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FEBRUARY

16 2020

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

If you trust in God, you too shall live;
God has set before you fire and water;
to whichever you choose,
stretch forth your hand.

SIRACH 15:15-16

Our Lady of Sorrows

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Business Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Fr. Sebastian Mundackal



Mass Schedule

Daily

Monday—Friday 6:30 a.m.

Holy Days

8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Rectory closed on all Holy Days

Sunday

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Confessions

Tuesday 6:15—6:30 a.m.; Saturday 4:00—4:45 p.m.

By appointment anytime

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St. Vincent de Paul (assistance line) 289-6101
mailbox 1123

Eucharistic Adoration: The Adoration Chapel, located in the South Sacristy, is open on weekdays; call the rectory for specific hours. Please come & spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Sacramental Policies:

For details on sacramental policies for infant baptism, adult initiation, anointing of the sick, Christian marriage, or religious vocations, stop by the rectory or visit our website: www.olsorrows.org.

Bulletin Articles:

Should be submitted by 9am Tuesday morning prior to the weekend the article is to run. Articles may be emailed to bulletin@olsorrows.org, faxed to 314.351.1602, or dropped off at the Rectory office.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today's readings challenge us to choose freely and wisely to observe the laws given by a loving and caring God. He revealed His laws to His Chosen People through Moses and the prophets in the Old Testament, and through His own Son, Jesus, in the New Testament. For the Israelites, the Torah was not a set of laws, but the instruction or *teaching* intended to promote the holiness and wholeness of each believer. It was the revealed will of a caring God, for the people with whom had He made His covenant.

Scripture lessons summarized: The **first reading**, taken from Sirach, contains the clearest statement in the Old Testament concerning the God-given freedom of the human will. It exonerates God from all responsibility for evil in the world. *"If you choose, you can keep the commandments . . . before you are life and death, whichever you choose shall be given you."* In the **second reading**, Paul challenges his Corinthian believers to appreciate the wisdom of God's saving plan for His people, a plan hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit. In the selection from the Sermon on the Mount in today's **Gospel**, while challenging his disciples to live a life of justice and righteousness which should exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus, as the new lawgiver, sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses, by providing new interpretation and meaning for the old laws. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus explains the real meaning of three Mosaic laws concerning murder, adultery and false oaths.

Life messages:

#1 We need to obey God's Law, appreciating its basic principles. In obeying God's law and Church law, let us remember the two basic principles on which these laws are based, namely, the principle of reverence and the principle of respect. In the first four of the Ten Commandments, we are asked to reverence God, reverence His holy Name, reverence His holy day and reverence our father and mother. The next set of commandments instructs us to respect life, one's personal integrity and good name, the legal system, another's property and another's spouse. Our obedience to these laws must be prompted by love of God and gratitude to God for His blessings.

#2 We need to forgive, forget and move toward reconciliation as soon as possible. St. Paul advises us *"Be angry (righteous anger) but do not sin"* (Eph 4:26). When we keep anger in our spirit, we are inviting physical illnesses, like hypertension, and mental illnesses, like depression. Let us relax and keep silence when we are angry, wait before acting on our anger, giving it time to detoxify and cool off, pray for God's strength for self-control, and give the Holy Spirit time to help us to see the event through Jesus' eyes instead of through anger's eyes.

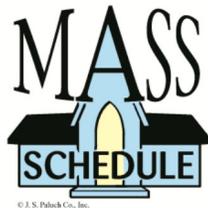
#3 We need to be true to God, to ourselves and to others. Let us allow God's word of truth to penetrate our minds and hearts and to form our consciences, making us men and women of integrity.

The rectory office and Adoration Chapel will be closed Monday, February 17th for Presidents' Day. The office and chapel will reopen at their regular time on Tuesday, February 18th. Thank you.



Special Collection Next Week

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.



This Week @ OLS

Monday, February 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Readings: *Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13*

6:30 a.m. †Dennis Barbeau

Tuesday, February 18 Weekday

Readings: *Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21*

6:30 a.m. Special Intention (GM)

Wednesday, February 19 Weekday

Readings: *Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26*

6:30 a.m. Special Intention (KB)

Thursday, February 20 Weekday

Readings: *Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33*

6:30 a.m. †Sally Klohr

Friday, February 21 St. Peter Damian, bishop and doctor of the Church

Readings: *Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1*

6:30 a.m. Special Intention (DA)

Saturday, February 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Readings: *1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19*

5:00 p.m. †Josephine Vogt

servers: T. Kappel, P. Kappel, A. Kappel

lectors: Jean Gengler & Pam Manning

Sunday, February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: *Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48*

8:00 a.m. †Frances & Jim Shuttleworth

servers: E. Nims, B. Nims, C. Mouser

lectors: Vicki Templin & Sr. Judy Bell

10:00 a.m. †Linda Piasecki

servers: F. Kalhorn, E. Kalhorn, K. Wilkinson

lectors: Denise Klevorn & Phil Klevorn

SUN 2/16	Instructional Basketball Basketball League	11:00 am 4:00 pm	Faenger Hall Faenger Hall
MON 2/17	OFFICE & CHAPEL CLOSED Athletic Association Basketball Practice	7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Notre Dame Rm Faenger Hall
TUE 2/18	Basketball Practice Adult Faith Girl Scouts Seven Sorrows Rosary St. Vincent de Paul	4:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faenger Hall Cafeteria S/S Rooms Adoration Chapel Notre Dame Rm
WED 2/19	Quilting Rosati Kain Basketball Quilting Cub Scouts (Abernathy) Boy Scouts OLStars	8:00 am 3:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Rectory Faenger Hall Rectory Notre Dame Rm Cafeteria Notre Dame Rm
THU 2/20	Legion of Mary Father/Daughter set up	8:45 am 2:00 pm	Rectory Faenger Hall
FRI 2/21	Father/Daughter set up Father/Daughter Dance Adult Faith	10:00 am 7:00 pm 6:00 pm	Faenger Hall Faenger Hall Cafeteria
SAT 2/22	Women's Guild set up Winter Outreach	10:00 am 1:00 pm	Faenger Hall Faenger Hall
SUN 2/23	Women's Guild set up Private Event Cub Scouts (Shaffer) Youth Ministry Women's Guild	10:00 am 11:30 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm	Faenger Hall S/S Rooms S/S Rooms Cafeteria Faenger Hall

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Caring for our Community, Building on Tradition**

Bad Company
People who live solely for themselves are eventually corrupted by their own company.
—Anonymous



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Parish Mission Statement: We, the Catholic community of Our Lady of Sorrows, are disciples of Jesus Christ through our Baptism. Nourished by Word and Sacrament we seek to form adults, teens, and children in the ways of the Gospel, while welcoming new members to our parish and our Catholic faith. As a Eucharistic people, guided by the Holy Spirit, we minister to all, especially the ill, elderly, and those in need, through works of fellowship, charity and justice. We strive to continue the mission of our parish begun a century ago through the prayerful intercession of Mary, Our Mother.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Envelopes: \$ 7,680.
Loose: \$ 893.
Online: \$ 1,558.
\$ 10,131.

Thank you for your sacrificial gifts to our parish!

Welcome!

We welcome our devoted and faithful parishioners, neighbors who come regularly to support our mission, all St. Louisans of all faiths, and our visitors. Serving you in this beautiful church of Our Lady of Sorrows is a great privilege.

- Fr. Sebastian Mundackal, pastor
- Fr. Andrew Sigmund, retired in residence
- Deacon Dan Skillman, permanent deacon

Baptismal Preparation

The next Baptismal Preparation Evening is **MONDAY, MARCH 2** from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Rectory. If you need to have your child (under 7) baptized, please call 351-1600, to sign up for our next preparation opportunity.



E-mail Account for Bulletin Submissions

If you wish to submit content to the bulletin via e-mail, please use the new address: bulletin@olsorrows.org. This account will strictly be for bulletin articles. Please direct all other inquiries for the parish staff to rectory@olsorrows.org or olscan@sbcglobal.net.

Online Giving

Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.olsorrows.org and selecting the online giving link. If you need technical support, you can contact Our Sunday Visitor at 1-800-348-2886, option 4, or contact Cathy Newhouse in the rectory: 351-1600.



Pray for the Sick

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Mary Asinger	Kenny Mehring	Jack Reilly
Mike Cebulski	Richard Messmer	Audrey Sambo
Mary Ann Chibnall	Julia Michalka	Robert Seeber
Yolanda Downey	John Moran	Pat Taylor
Hazel Feldt	Jeff Pagano	
Gary Harbstreet	Bob Reichelt	

Join us in praying for the deceased members of our parish community:

Dan Reinerman
Jean Caswell



To all who mourn their loss, we extend our deepest sympathy and prayers during this difficult time. We call on Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, to comfort you in your grief.

Trip to the Holy Land

An experience of a lifetime!! Please join us for a trip to Israel, Jordan, Palestine, and Egypt from October 19-28, 2020. Led by Father Sebastian Mundackal. For details, contact Father Sebastian at sebastianosb@yahoo.com or 636-212-1799.



Missouri Right to Life "Show Me Life" Pro-Life Action Day in Jefferson City

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Registration deadline is March 4

Call 314-494-4900 or email MRL.eastern@yahoo.com

Bus pick up location is at

Grasso Plaza on Tesson Ferry & Gravois



Pro-Life

Three disturbing trends in Planned Parenthood's latest Annual Report, covering 2018-2019:

- 1) The number of abortions has increased by 4%. 345,672 abortion procedures were reported. This is an all time record for Planned Parenthood.
- 2) Cancer screenings and other low profit prevention services have decreased by 8%.
- 3) Taxpayer funding has increased by 9.4%. \$616.8 million in taxpayer funding was reported.

Source: <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/about-us/facts-figures/annual-report>.

Jonah Prayer Ministry

Members of Our Lady of Sorrows Jonah Ministry will be available to meet with you for prayer, at the back of church in the cry room, **Sunday February 23rd, after the 10:00 Mass.**

Congratulations!!

The following parishioners were named to the Bishop DuBourg High School 2019-20 First Semester Honor Roll:

First Honors – 3.5+ GPA

- BLANCO, GEORGE - Grade 11
- FISCHER, MADISON - Grade 12
- WATSON, KAITLYN - Grade 12
- WESTMORELAND, MELISSA - Grade 9

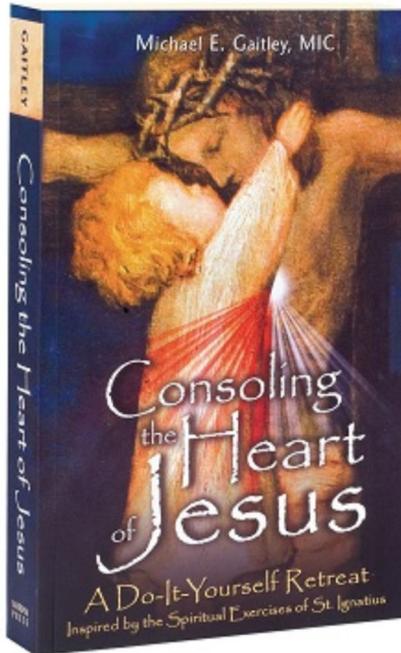


St. Vincent de Paul Society

The first thing we want to say is **"THANK YOU."** Thank you for all the food and hard-earned treasure you give to St. Vincent de Paul. Lent is coming soon and it has been a tradition at Our Lady of Sorrows to do a little more at this time to help the poor. It would be a great blessing if you could bring a couple of cans each week in Lent. We could use cans of hearty soups or chicken breast but anything is appreciated. Because of your generosity, we have plenty of green beans and corn.

We would not be able to help our neighbors if not for your donations. When we help our neighbors, we are looking at the face of Christ. And when they say "God bless you," it is a truly great blessing that belongs to you also. So, from our neighbors, "God bless you."

Thank you and remember to keep St. Vincent on your grocery list.



Consoling the Heart of Jesus

Here is an Adult Faith Formation Opportunity coming in **Lent 2020**. Mark your Calendar Now!

Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, has given us a very special gift in his thoughtful and prayerful "Do-It-Yourself Retreat." He combines the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius with the teachings of Sts. Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska, and Louis de Montfort. We will find inspiration in the quotations from the saints that he gathers carefully and in his deep, but humble, understanding of the principles of holiness that they proclaim. This is a good way for a soul to begin the journey in responding to the call to embrace the Divine Mercy of the Lord. And with the help of Mary, we hear the thirst of Jesus for our love and our consoling Him with our love and trust.

This study program will be offered at OLS over a ten (10) week period beginning in Lent 2020. The **Cost is \$31.00** for the Study Guide and Book. To register, contact Deacon Dan Skillman at (314) 351-1600 or E-Mail: skillmand@olsorrows.org



LENTEN REFLECTION

*The Living Last Supper
(with 12 OLS Disciples)*

*ALL are invited
February 23, 7:00 p.m.
Faenger Hall*

*Refreshments will be enjoyed
between 6:15-6:45*

*Sponsored by the Women's Guild
Questions, call Linda 752-4660*



Hello Parishioners!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and have experienced a happy and hopeful new year thus far. This 3rd year at SCCA finds me much more comfortable than ever in my position as Primary Support Specialist. I have been active in the Kindergarten reinforcing sight words, word families, and writing sentences. I work with these energetic kiddos for 45mins, 4 days a week. Five days a week, I am in the 1st grade for 60 mins. I am either needed to assist at literacy centers or one-on-one support. I have been able to gather games that reinforce rhyming sounds, phonological awareness skills, upper/lower case letters, blends, and beginning and ending sounds. These are hands-on activities that the younger students enjoy. Four mornings a week, I assist during the 4th grade math class. They are engaged in some amazing math skills and I am learning right along with them! I have also been able to work 30 mins each morning assisting with a guided reading lesson for the 5th grade. This level is new to me and I am really enjoying it.

Everything is going well and I know if I run into a "snag," there isn't one team member that I couldn't go to for help. These teachers are hard-working and so incredibly kind to each other. The presence of Jesus is so evident in their humble and generous spirits. I am so grateful to be a part of this loving community here at SCCA.

Have a great week everyone.

Mrs. Pat Mongan

Good Morning!

This month kindergarten is learning about living and nonliving things. Thus far, students have worked on classifying things as living or nonliving and completed a scavenger hunt to find living things. Our next step will be to try to grow various items under a grow light. We will be planting items that students think will grow, and will be tracking the progress over the next few weeks. In religion, we are learning about Jesus being our Shepherd. We are reading Bible stories about Jesus' life and how He showed his love to His disciples and others. As a class, we are working on showing Jesus' love to others through both our actions and words. Our favorite classroom activity right now is writing. It is amazing to see how much students have progressed over the year. They have grown in their confidence and that shows in the words they are sounding out and the sentences they are creating.

We have enjoyed a lot of activities in the past few weeks. Kindergarten celebrated their 100th day of school and celebrated Catholic Schools Week. Some of their favorite 100th day activities were going on a number hunt with 1st grade, making necklaces out of 100 Fruit Loops and experimenting to see if it took 100 licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop. On Catholic Schools Week, they enjoyed playing Bingo with their family groups and loved watching the basketball and volleyball games.

Thank you for all your continued prayers and support!

Kalei Rincker

South City Catholic Academy prepares for and enters into Lent!

Please join South City Catholic Academy for the following Lenten events held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church:

- 8:00am Ash Wednesday Mass and a morning of Adoration. Benediction is at 1:00 pm.
- Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 6, March 27, and April 3 @ 2:30pm.
- "The Burning of Ashes and Bury of the Alleluia" Prayer Service Tuesday, February 25 at 2:30pm.



SCCA Bellarmine Speech News

South City Catholic Academy participated in their second Bellarmine Speech Meet of the year on Saturday, February 1st. Our team continues to excel. In the Duet category, the team of Tessa C. and Elizabeth N. and the team of Leila P. and Angeline B. all received blue ribbons. In the Humorous category, Jacobi M. received a red ribbon for his speech. We are very proud of the way our team represented South City Catholic Academy!

One Date Left!!

WINTER OUTREACH—A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by our Catholic Social Teachings: "*Option for the Poor and Vulnerable*", our Parish Community is committed to making St. Louis Winter Outreach a faith Ministry of Mercy.

"As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it to me." (MT 25:31-46)

As Winter approaches, many homeless "brethren" will spend their days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. In an effort to give them some comfort, **we are asking you to help in providing meals** to an overnight shelter during the coldest months. **Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals to Americorps Shelter** (1315 Ann Street) on our assigned day:

SATURDAY (1PM drop off) FEBRUARY 22, 2020

Please consider joining our Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following: 9x13 Casserole (meat, vegetable or breakfast); Dessert—12 to 24 servings. Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall by 1:00pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to pick it up from your home.

If you would like more information, would like to share a dish and/or be a driver, please contact [Mary Ellen Mueller](mailto:MaryEllenMueller@brick.net) at 314-374-1712 or email maryem@brick.net.

February 16: Ordinary Time- Reconciliation

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Reconciliation With whom do you need to be reconciled in life? Maybe you have sinned against the law of God through anger, lust, dishonesty, gossip, or other evil actions.



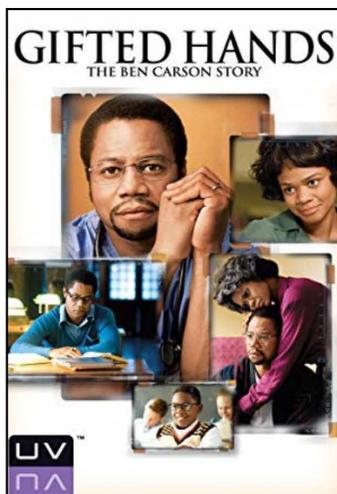
Jesus reminds us that the Christian life calls for higher standards. It is essential to keep in mind that we can live up to these standards by cooperating with the grace God gives to us in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

These sacraments give us sanctifying grace and bring us back to life when we are dead in our sin. As we approach the altar each Sunday, let us examine our consciences and seek the Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation if we are guilty of mortal sin. Let us heed the Lord's wisdom to seek perfection by listening to His voice and responding to the graces He grants us. The Eucharist and Reconciliation are two extraordinary blessings we have as Catholics! "Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God." ~Pope Saint John Paul II

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MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, February 21, 2020
Cafeteria Doors Open at 6:45 PM
Movie Begins at 7:00 PM
Run Time = 90 Minutes



Young Ben Carson didn't have much of a chance. Growing up in a broken home amongst poverty and prejudice, his grades suffered and his temper flared, and yet, his mother never lost her faith in him. Insisting he follow the opportunities she never had, she helped to grow his imagination, intelligence and, most importantly, his belief in himself. That faith would be his gift—the thing that would drive him to follow his dream of becoming one of the world's leading neurosurgeons.

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Trivia Night to Benefit

Southampton Neighborhood Association

Join us on **Saturday, February 22, 2020** for a fun-filled evening! Raffles, games, mulligans, silent auction. Doors open at 6:00PM and Trivia begins at 7:00PM. Event will be held at the St. Louis Police Officers' Association, 3710 Hampton Avenue.

Tables for 8...Beer, soda, water, popcorn for all tables. \$185 base table cost...\$225 VIP table, cost includes 2 pizzas and toast-ed ravioli.

Reserve and pay online www.sohastl.org.

Email cube9u@gmail.com for more information.

We Are Called

Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the radiators in the entrances on Ash Wednesday or on the First Sunday of Lent.



OLS FISH FRY



Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 26th and *Every* Friday during Lent through April 3rd
We will have a fish fry on February 28th.
We will not have a fish fry on Good Friday.

Faenger Hall / Gym of OLS

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Dinners:

Fried or Baked Cod (6 oz) \$9.00
Fried Shrimp (8 per serving) \$9.00
Fried Catfish \$9.00

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Fish \$5.00
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Side Dish Servings (each) \$1.25

**All dinners are served with your choice of two sides, 2 hush puppies, bread, dessert and drink*.
*lemonade, ice tea, coffee, water**

Side item choices: spaghetti, mac & cheese, green beans, tater tots, applesauce, cole slaw, 4 hush puppies

Bar prices: domestic canned beer \$1.50 / Craft beer \$2.00 / Wine per glass \$2.00
soft drink cans \$1.00

We will have two theme nights, Italian Fest will be Friday, March 6th and Mexican Fiesta will be March 27th

Shut In deliveries available

Please share this information with neighbors, family, friends,
that live within the parish boundaries.

Please place order no later than the day before Fish Fry,
by calling Nancy Helle **314-258-3144**.

Parish Registration

Are you new to our neighborhood or parish community? We'd love to welcome you into our parish family! Fill out the form below, drop it in the collection basket, and our staff will reach out to you soon.

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