



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

August 8, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

What is a Eucharistic Congress? This is not something like the U.S. Congress, which makes laws. The real definition of a "Congress" is a "coming together!!!"

A Eucharistic Congress is not old, and it is not new. It is a coming together for the purpose of increasing the faith in the Blessed Sacrament and promoting Eucharistic devotion.

The first Eucharistic Congress was held in Lille, France in 1881. Then other countries followed. The second Eucharistic Congress was held in England in 1908, and it was the first national meeting of Catholics in 300 years (the time of the Protestant split from the Catholic Church).

The first Eucharistic Congress in the United States took place in Chicago in 1926, and at the closing Mass there were some 800,000 people. In 1976 (200-year anniversary of the beginning of this country) there were 1.5 million attending the week-long event.

Bishop Baker had a Eucharistic Congress at St. Paul's just before his retirement took effect. Bishop Raica invites all to his first Eucharistic Congress this August 13th and 14th. The block in the bulletin advertises the dates, times, and guest speakers, along with the Eucharistic procession.

We urge anyone who can, to participate at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville.

The OLS Chapel of Perpetual Adoration will also celebrate the anniversary of its beginning 29 years ago. The two lay co-founders, Mary Claire Brouillette and Ida Wilker, have gone to see the Lord. Since being pastor at that time,

I was also a co-founder, along with Bishop Foley, since he was the Bishop. I literally enjoy, beyond description, our own OLS Eucharistic devotion 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

When Mary Claire left us, I chose a devoted convert to take over her leadership, along with Stephanie Zicarelli Bannon, who moved to Huntsville, but is a consultor of the issues of the Chapel.

Bo Lovell has done a great job, keeping candles lit and garbage cleaned out, along with the awesome job of getting substitutes for hours when there are last minute notifications of being out of town. Bo's mother, who is a devout Methodist, has asked her son if she could have a committed hour. When she is out of town, Bo told her he would add that missing spot to the other hours of his collection.

The Eucharist celebrates the gift of our salvation. The committed adorers tell me over and over: It is the best hour of the week for them.

On the 14th of August at 4:45 p.m. we will process from the Chapel to the Church with Jesus in the Eucharist and our transient deacon, Chuck Deering (to be ordained a priest on June 5th of next year) will carry the Monstrance in the procession. As a deacon, Chuck will celebrate the Benediction Liturgy before the 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass. He will be the assistant deacon as I celebrate the 5 p.m. Mass in thanksgiving for the 300 committed adorers to whom I give endless thanks.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

First Friday Devotions are held on the first Friday of every month at 6 a.m.

First Saturday Devotions are held on the first Saturday of every month at 7:15 a.m.

Celebrate the Year of the Parish and the Eucharist, August 13 and 14, at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville. Internationally acclaimed speakers include Scott Hahn, Mother Adela Galindo, and Father Pedro Nuñez. The conference is organized by the Diocese of Birmingham in conjunction with St. Paul Center and EWTN. Go to bhmdiocese.org for schedules, directions, and other logistics.



Monday, Aug. 9	Special Intention Lee Davies
Tuesday, Aug. 10	Holy Souls in Purgatory Rebecca Caterinichia Sp. Int. Joyce Yeager Annie Diergo
Wednesday, Aug. 11	Lena Carruba Peter Quintero Sp. Int. Charles & Allison Rumore & family
Thursday, Aug. 12	Special Intention Megan Montgomery Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday, Aug. 13	Josephine Sicola Richard Hiller Sp. Int. John Mark Rumore & family
Saturday, Aug. 14	Donors to OLS School Foundation Emily Bizjak Sp. Int. Mary Margaret Rumore & family
Sunday, Aug. 15	People of Parish Matteo D'Agro Sp. Int. Sarah Catherine Rumore & family



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

Our Lady of Sorrows will celebrate twenty-nine blessed years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, August 14th, 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. Benediction will begin at 4:55 pm, followed by Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m., 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. **Please RSVP to the Church Office by Monday, August 9.**

The Chapel will be closed until 9:00 P.M.

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Sunday at 11 AM (No permanent adorer)
Sunday at 12 PM (No permanent adorer)
Saturday at 11 PM (No permanent adorer)
Friday at 12 AM (No permanent adorer)

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.

PSR classes will have a delayed start date due the recent increase in Covid cases in our area. Classes will begin Sunday, September 19, from 10 -11:15 a.m. Health and wellbeing of your children and catechists are our first priority. At that time all health recommendations from local authorities will be considered for any changes to our health/safety plan as we begin classes. Your cooperation and understanding last year allowed us to have in-person classes without having to close. That is our goal for this PSR year. Visit our website for more information at www.olspsr.com or call 208-871-1431.

OLS Mother's Day Out is accepting applications for employment. If you enjoy working with young children; are creative, energetic and patient, please email Angie Dunston at mdo@ourladyofsorrows.com. Our hours are perfect for those with children in school!

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sunday, August 22: Grades 6-12 are invited to a Kick-Off Carnival on the Parking Deck outside the FLC! Come prepared to have fun, be challenged, and possibly get soaked! Face painting, competitions, cotton candy, sno cones, and more!!

Save the date: Saturday, August 28, is a Catholic Youth on Mission Service Day! Email us if you are interested in working on a local mission to help our community through Catholic Center of Concern, Catholic Social Services, and Holy Family Parish. More details to come!

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, August 22: Our PSR will have a weekly morning class for teens focused on scripture, small groups, and teambuilding. Be sure to register: www.olspsr.com. Our fall calendar will kick-off on the 22nd with an outdoor carnival and inflatables! It will be awesome!

Wednesday, August 25: Our book study is back for the Fall! Girls will read *Choosing to See Beauty* by former FOCUS missionary Maura Prezler. Guys will read *Man Enough*, a short book that focuses on St. Joseph. Every Wednesday in the youth rooms! Dinner is provided.

I need more CORE members to help our program thrive! If you have a heart for Christ, His Church, and teens, please contact: youthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com (must be over age 21).

EDGE Middle School

Ice Cream Sunday, August 8: Meet at OLS at 2:30 p.m. for our last ice cream social! Open to rising 6-9th graders.

www.OLSyouth.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Nazareth House Saturday Program

Catholic high school students interested in working with children and youth having intellectual and developmental disabilities, in a Saturday morning Greater Birmingham area, city-wide program of religious education, are invited to a training workshop on Saturday, August 21. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at St. Francis Xavier School. Those who participate in Nazareth House are eligible for service hours that meet the requirements for high school graduation and college scholarship applications. For more information or directions, contact Sister Mary Vernon Gentle at Mygentle@aol.com or Father Patrick Cullen at Rathmines.Cullen@gmail.com, or call 205-907-0287.

The Catholic Business and Professional Network (CBPN) will be kicking off a series of quarterly luncheons on Wednesday, August 18, from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at The Club in Birmingham. The first speaker for the series will be Bishop Steven Raica. Anyone who holds a job or has ever held a job (that includes those who work inside the home), is invited to join us for this opportunity to hear Bishop Raica speak and to network and fellowship with other Catholics. Tickets for the event are \$35/person. To make your reservation simply go to www.catholicnetwork.net, click on "Event Calendar," and register. We hope to see you there.

HELP WANTED: Christian Catering is looking for prep and serving help in the OLS School Cafeteria. Hours are approximately 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Must be reliable! Please call Barbara at 205-790-2053.