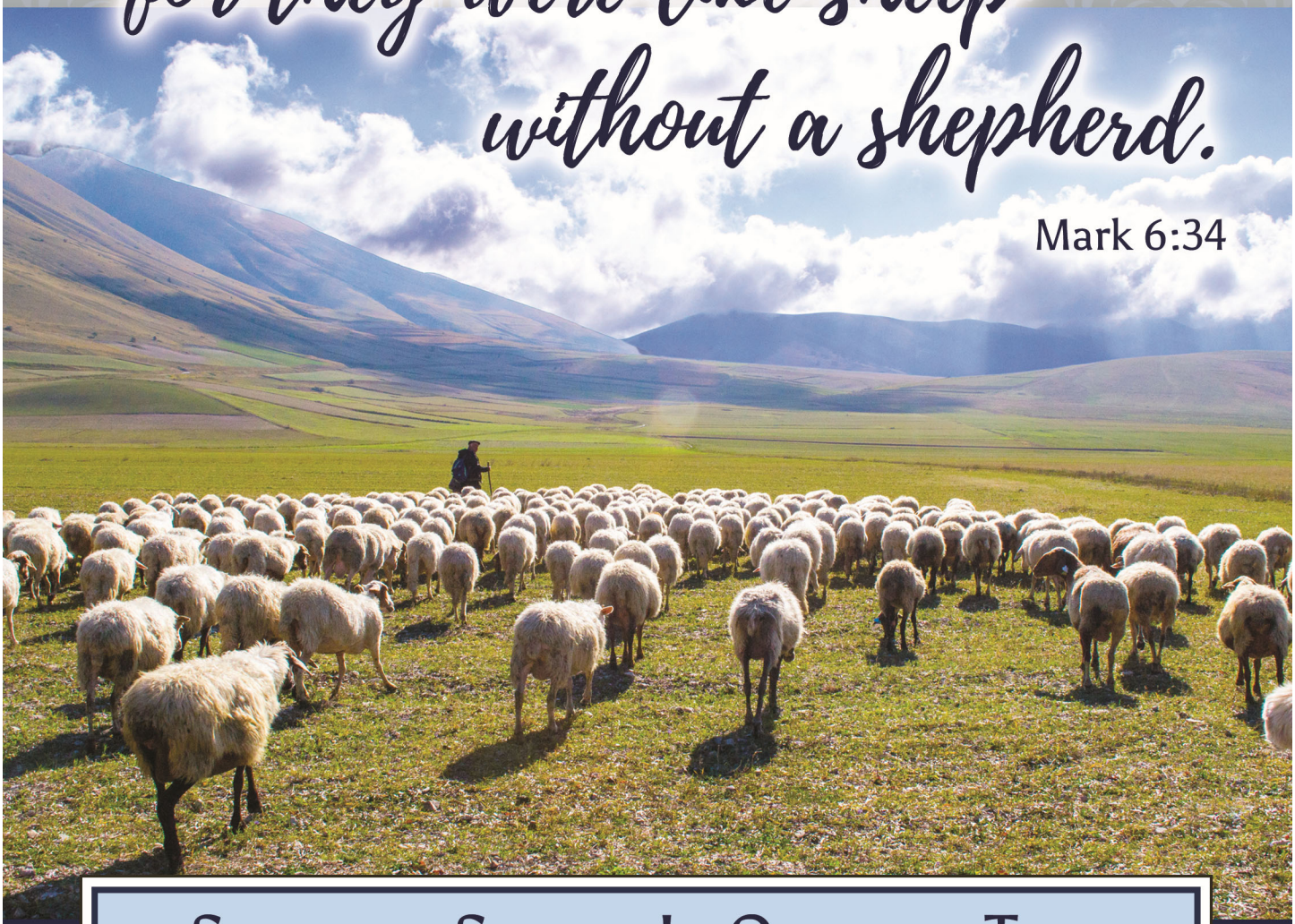
When Jesus saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,

for they were like sheep
without a shepherd.

Mark 6:34



Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 18, 2021

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Sunday
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
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Tuesday 6:45—7:00 a.m.; Saturday 4:00—4:45 p.m.
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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 explain how God, like a good shepherd, redeems His people and provides for them. The readings also challenge us to use our God-given authority in the family, in the Church, and in society, with fidelity and responsibility. Today, pastoral ministry includes not only the pastoral care given by those named or ordained as "pastors," but the loving service given by all Christians who follow different callings to serve and lead others.

Scripture lessons summarized: In the **first reading,** the prophet Jeremiah (sixth century B.C.), thunders against Israel's careless leaders - the king, some priests, and some court prophets – because they have shown no concern for the poor. The prophet also foretells the rise of a new, good shepherd in the family-line of David. Then he consoles the Israelites enslaved in Babylon, assuring them that God will lead them back to their original pasture in Israel.

Today's Good Shepherd **Psalm** (Ps 23) affirms David's Faith and trust in God, the "Good Shepherd."

The **second reading** introduces Jesus as the shepherd of both the Jews and the Gentiles and explains how Jesus, the good shepherd, has reconciled all of us with His Father by offering Himself on the cross. Paul also speaks about another reconciliation between Jews and Gentiles, brought about by Jesus' accepting both into the same Christian brotherhood.

The reading from the **Gospel** of Mark presents Jesus as the good shepherd fulfilling God's promise given through His prophet Jeremiah in the first reading. Here we see Jesus attending the weary apostles, who have just returned, jubilant, from their first preaching mission, while at the same time expressing concern for the people who, like "sheep without a shepherd," have gathered at their landing place in the wilderness.

Life messages:

#1 We need God's grace to become good shepherds. The Christian life is a continuous passage from the presence of God to the presence of people and back to God again. Prayer is essentially listening to God and talking to Him. We should allow God the opportunity to speak to us and recharge us with spiritual energy and strength by setting aside enough time for Him to speak to us and for us to speak to Him. He speaks to us powerfully when we spend some time every day reading the Bible devoutly and meditating on the message God gives us in Scripture. We receive strength from God to do our share of the shepherd's preaching and healing ministry by asking for it individually, in the family, and as a community in the parish Church, participating in the Eucharistic celebration.

#2 The Church has the double responsibility of teaching and feeding. There can be no true Christianity without the proclamation of the Gospel. Teaching the Word of God is essential to a Christian community. Christians must also display the compassion of Jesus by meeting the social and material needs of others by our works of charity as individual Christians and as a parish community.

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Monday, July 19 Weekday
Readings: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
7:00 a.m. †Michael McCafferty

Tuesday, July 20 St. Apollinaris, bishop and martyr
Readings: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
7:00 a.m. †John Westermeyer

Wednesday, July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church
Readings: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
7:00 a.m. †Christian Mueller

Thursday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene
Readings: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
7:00 a.m. †Tom Manning

Friday, July 23 St. Bridget, religious
Readings: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
7:00 a.m. Special Intention (ATK)

Saturday, July 24 St. Sharbel Maklüf, priest
Readings: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
5:00 p.m. †Linda Piasecki
servers: P. Thier, A. Thier, L. Meyer
lectors: Emily Zesch & Katie Svejkosky

Sunday, July 25 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
10:00 a.m. †Sophie Rehagen & Tom Manning
servers: M. Ekeocha, O. Ekeocha, G. Imbula
lectors: Annie Stilinovic & Gloria Kudrna

This Week @ OLS

SUN 7/18	Youth Ministry	5:45 pm	S/S Rooms
MON 7/19	Southside Basketball	6:15 pm	Faenger Hall
TUE 7/20	St. Vincent de Paul	7:00 pm	Band Room
WED 7/21	Quilting Quilting	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Rectory Rectory
THU 7/22	Legion of Mary Private Event	8:45 am 6:00 pm	S/S Rooms Band Room
FRI 7/23			
SAT 7/24	Private Event	11:00 am	Faenger Hall
SUN 7/25			

Sharing our Faith in Jesus,
Caring for our Community, Building on Tradition

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, July 18, 2021

Envelopes:	**$ 7,090.**
Loose:	**$ 650.**
Online:	**$ 1,705.**
	$ 9,445.

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

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.

Baptismal Preparation

The next Baptismal Preparation Evening is **MONDAY, AUGUST 9** 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.

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 Anna Barringer in the rectory at 351-1600.

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In lieu of dropping your contribution envelopes in the collection basket at Sunday mass, you can mail them to the rectory, drop them in the mail slot located on the interior rectory door, or set up Online Giving. If you need technical support to set up Online Giving, you can contact Our Sunday Visitor at 1-800-348-2886 option 4.

Thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and patience.

Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for Us

Pray for the Sick

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

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Melissa Becker	Chris Kirchner	Rose Rehagen
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Mike Cebulski	Cindy McMahon	Kevin Reilly
Audrey Hacker	Audrey Mehan	Bruce Schneider
Jay Hahn	Kenny Mehring	Chris Seitz
Gary Harbstreet	Julia Michalka	Charlie Yanko

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

George Hunt
Genevieve Wanner

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.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel **will be open every first Friday from 8am-5pm** with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. On other days when the Blessed Sacrament is not exposed, you may access the sanctuary through the chapel for quiet prayer.

Thank you.

Live-Stream

When using Our Lady of Sorrows Church for a wedding, baptism or memorial mass, we have the capability to live-stream the event so those that cannot attend may view it.

Please contact the rectory office at 351-1600 for more information.

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Saint Spotlight

St. Mary Magdalene

Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two. Mary Magdalene, that is, "of Magdala," was the one from whom Christ cast out "seven devils," —an indication, at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or possibly severe illness.

Father Wilfrid J. Harrington, O.P., writing in the *New Catholic Commentary*, says that "seven devils" "does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life —a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36." Father Edward Mally, S.J., writing in the *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, agrees that she "is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her."

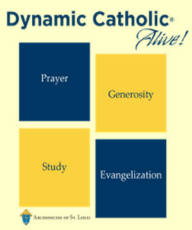
Mary Magdalene was one of the many "who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means." She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the "official" witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given.

Mary Magdalene has been smiling at her "mistaken identify" for 19 centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all, with her, "unofficial" witnesses of the resurrection.

July 18: Ordinary Time – The Word

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – The Word

Many of us have heard the jokes that Catholics don't read the Bible. While it is true that the sacramental life of the Catholic Church is wonderful and surpasses the power of Scripture alone, it is imperative for us to read and pray with Scripture. Jesus, the Word made flesh, reminds us in His words to the disciples how important it is to hear the Word of God, to meditate on it, and to implement its truths into our daily lives. He reminds us of the necessity to be rooted in it and to allow it to become the wellspring from which all of our thoughts, words, and actions flow. We should read Scripture every single day of our lives, whether that means going to daily Mass and listening to the readings, praying lectio divina, or praying a daily Bible verse on one of the various apps. St. Jerome once said that ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. We come to a fuller knowledge and relationship with the Lord when we read the Scriptures.



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Our Lady of Sorrows PSR welcomes all children Kindergarten through 8th grade who are currently not enrolled in a Catholic School and/or are in need of religious education and preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

PSR will meet every Sunday from 11:15am-12:30pm, after 10am Mass **beginning September 19th, 2021 through May 22nd, 2022.**

To register you may pick up a registration packet at the OLS Rectory, 5020 Rhodes Avenue, call 314-351-1600, or email at ourladyofsorrowspsr@gmail.com.

You may also visit our website at olsorrows.org to print a registration packet.

Financial assistance available.

Come Join Us!!

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God dwells in a secret and hidden way in all souls, in their very substance, for if God did not, they could not exist at all.

—St. John of the Cross

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There is a need for additional servers in our dining room, ages 15 and above.

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For additional information call the Dietary Department at 968-9447.

Thanks!

John & Marge Asbury

Feast of Faith

The Prayer Over the Offerings

In the liturgy of the 1570 Missal, this prayer was called the "secret" prayer. It was "secret" not because its content was mysterious, but because it was prayed in silence by the priest, who only recited the conclusion aloud: . . . per omnia saecula saeculorum. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, we again hear these rich prayers spoken aloud. They remind us to prepare ourselves for what is to happen in the Eucharistic Prayer, for it is not only the bread and wine that will be transformed.

The Prayer Over the Offerings is a prayer for transformation, an expression, in a few words, of all that we hope that the liturgy will accomplish in our lives. We ask God to accept the gifts we present, and to change us even as God hallows the bread and wine. As we listen carefully to the Prayer Over the Offerings, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy; to be drawn closer to God; to come to eternal joy, unity, peace, and salvation.

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WHO WE ARE; WHAT WE DO:

We're a small group of dedicated men and women from the parish who share faith and fellowship together.

We are called Vincentians–not the religious order, but mostly lay members of the Our Lady of Sorrows Conference (chapter) of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Our sole mission as a group is to help anyone living within our parish boundaries, of any religion or no religion, who are going through hard times and need a little help: food, clothes, beds...maybe even making a payment of a gas or electric bill to avoid a shutoff.

We meet weekly to discuss the requests we have received over the previous seven days from people in our area asking for help. Some of us volunteer to deliver food from our parish's pantry, drop off vouchers, or make payments to utility companies. We give things.

But we are the ones who receive the greatest gift: the opportunity to help our neighbors, as Jesus taught us to do.

This is the opportunity of a lifetime– YOU *truly* can help others when they *really* need some help!

WHAT **YOU** CAN DO TO HELP US:

Our work is to serve as the connection between those who need help and the resources for that help, provided by the generosity of others. That is not to downplay the part our Conference members play. Someone needs to make that connection, listen to the messages, make the phone calls, deliver food and restock the pantry.

And so the main way you could help would be to join us as a member of the OLS Conference. Join us for a meeting to learn what we are about. We welcome your help as your schedule allows.

Some help in another way: by volunteering at the Thrift Store. Each hour volunteered earns us credits to use for vouchers.

And If neither of these are possible, please give–canned and non-perishable food and toiletries for the pantry, clothing for the thrift store, money in the collection basket. Help us have the resources to give to our neighbors in need.

To get started call Chris Wagner at 314-330-9406 or Deacon Dan Skillman at 314-420-9236.

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Parish Registration

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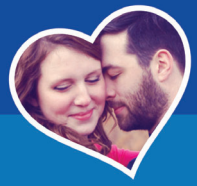
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