



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
July 14, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Last Sunday I predicted the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival would be a great success. This was speculation, based on the enormous preparation. Now, after the fact, let me say:

- The weather was perfect.
- The crowd was bigger than ever.
- The spirit of the festival was increasingly friendly.
- Melanie, with her army of T&T, came down a bit in pricing and we became known as the Church with the bargains.
- People were all happy to see each other.

I marveled at the generosity of the people donating more than ever, participating, if only by buying tickets. For the most part, we had adequate help consuming the four and a half tons of barbeque that was succulent and sold in bulk and in dinner plates right there at the festival.

The Knights of Columbus and their volunteers had a spiritual joy in doing so much good for all the patrons. There were visitors from three different states, including Texas, and locally from so many different parishes.

To disconnect and disassemble all those blue infrastructures for all those booths took that extra burst of energy on the part of the Knights, and I gathered them together for a picture of some of the hardest workers any parish could ever have.

After the group picture I found four of the hardest working Knights sitting in the Parish Hall, cooling down with a drink. I did tease

them a bit about all the missing barbeque in the parish refrigerator, when there was this huge container for Sam and another huge container for Lee, our maintenance people. What the Knights promised me wasn't there. When the wonderful Grand Knight, John Baldwin, offered me two of his three ribs, I joked about all the bone and where was the meat?

With all the verbal bantering back and forth, I failed to see Chris Ragusa putting one empty beer can after the other in front of me. About the time I noticed the fourth empty beer can, my eyes caught one not-so-noble Knight taking my picture with those empty aluminum cans. Guess I was teasing them too much and they wanted the last and lasting word, pictures!

Let it be known by all, I do not even drink a half can of you know what, but I had to laugh at their strategy to have the last lasting word on our many joking statements. Adam Morel, on that occasion, said if I write about this people will be reminded of the famous FPD on the Parade of Knights, which appeared in FPD a few years ago. Let it be also known that the Grand Knight managed to bring me two large portions of barbeque (suddenly found), and verified the fact that he is a super person, having done a super job leading the Knights to victory!

To say the festival was a success is an understatement. It was the great reunion of past and present members of this fantastic parish. A jillion thanks to all who made it such a success.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller



*Mass Intentions*

Monday, July 15	Special Intention Rosalie Giambrone Sp. Int. OLS Shut-Ins
Tuesday, July 16	Carolyn Alphonse Special Intention Sergio Sciancalepore
Wednesday, July 17	Special Intention Joe Rumore Sergio Sciancalepore
Thursday, July 18	Msgr. Eugene O'Connor Frank Rumore Sp. Int. OLS Shut-Ins
Friday, July 19	Special Intention Caroline Clara Piola Lena Lucia
Saturday, July 20	Donors to OLS School Foundation Mercedes Castro James Joseph Fox, Jr.
Sunday, July 21	People of the Parish Sp. Int. Casey & Alex Piola Jane Imhof



Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie, Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Melanie Gilchrist, Kennie Skellie,

**CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Monday at 9 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Wednesday at 6 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Wednesday at 9 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Thursday 12 Midnight (New Vacancy)**
- Friday at 1 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Saturday at 11 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Sunday at 2 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.

***What's Going on in Youth Ministry?***

Check out [olsyouth.com](http://olsyouth.com) for our summer schedules!

**Life Teen High School**

**Wednesday, July 17:** Come play Broomball at the Pelham Ice Skating Rink from **6:30 – 9 p.m.!** Be sure to wear jeans or long pants and tennis shoes. Meet at the entrance of the ice rink at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to ride with OLS, meet outside of the FLC at 6 p.m. Please bring \$10!

**Wednesday, July 24:** Basketball Tournament vs. St. Peter's youth group! Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.; we will start the gym games at 7 p.m.

**Edge Middle School**

**July 15 - 20:** We have 38 teens and 7 chaperones at Camp Hidden Lake for this entire week. Please keep our group in your prayers!

**Tuesday, July 30:** Save the date! Edge is going to the Drive-In! Meet at the FLC at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own concession money. Tickets are FREE! Movie TBD.

**Elementary Children's Ministry**

**Wednesday, July 24:** "Drive-In" Movie Night in the Parish Hall! Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket/pillow for the floor. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and show time at 6:15 p.m. *Movie TBD.*

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Rediscover the one you love on a get away from jobs, children, chores and phones...and focus only on each other. If you would like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship, you will like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can make! The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Huntsville on July 19-21, at the Doubletree Hotel South. To register online go to [www.ALFL-wwme.org](http://www.ALFL-wwme.org) or call Barney & Kathy Bellard at 205-530-3607.

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## **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Birmingham**

### **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on July 26 and 27**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual CCROB Conference will be held on July 26 and July 27, in the Family Life Center. The conference theme is **“In the Name of Jesus.”** The speakers will be: Peter Herbeck and Johnette Benkovic Williams, along with Mass celebrants, Father Paul Asih and Father James Hedderman. The registration fee for individuals is \$20 and \$50 for a family of three or more. Register online at [www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org](http://www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org) or mail registration to: CCROB, 1164 Victoria Dr., McCalla, AL 35111. For further information contact Ray Makofsky at 205-999-8947.

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**Theology on Tap:** If you are between the ages of 21 and 35, please join us for Theology on Tap at Brennan’s Irish Pub on July 16! We will gather at 6:30 p.m. and our speakers will begin at 7. Br. Paschal and Br. Marion, both of St. Bernard’s Monastery, will speak on Benedictine spirituality and monastic life. Please join us for another great night of fun and fellowship!

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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!

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## Fr. Matt Linn Retreat Weekend

Father Matt Linn, S.J. will present two weekend retreats focusing on integrating spiritual, emotional, and physical healing.

### **The Healing Power of Kindness:**

**Discerning the Fountain of Youth** begins at 10 a.m. (Eastern time) on Friday, August 30, and concludes at 3 p.m. The fee is \$50, which includes a \$15 non-refundable deposit.

### **Is Life Stressful or Stress Full of Life?**

begins at 7 p.m. (Eastern time) on Friday, August 30, and concludes after dinner on Sunday, September 1. The fee for this retreat is \$180, which includes a \$40 non-refundable deposit. For registration send us an email at [btsr@msbt.org](mailto:btsr@msbt.org), or call us at 334-855-4474. Visit our website at [msbt.org/btsr](http://msbt.org/btsr) for more information.



### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

God is sowing seeds of a vocation to ordained ministry and consecrated life. Are you cultivating good soil in you and your family? May the seed take root in your hearts. (Matthew 13:1-23)

For parents and teachers, may they cultivate a positive attitude about a vocation to ordained ministry and consecrated life.