



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
August 11, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The most astounding conclusion of Catholic sociologists and surveying experts is that so many of our born Catholics lose the faith at an early age – middle school age!

Church leaders keep probing the depths of this problem and trying to search for the reasons and the antidote to this very sad reality.

The most common answer is that we live in an age of secularism, and the excessive use of the internet on the teens' cell phones is part of the problem. As much as parents try to control the content to which teens have access, teens have temptations that just did not exist for people of my generation.

Some call it "rituals," others call it family traditions. If the parents ate ham for Easter and turkey for Christmas, the children would do the same when grown. If the parents truly lived their Catholic faith, the children would have that tendency to do the same. There will always be the exceptions, but they are the exceptions. If the parents never talk about Christ, or they don't act as though Jesus is the heart of their lives, this easily rubs off on children, especially when they near the age of the "declaration of independence" early, even though, as children growing up, they are not "independent."

The reason for this topic now is that it is the beginning of another school year for educating your children in the faith, either through the Catholic schools or faithfully attending Mass and the PSR classes. If Catholic education is not important to the parents, then it certainly will not be important to their children. They might complain about going to the PSR classes, though we try to give them the best Catechists. I thank, again, those wonderful adults who volunteer

to be Catechists. I promise Jesus has a reward for you as He promised. It is probably part of the ritual of the peers to complain. Sooner or later, they will hear something that will resonate to their personal relationship with the Almighty. If they leave the faith and later want to come back, they have something to which they can return.

Parents, if you want your children to stay in the faith, be sure of two things: 1) That they receive the education of their faith, and; 2) That they have the example of their parents, who are deeply in love with their faith. I might add, if only one parent is serious about the faith, the child then has half of the influence.

I just cannot stress enough three things to back up that parental example: 1) Catholic schools; 2) The parish School of Religion on Sundays, and; 3) Those summer retreats put on by our Youth Ministry.

Ginny Dooley could not make it to Cove Crest for the senior high retreat, because she and her husband, Eric, just had their second baby. She arranged for a core group of counselors to help those professionally trained leaders of the five day retreat.

The week following the senior high retreat the middle Schoolers were at Hidden Lake, and, again, we sent 40, but only seven were boys. Someone quipped, "Does this mean there will be more girls in heaven than boys?" Most of those teens who make these fantastic camp retreats come back on the better side of sanity.

Plan now to keep your children in the faith, and plan on those summer retreats put on by LifeTeen. The parish will pay the cost for anyone who has any difficulty. Your job to raise your children in the faith is a serious obligation, and I share that responsibility before the Lord. Parents are the key to raising children in the faith. Dear parents, the most important thing you can give your children is your faith, because eternity simply does not end. We absolutely cannot take a chance with our eternal destiny.

One of my favorite sayings is: THE THINGS WE DO, SPEAK SO LOUDLY, PEOPLE CAN'T HEAR A WORD WE ARE SAYING ABOUT GOD.

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:

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



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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:

The schedule for training new altar servers (boys & girls 4th grade & older) can be found by going to the "Sign Up Genius" website. To find the altar server training schedule you will be asked to log in with the name of the creator of the particular "Sign Up Genius" site. Enter kentgraeve@gmail.com. There are 4 training sessions scheduled with six (6) prospective servers to be trained during each session. Please select the date that works best for your family schedule. After six (6) have registered for a specific training session that session is closed. If you have any questions please call 205-999-3474.

Mandatory Ushers Meeting!

All ushers should plan to attend the meeting on Monday, August 26, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will review protocols and answer any questions or concerns. Dinner will be served. Please contact Bill Mills at 903-7441 with any questions.

PLEASE HELP! Volunteers are needed to assist with serving dinner and clean-up on Monday nights from 5:45 – 7 p.m. during the R.C.I.A. Class. Ideally, we would like to have teams of four, which would be rotated on a weekly, or monthly basis, depending on the number of volunteers. This is a wonderful service to our parish, open to all, including our youth groups. R.C.I.A. begins October 7, and runs through Easter. Please call or text Gayle Busby at 205-383-8522, or email busbyga@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of this ministry.



Monday, Aug. 12	Special Intention Sp. Int. OLS Shut-Ins Pat Miller
Tuesday, Aug. 13	Frank Simonetti Josephine Sicola V. J. Musso
Wednesday, Aug. 14	Special Intention Renato Averion Peggy Crawford
Thursday, Aug. 15	Letty Thompson Anthony Bruno Matteo D'Agro
Friday, Aug. 16	Special Intention Sp. Int. Katie & Marty Kramar Peggy Crawford
Saturday, Aug. 17	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sp. Int. Thomas G. Arnson Frank Simonetti
Sunday, Aug. 18	People of the Parish Annie Diergo Donald Taccone

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 9 AM (Share with Partner)
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.

Everyone is invited to attend our first Adult Education of the season on Sunday, August 18. Our speaker will be **Thierry Roch, who is a Pontifical Swiss Guard. He will give his testimony and talk about the honor of guarding the Pope.** 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.

The Adult Choir is looking forward to a new season this Fall and we need members! If you would like to join the choir, rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the music room, starting August 7, and running through May. We need all voices, men, in particular. We will begin singing Sunday mornings in September. More information can be found in the Ad section of the bulletin.

Our Lady of Grace Guild will meet for their August luncheon at Pita Stop in Cahaba Heights on Tuesday, August 13, at 11:30 a.m

Parish School of Religion (PSR) offers Faith Formation classes for all ages from 3 year olds through high school.

Classes begin Sunday, August 18!
REGISTER NOW! Go to www.olspsr.com to register or call Suzanne Corso or Tracy Doyal for more information at 871-1431. Or email at psr@ourladyofsorrows.com.

Sacramental Preparation classes are two year programs.

First Holy Communion – all 1st and 2nd grades should be enrolled in PSR to prepare for the class. The sacrament is received in 2nd grade.

Confirmation – All 7th and 8th grades should be enrolled in PSR to prepare for the class. The sacrament is received in 8th grade.

Do You Love to Sing? PSR is looking for someone to lead children ages 3-9 in music during PSR classes each Sunday from 10:00-11:15. The responsibility would be shared with another music leader. Call Suzanne Corso at 871 -1431 or email at dre@ourladyofsorrows.com .



Empower Training at OLS!

All youth volunteers, parents, catechists, educators, priests, etc. who are interested in learning more about teaching the

faith to this generation of teens are invited to OLS for a LifeTeen conference called EMPOWER. Come for a one-day retreat on Saturday, August 17, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

The retreat is focused on learning how to love and serve the youth in various ways. Email carol@olsyouth.com for more details!

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Saturday, September 7: Mark your calendar! The next Catholic Youth on a Mission Day of Service will be at St. Barnabas Parish. Email carol@olsyouth.com to register a teen.

Check out olsyouth.com for our summer schedules

Life Teen High School

Sunday, August 18: Faith Formation Class starts at 10 a.m. Come learn more about your faith! Life Night kick-off at 7 p.m.! Dinner, games, small groups, and fun!

Edge Middle School

Sunday, August 18: Edge Kick-Off starts with dinner at 7 p.m.! All 6-8th graders are welcome to join us as we start our fall theme, "Breathing Fire". We will learn more about the Holy Spirit and stay "Always Burning" with fun community-building games and activities.

Ladies, are you new to the parish, or have you been here for years? Sometimes we can go to Mass Sunday after Sunday and never feel connected to the parish or feel like we have a friend. We have a wonderful ladies group that meets on Tuesday mornings from 9 -11. We have fun as we get to know and learn to support one another as we study the Bible and enjoy lunch. I'm sure the ladies in the group would tell you how great it is and how many good friends they have made. We start September 10. Come join us and get to know your best friend, Jesus. To sign up call Mary Ann Graeve at 205-908-2728. God bless you all.

Please Join Us! Our Lady of Sorrows Church is kicking off a new season of Adult Education on August 18. We will meet and hear Thierry Roch, who is a Pontifical Swiss Guard. He will give his testimony and talk about the honor of guarding the Pope and his role as a member of the Vatican's track team. At 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall we'll have food and fellowship and Mr. Roch's talk will start at 10:00 a.m. Childcare is provided in the nursery for children not attending classes at the Parish School of Religion.

Adult education is a top priority of the Church because it's our responsibility to help carry out the commission that Christ gave to the apostles. We adults must be educated, inspired, and renewed to influence children. We are on a journey of life-long learning of the faith. OLS Adult Education is for those who: want to deepen their faith, or who need further teaching or have fallen away from faith. Anyone attending R.C.I.A. can also come to our sessions.

Here is the schedule for the first few weeks of Adult Education.

-- Sunday, August 25: Msgr. Muller will celebrate a special Mass that will meet our Sunday obligation. He will use facts from his new book *The Holy Sacrifice and the Sacraments for Converts and Others* to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Mass. There will be no singing to allow time to explain the Mass as it is prayed. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:45 a.m. Mass begins at 10:00 a.m.

-- Sundays in September we embark on a special three-part series called Bible Basics. September 8- Bible Basics, I: The Old Testament; September 15- Bible Basics, II: The New Testament; September 22- Bible Basics, III: Applying the Bible's Teachings to Our Lives. We'll discover how the Bible was 'made,' we'll learn how the Catholic Bible differs from the Protestant Bible, get ideas on how to include the Bible in our lives, and more.

We hope that you will join us for faith, food and fellowship in the Parish Hall on Sundays

for light refreshments at 9:45 a.m. and the faith sessions at 10:00 a.m.

2020 PILGRIMAGE

St. Francis University Parish is planning a pilgrimage to the PASSION PLAY in Oberammergau, Germany, Paris and Lourdes on June 2-13, 2020. The Passion Play is presented every 10 years by over 2000 local actors who depict the last week of Jesus' life. The villagers started this play in 1634 in thanksgiving for God sparing their village during the Black Death plague. It's an experience of a lifetime! We will have daily Masses and tours in Munich, Paris, Chartres and concluding with three days in Lourdes. Fr. Rick Chenault will be our spiritual director. An information meeting will be held in the St. Jude room at Prince of Peace on Wednesday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m. We only have 44 play tickets and all deposits must be in by October 18, 2019, so now is the time to start planning. Please call or email Patti Remmert for more information. 205-799-5741 or pattiremmert@gmail.com.

Theology on Tap:

Please join us for Theology on Tap on Tuesday, August 13, at Brennan's Irish Pub in Five Points. Friar Gabriel of the Franciscan Poor for Jesus Christ will be speaking about their new mission in the Birmingham area. This is an event you do not want to miss! Join us for food and drinks beginning at 6:30 p.m., and the talk will begin at 7. See you there! Find us on Facebook at Birmingham Theology on Tap!



Perpetual Adoration Anniversary

Our Lady of Sorrows will celebrate twenty-seven blessed years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, August 24th, 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.
