



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

September 5, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

I am anxious to recognize and share with you the facts of our new Middle School Youth Minister.

Nothing says it more than her letter of thanks to me for giving her that position. Read her letter and you will see the quality of the new Youth Minister for Middle Schoolers.

Fr. Muller,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Middle School Youth Minister at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

About eight years ago, my best friend dragged me to one of her PSR classes here at OLS, because at the time my family had just moved, and we had not found a parish to call our home. Upon going to PSR at OLS, I quickly fell in love with the faith, thanks to the wonderful witnesses we had as catechists. In eighth grade I had my re-conversion to the faith, when I truly understood that the faith was more than just rules, it was about a relationship with God. At this time, I was introduced to Ginny and to the High School Youth Group, which changed my life. In high school, I realized that I had a deep desire to lead people to Christ, specifically teens, because I saw the way that God allowed my love of the faith to bring my family back into a sacramental life.

The ways that the catechists and Ginny poured into me and my journey in my faith, inspired me to go to Franciscan University to pursue a degree in Theology and Catechetics, with a concentration in Youth Ministry. I really wanted to be educated in catechetical instruction, as I had lacked religious education in my early childhood. At Franciscan, I poured my heart into learning the divine pedagogy and catechetical

methods, so I was equipped to form youth in the faith. During my time at Franciscan, I spent my summers at Catholic Camps serving as a camp counselor and as the head counselor leading young girls (ages 7 through senior in high school) through week-long retreats. I loved walking with teens in their faith, getting to see them understand why the faith matters, listening to their hardships, and teaching them to see Jesus in the Eucharist. I especially loved my weeks with middle schoolers, they are such a beautiful age group, where wonder and curiosity often leads them to ask important questions, and yet at an age where they are child-like and authentically themselves.

Fr. Muller, I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve my OLS family. It is a blessing to get the opportunity to give back to a community that changed my life. I desire more than anything to help our youth to fall in love with our faith and to know Christ in a personal and tangible way through the Eucharist. Thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me in my preparation along the way. I truly could not have been as prepared and trained without your generosity and encouragement throughout the years. I have never forgotten, nor will I ever forget, the way you have been an instrument of God's will in my life, from supporting me in attending Camp Covecrest as a youth, to sponsoring me on my mission trips. I am grateful for your encouragement as I pursued my degree from Franciscan. I look forward to working for you in leading our middle schoolers to Christ. Thank you, Fr. Muller.

God Bless,

Priscilla Gutierrez

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. There is a lot of pressure on me to encourage people to wear masks when sitting close together in Church. One woman was coming with her fiancé, but stopped, because so few people were wearing masks.

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.



Monday, Sept. 6	Special Intention Anthony Gagliano Ann Clasen
Tuesday, Sept. 7	Joseph Schillaci Mary Holly Anthony Marino
Wednesday, Sept. 8	Special Intention Lena Carbonie Sp. Int. Members of St. Ann's Guild
Thursday, Sept. 9	Joaquin Guillermo Arciniegas Rosemary Oddo Megan Montgomery
Friday, Sept. 10	Special Intention A.V. LaRocca Jude Tombrello
Saturday, Sept. 11	Donors to OLS School Foundation Lena Carruba Giulio Mastropasqua
Sunday, Sept. 12	People of Parish Sp. Int. Graffeo/Brooklere Family Vera Guetano

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)**
- Thursday at 11 AM (With partner)**
- 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.



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

Position Open: OLS is hiring a part-time PSR Administrative Assistant. Looking for a faith-filled, energetic individual who has computer and organizational skills. Also needs to work well with adults and children. Go to OLSPSR.com to see a job description. To apply, email your resume to Suzanne Corso at dre@ourladyofsorrows.com.

The American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive on Sunday, September 12, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center. **This is by appointment only.** To register go to www.redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code OLS.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Do you know the power of prayer within a group? Join with others to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and the consecrated life. (Matthew 18:15-20) For Church groups and organizations, may they gather in the name of Jesus and receive the power to carry on His mission.

Celebrate this month of October with a gift for the person who loves you – your spouse. Make time for one another by focusing your attention on each other during the next **Marriage Encounter weekend**. Step forward during this month to a renewed commitment to your spouse. The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled on October 15-17, at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman. For more information or to register go to www.wvme.org or call Frank and Kathryn Wessling at 205-530-3607.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

**Sunday, September 5: No meetings!
Happy Labor Day!**

Saturday, October 16: Save the date for our annual Eucharistic Youth Congress at the Shrine in Hanceville. All life is a gift! More details to come.

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, Sept. 12: Life Night tonight on the parking deck at 7 p.m.! Join us for dinner, games, a talk, and small groups as we continue our semester with a focus on the Mass.

Wednesday, Sept. 8: Book studies are happening in the youth room each week from 6:30-8 p.m. Please note this time is different than last year! We have three small groups and book studies: I Choose the Sky by Emily Wilson, Choosing to See Beauty by Maura Preszler, and Man Enough by Dom Quaglia. Books are provided – just show up!

EDGE Middle School

Sunday, Sept. 12: Edge continues our new theme with “The Gateway.” We will learn how to experience the Mass as God’s gift to us and see it as a place where God most fully pours out His grace on us. Meet in the parking lot outside the FLC from 7-8:30 p.m. Bring your own chair!

Full schedule is available on the website:
www.OLSyouth.com

**Saint Aloysius Men’s Society
13th Annual Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, September 18th
8 – 10 a.m.
Parish Cafeteria
Proceeds benefit St. Aloysius
Church.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The diocesan Office for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith is hosting a World Mission Youth Fair at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Homewood on Saturday, Oct. 23. The event is for youth in grades 5-8, and will include food, games, and a raffle. The fair will begin at 9 a.m. and I will conclude and celebrate with the 2 p.m. World Mission Mass.

With October being recognized throughout the global Church as World Mission Month, the fair will feature various booths representing world mission countries. Each booth will have a mission priest or sister available to share information about their country. We would like to kindly ask for any prize donation, money donation, or services that you can give that we could use to help us make this day a success for the aid in mission countries. All donations are tax deductible. We appreciate greatly anything you can do to help.

All the proceeds will go to the Mission Dioceses around the world.

For more information, please contact the Office of the Propagation of the Faith, email: propfaith@bhmdioocese.org or call: 205-838-8322 ext. 204.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

**The Church Office will be closed for
Labor Day. Have a safe and
enjoyable holiday.**