



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

March 14, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The outside Stations of the Cross are a great idea. We moved them so that people who walk to the front of the church on the Family Life Center side could pick up a spiritual thought as they walked up the hill to the front door of the church.

Because the pictures of the stations were not that attractive, I changed the pictures. The following is a human-interest story on the stations that I wanted in the first place.

The station pictures were given to me by Mary Claire Brouillette, and I have had many different copies made, because they photograph so well with the bright colors. These stations have a great history.

After the 2nd World War, there were American military bases in Germany. Mary Claire Brouillette's sister, Judy, taught English to the American military base children for years there. When the chapel was to be dismantled, along with the rest of the base, Judy asked the chaplain to give her the Stations of the Cross. The chaplain said that it was military orders not to give anything away, but she could follow him to the dump and pick them up from there. Judy went to the dump and brought these stations back to the States and gave them to her sister, Mary Claire, who gave them to me.

The colors are rich, and the pictures are graphic. I made several copies here in the office of different sizes and always planned to use them for the long-time dream of outside stations. I also have a copy of all 14 stations on the trees on the farm, like the wayside shrines I used to find in Europe when I walked some of the back roads in Italy.

If you study these stations, it will bring to mind that the bright white garment that Jesus is wearing in all scenes, up to the crucifixion, is the outstanding color of the various other colors in the pictures.

The Jewish High Priests wore a seamless garment when they went into the temple's most holy place to offer incense. The Scriptures tell us that Jesus' garments were divided among the soldiers who executed Him, and they threw lots for the seamless garment Jesus was wearing to His place of offering of Himself on the hill of Calvary. The stations remind us, with that outstanding white garment, that Jesus was a High Priest. After His scourging, they redressed Jesus in this white garment until His actual execution.

Maybe we can't make all the stations, but as we walk from the parking deck to the Chapel of Our Savior, we might look on one station and meditate on it.

We all have built-in penances, and one of mine is "double vision." Yes, after the successful surgery saving the eyesight from glaucoma, it resulted in "double vision," as the composite of the two eyes become two images in the brain.

In other words, as I reach for a glass of water, there are two glasses and there is the possibility as I reach for one, I turn the one with the water over, since it was the one in reality. When John Carney reads this, I might get disinvited to the reception at The Club after his daughter's wedding. I don't wish "double vision" on anyone for a built-in penance. We can always ask God for a different penance.

I thank all who prayed for my eyesight, since I found what I think is one of only two doctors around who operate on this issue on adults. It is the great providence of God that I connected. Surgery is on May 28, with an 85% success rate. Once again, God listens to every prayer. This Catholic surgeon was going to study urology when she knew the scarcity of ophthalmologists in this field of

double vision for adults, so she changed courses, and for this I thank God. May we all grow a little closer to God during this holy season of Lent.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

Bishop Raica has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through Sunday, May 23, the Solemnity of Pentecost. We will continue to livestream Masses. The moral obligation of keeping the Lord's Day holy remains, even for those who use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.



Monday, March 15	Mike & Jimbo Flemming Sp. Int. Carolyn Wright Sp. Int. Tim Carlisle
Tuesday, March 16	Special Intention Sp. Int. Provy Richards Anthony Faletta
Wednesday, March 17	Sp. Int. Jason & Renee Williams & family Sp. Int. Ellen Scalise Michael Renda
Thursday, March 18	Special Intention Barbara Mills Sp. Int. Tom James
Friday, March 19	Special Intention Sp. Int. Carolyn Wright Michael Renda
Saturday, March 20	Donors OLS School Foundation Michael Renda
Sunday, March 21	Sp. Int. Bill & Debbie Barranco & family People of Parish Sp. Int. Anne LaRussa Donald David



Stephanie Murdock, Carmela Yeakle, Mary Jane Noto, Ronnie Williams, Carolyn Jefferson, Bob Doyle, Donald Taccone, Ellen Scalise, Tom James, Mike Skellie, Harriet Dupree, Alan Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Tuesday at 1 PM (Not Filled)
Tuesday at 2 PM (Share with Partner)
Wednesday at 7 AM (Share with Partner)
Saturday at 4 AM (Not Filled)
Saturday at 11 PM (Share with Partner)
Sunday at 11 AM (Not Filled)
Sunday at 12 PM (Not Filled)

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 Bo Lovell at 205-965-3041 or email us at olschapel@gmail.com.

ST JOSEPH'S ALTAR

A drive-by display will be available from Thursday evening, March 18, through Sunday evening March 21, in front of the FLC.

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive here at Our Lady of Sorrows on Sunday, March 21, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is by appointment only. Covid guidelines still apply. To register, go to www.redcross.org and use sponsor code OLS.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

The Lord looks into the heart. What does he see? We are given the gift of sight and insight. Look into the heart with love. (1 Samuel 16:6-13 & John 9:1-49)
For the gift of new sight to see the presence of God in our midst.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Please consider signing up to provide dinner or serve as a Prayer Warrior during Youth Group! We need you! Go to olsyouth.com to pick a night that fits your schedule.

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, March 14: Join us at 7 p.m. for dinner in the Assembly Hall. Tonight, we continue our series "Keeping It Together and Other Lies We Tell Ourselves: A Life Night Series on Gen Z Issues." Last week, Licensed Counselor Todd Carlson spoke about stressors and gave insight into positive coping mechanisms. If you want to contact Taber for a scheduled session, please email tabercarlson@gmail.com. We will continue to focus on the struggles we are facing and how to overcome them. Our team is excited to journey with you through this series!

Wednesday, March 17: Co-ed "Unleashed" small group at 7 p.m. in the youth room. This series focuses on mental health. All 9-12th graders are welcome! Dinner will be provided.

A special "thank you" to the 16 teenagers who participated in our service retreat last Saturday. Food for Our Journey was so appreciative of your time and selfless service!

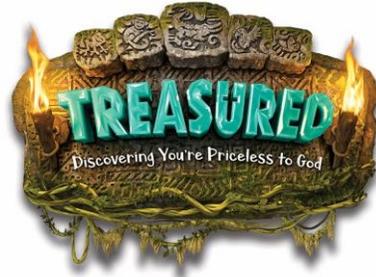
EDGE Middle School

Sunday, March 14: Join us for an Edge Night Social! "Wheel of Destiny" will provide you an opportunity to take a chance and have some fun! We will also be working on our tilmas again, so bring a paint shirt. Dinner starts at 7 p.m.; pickup at 8:30 pm. Masks required!

The Permanent Diaconate has been present in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama since 1973. With the arrival of Bishop Steven Raica in 2020, and at his direction, the Office of the Permanent Diaconate is looking to identify men who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate for the next formation class. Although the date for the start of the new class has not been set by Bishop Raica,

the Office of the Permanent Diaconate will begin to develop a list of men who are interested in obtaining more information about the formation process. It is hoped that once the current restrictions have been relaxed, and after additional review by Bishop Raica, there will be informational sessions and an opportunity for men, and their wives, to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate and the formation process in the future. Men who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate can contact Deacon Chris Rosko via email at crosko@bhmdiocese.org.

Our Lady of Sorrows presents



Vacation Bible School

June 7th - June 11th

9 am – 12 pm

K4 (4yrs by June 1st) – 4th grade (in coming school year)

Early Registration for OLS Parishioners only opens on March 8th. Open Registration for All opens on March 29th. **Deadline to register is April 25th. We have limited capacity, so please register early.**

We need volunteers! Rising 5th graders to adults. Please visit our website for more details including our COVID Guidelines www.olspsr.com.

Growth in the Spirit Virtual Seminar

March 23, 24 & 25

Fr. Bill Halbing will present.

Go to www.godswordalivetoday.org and use
the following codes:

Tuesday: 838764301

Wednesday: 117352267

Thursday: 632333545

Holy Spirit 101

We received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at our sacramental baptism and confirmation, but often aren't taught how to practically yield to those gifts in our daily lives. The HS101 course combines scripture, the catechism, and lives of the saints, with practical exercises and safeguards for ministry. Come deepen your faith and awaken the charisms in our parish!

7-week small group study

Tuesday nights, 6-8 p.m. beginning April 6th
Family Life Center Assembly Hall

*Register at ariseworshipbham@gmail.com

Night of Healing

Feeling disconnected, overwhelmed, or hurting? Set aside some time to seek the Lord and be refreshed and healed in His presence! Join us for a Night of Healing on March 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be music ministry, Eucharistic adoration benediction, confessions, and intercessory prayer teams. Our speakers this month are Ray and Charlene Makofsky. "The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength." We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month. All are welcome!



Find Out Why Our Families Love Us

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN ENROLLMENT

2021-2022 | Wee-Kindergarten-8th Grades



**Growing our children in knowledge and faith...
Experience the Difference!**

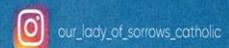
- SACS/AdvancED (now Cognia) Accredited and National Catholic Educational Association Member
- Earned recognition as a Common Sense Media School - dedicated to helping students think critically and use technology responsibly to learn, create, and participate
- Interactive whiteboards, Chromebooks, and iPad carts ... available to all students
- Comprehensive Academic Curriculum including Spanish, Art, Computer, and Music
- Daily Prayer and Religion Instruction
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Instruction for 3K-6th Grades
- Weekly School Liturgies
- Student Leadership Opportunities for Grades 5th-8th
- Competitive Athletics
- After School Enrichment Opportunities
- After School Care for Wee-K4 through 8th Grades

Educating Young Minds in Grades 3K-8th

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call (205) 879-3237.

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VOTE FOR OLS!

FAVORITE PRIVATE SCHOOL



www.birminghamparent.com/vote

Cast your vote online through April 23rd

VOTING ENDS AT MIDNIGHT ON APRIL 23, 2021

Look for the family favorites award winners in the June 2021 issue of Birmingham Parent. You must vote in at least 20 categories for your vote to count, and if you wish to be entered in the random drawing, we must receive your complete contact info. Information may be shared with prize sponsors.



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