ball cap is encouraged. *Please* let us know if you plan to attend so we can prepare as many meals as possible.

Life Teen High School

Wednesday, February 20: Summit Scripture study from 7-8:30 p.m. in the youth room. Dinner, prayer, small group discussion, and fun!

Life Teen Mission Trip to Abbeville, LA with Family Missions Company over Spring Break! (Mar 24-30). Come serve in many unique ways. Find details on www.olsyouth.com/trips Each teen will gain 30 service hours for attending and fully participating! Registration will close Feb. 24th.



Save the Date OLS Vacation Bible School

June 10th - 14th

9 - 12 p.m.

NOW TAKING ADULT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION
EMAIL PSR@OURLADYOFSSORROWS.COM

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center 16th Annual GOLF FOR LIFE Friday, April 5, Highland Park Golf Course Lunch at 12 Noon SHOTGUN START at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$250 (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer. We need people to organize a foursome to make this year's fundraiser the most successful ever. Individual golfers are welcome, and will be paired up. We also need Hole Sponsors, \$500, or half Hole Sponsors, \$250. This ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to support them in that decision. Please support this event and contact Her Choice at 205-447-8796 or golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org.



OLS School is collecting Boxtops to help support school improvements and programs. Please clip and send your Boxtops to

Boxtop Coordinator at 414 Kenilworth Drive, Homewood 35209. Thank you!

John Carroll Cavalier Flag Football League Interest Meeting – Wednesday, February 20, at 6 p.m. in the JCCHS Gym. The league is open to all interested children grades 1st – 4th (co-ed) and 5th – 6th (boys only). Contact lcolafrancesco@jcchs.org with any questions.

Do your New Year's Resolutions start to fade? Start again, now, with a renewed commitment to your spouse. Consider making a next **Marriage Encounter Weekend** on March 29-31, at St. Bernard Abbey. You can find more information or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org or by calling Barney and Kathy Bellard at 205-530-3607.