



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

July 12, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

4th of July Festival: The Knights of Columbus would not let the consecutive 71 years of celebration of the 4th go by without the traditional, long-lasting festival, second to none in the state. So, to break the existing record of putting 8000 lbs. of meat on the "pit" and taking it off at the right time, wrapping it up and ready to serve, they barbequed 9500 lbs. of pork, ribs, chicken, and even turkey.

Naturally, we greatly missed the Trash-N-Treasure, with all the "pick-ups" by the Knights and the selling of hundreds of different items, all donated, which meant "all profit."

The raffle ticket selling was not quite up to par, but we had two generous donors, or more, putting funds into the ticket raffle.

What put some 30 wonderful Knights on their knees was running back and forth from cars to the source of the plates or bulk sales and back to the right cars. The next day, Sunday, was clean the pit and other places that were used to serve. What seems to be, half of Homewood came for the most delicious barbeque. The man in charge of the "pit," with his innumerable helpers, was James Allen Owen. The Grand Knight over all the workers was the tireless John Baldwin.

Some of the Knights were claiming to be grandfathers and have asked me to try to encourage some younger blood to join. Actually, it is a great fraternity of men who support each other and various charities. It is to the charities that their share of the profits of the festival will go. Another part will go to the charity fund of the church, and the other share will go to help Catholic education. The Knights will help me decide.

Perpetual Adoration: The pandemic has emptied our churches to a large extent. It has also completely emptied our Chapel of Perpetual Adoration. In short, with some exceptions, the virus has lessened our parish prayer life.

Mary Claire (and Ida Wilker) conceived and executed the concept of perpetual adoration for OLS and have over 300 supporters. With our human condition and how we have to fight the selfishness within us, a few of those 300 committed feel relieved that the call to worship an hour is no longer there. It is so unique and loving to worship so close to the real presence of Jesus in the Host. I simply have not noticed, to any extent, people coming into the church during the day for a visit. In short, I would love to open the Chapel 24/7, as we had it for over 27 years.

At first, I thought of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 5 hours during the day, with all kinds of adjustments, because of the necessary multi-uses of the church. True, many of the 300 committed of the past are getting older and wonder if they could commit for that same hour. Bo Lovell has been put in charge, with some unidentified assistants to help him. Mary Claire's system of having "captains" and Stephanie's (now in Hunstville, but with us in spirit) computer system for getting substitutes can help bring about the rebirth of PERPETUAL ADORATION at OLS.

We would operate within all the norms of the medical profession that warns us about the terrible spread of this virus. Everyone who comes in must be wearing a mask. With the absolute limit, no one beyond the number of 5 should be in the Chapel at one time. If we find the parish with more young people to be committed and, again, with that special devotion to the Eucharist, we will reopen the Chapel, and we will install a quiet air exhaust system. We will also use the 90-day sanitizing job that we and other churches are using.

Ida Wilker left for heaven sooner than we thought, and Mary Claire has kept everything

going in the Chapel for all these years (along with committed adorers). Mary Claire has not left her house since March and is the super caregiver to her sister, Judy. Hence, she wrote me a beautiful letter after realizing that her time for a successor has come. The Chapel was cleaned three times a week by three wonderful committed adorers in the middle of the night. They feel their time has been served, so we will find someone to clean once a week and Bo will check the Chapel daily. It will work if we make the effort.

Instead of praying more during the coronavirus, with the Chapel closed, we are praying, as a parish, less. There are notable exceptions, like the lady who told me she goes to her office early, finds a website somewhere in the country, and makes her hour in her office. She is a beautiful exception. We may not be able to start with two people per hour, but at least one. We have done it before, and the parish has been so blessed. Innumerable people have told me, when the Chapel of Adoration was open, how much they spiritually enjoyed the Lord's real sacramental presence, the closeness to Jesus, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and the appreciation of the graces, individually, and for the parish, which is accomplished from this devotion.

When I am short of time, I go into the Chapel and God will make some extra time for me. If you try it, you will not just only like it, you will love it.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P. S. We do not yet know the Net profit from the festival, but we can assume it is about 1/3 of what it usually is. When we have the final tally, we will let you know.



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 13	Special Intention Cecelia Brocato Josephine Sicola
Tuesday, July 14	Special Intention Sp. Int. Tim Carlisle Sp. Int. Sr. Mary Magdalene
Wednesday, July 15	Special Intention Lena Lucia Mike Fleming
Thursday, July 16	Special Intention Melanie Gilchrist The Angelo & Levio Families
Friday, July 17	Special Intention Sp. Int. Tim Carlisle Melvin Legaux
Saturday, July 18	Donors to OLS School Foundation Esther Tucker Mike Fleming
Sunday, July 19	People of the Parish Esther Tucker Lena Lucia



Pray FOR THE SICK
Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie,
Charlie Kai Wadsworth,
Kennie Skellie, Buddy
DiChiara, Alan Pizzitola,
Stephanie Murdock, Edward
Thornton, John Coleman, Tim Carlisle, Tom
James, Martha Masucci, Debbie White, Ann
LaRussa, Mike Skellie, Lillie Higgins, Harriet
Dupree, Claudia Tombrello, Mary Jane Noto

Food for Our Journey update:

"We are serving almost 700 meals a day, seven days a week. The OLS food drive every Wednesday is vital to our ability to serve the homeless and food insecure in our community. We are handing out close to 700 bottles of water a day, so we really need water. Also, we are getting constant requests for socks and masks. If you have clean, gently used or new socks, we need them. If anyone has access to masks of any kind, we would love to have them. We thank all of you who have donated so far and look forward to seeing all of you who can donate every Wednesday (drop offs accepted from 9 -10:30 a.m.) in the parish parking lot."

Christine Golab, Assistant Executive Director

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Life Teen High School

Rising freshman, you are invited to all events with high school! Make sure to get on the email list and follow @olsyouth on Instagram for details!

Community Nights: Join us every Thursday in Homewood Park from 6-7:30 p.m. for dinner, games, and discussion. Hand sanitizer will be provided, and social distancing is necessary.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, July 12th: Meet us at Patriot Park at 3 p.m. located at [710 Oak Grove Rd](#), West Homewood for Summer Kick-Off! Join us for "Haha," and Edge Night on Humor! Please wear a mask and follow social distancing. Email

msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com to let us know you are coming! Consider bringing a gift of baby wipes and/or diapers for our expecting Core member, Casey!

Monday-Thursday: Join us for "Catch Up With Carol" at 4 p.m. on our Instagram @olsedge for a daily dose of truth, beauty, and goodness!

4th of July Raffle Winners

\$100 Winners:

Suzy Stephens
Haden White
Ferris Stephens
Kathryn Hosmer
Theresa Lanzi

Cindy Woods
Ferris Stephens
Dan Svetlay
Aaronette Kutny
Shirley Copeland

\$250 Winners:

Doug Abbott
Steve/Patricia Karg

Tammy Gray
Bruce Erhardt

\$500 Winners:

Joe Gauthier

Meghan DiGiorgio

\$1000 Winner:

Beverly Martin

\$2500 Winner:

Liz Lorino

\$5000 Winner:

Veronica DiChiara



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.