



SEE, I AM DOING SOMETHING NEW!
NOW IT SPRINGS FORTH, DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?
IN THE DESERT I MAKE A WAY,
IN THE WASTELAND, RIVERS.

ISAIAH 43:19

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 3, 2022

5th Sunday of Lent
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ENTRANCE

The Lord Is My Hope M.D. Ridge

Refrain

The Lord is my hope and my glory.
The Lord is the song that I sing:
so tender and loving a shepherd,
so rooted in justice, a king.
When shadow confuses my vision,
when sorrow lays claim to my heart,
God is my refuge, my rock and my shield.
I will rely on the Lord.

1. Near to death, I cried, "Save me!"
and you heard.

You are God, and you
lift up the poor.

2. Kingdoms fall; nations tremble
at your pow'r.

None can stand without
you at their side.

3. Justice reigns, and the wicked
are cast down.

In your love is our
safety and strength.

4. All who trust in your promise
will be saved,
for your word has been
tested in fire.

5. Morning comes: I will praise you
with my life,
ever faithful and
true to your word.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are
filled with joy."

PREPARATION

Mass for Church Unity

COMMUNION

Only This I Want Dan Schutte

Refrain

Only this I want: but to know the Lord,
and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he
wore.

1. All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me,
for to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.

2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,
so to win the prize of the kingdom of my Lord.

3. Let your heart be glad, always glad in the
Lord,
so to shine like stars in the darkness of the night.

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RECESSIONAL

Stand by Me Tom Kendzia

1. When the storms of life are raging,
Lord, stand by me. When the current pulls me
under, Lord, stand by me.

When the rising waters toss me
like a ship upon the sea, You who rule the wind
and water, Lord, stand by me.

Refrain

Stand by me, stand by me.

Lift me up from the restless sea.

When I am lost, when love can't be found,
when no one cares, Lord, stand by me.

2. In the midst of persecution, Lord, stand by
me. When my enemies surround me,
Lord, stand by me.

When the tyrant wields his terror
and the armies wage their might,
When the darkness overwhelms me,
Lord, stand by me.

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Fr. Sebastian Mundackal



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Daily

Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days

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

Rectory closed on all Holy Days

Sunday

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

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Tuesday 6:45—7:00 a.m.; Saturday 4:00—4:45 p.m.

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mailbox 1123

Eucharistic Adoration: The Adoration Chapel is located in the South Sacristy; 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 9 a.m. Tuesday morning prior to the weekend the article is to run. Articles may be emailed to bulletin@olsorrows.org or dropped off at the rectory office.

From the Pastor's Desk

Reminding us of God's readiness to forgive sin, give the sinner a second chance, bind up broken lives, and restore people to His friendship, today's readings challenge us to show the same mercy to the sinners around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation with God and one another. The central theme of all three readings is a merciful God's steadfast love. The readings remind us that we should not be self-righteous and condemn the lives of others when God is calling them tenderly to conversion.

Scripture lessons summarized: Explaining how a merciful God forgives the sins of His chosen people and leads them back from the Babylonian exile, the **first reading** reminds us that we too are forgiven, and we are saved from our own sinfulness. In the **second reading**, Paul presents himself as a forgiven sinner who has been completely transformed by his Faith in Christ Jesus. His life is an example of the Gospel exhortation, "*Sin no more.*" Paul loves Christ so much he wants to share in His sufferings and even in His death so that he may share Christ's Resurrection. The sinful woman's story of sin committed, and sin forgiven in today's **Gospel**, shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus offers to repentant sinners. In addition, by making sinlessness the condition for throwing the first stone, Jesus forces the accusers to assess their own souls and to leave. Thus, He grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman. In our own lives, we bear witness to the Justice of God by confessing our sinfulness and resolving to avoid sin, and we bear witness to God's Mercy by accepting the forgiveness of

our sins and promising to forgive those who have offended us.

Life messages:

#1 We need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation. Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous, like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We are judgmental about the unmarried mother, the alcoholic, the drug addict, or the shoplifter, ignoring Jesus' command: "*Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*" Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinners, showing them Jesus' compassion and working with the Holy Spirit to make our own lives exemplary so that we can help lead them to Jesus' ways.

#2 We have no right to judge others. We have no right to judge others because we often commit the very faults we condemn, we are often partial and prejudiced in our judgments, and we do not know the circumstances which have led someone to sin. Hence, let us leave the judgment to our merciful God Who does read people's hearts. We should show mercy and compassion to those who sin because we ourselves are sinners in need of God's forgiveness. The apostle Paul reminds us: "*But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.*" (1 Cor 11:31).

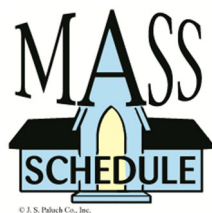


OLS History Minute

(from our 50th Anniversary book)

In April 1909, a year and a half after the organization of the parish, the present parish site of slightly more than three acres was purchased through a straw party for the sum of \$5500. This method of acquiring the desired property without divulging to the seller that it was to be the site of Our Lady of Sorrows parish was necessary due to the attitude of the landowners of the area regarding the erection of a Catholic Church in the vicinity. This attitude had been noted by the pastor during previous attempts to purchase land.

There is little resemblance between this area as it appeared in 1909 and what we see today. Kingshighway, as yet unpaved, was anything but a royal road; the construction of Rhodes Avenue was almost twenty years in the future; sidewalks were virtually non-existent; a cemetery was located south of the parish site on the east side of Kingshighway; several ponds were to be found in the area; truck gardens comprised much of the land to the west; and an apple orchard thrived at the western edge of the parish property.



This Week @ OLS

Monday, April 4 St. Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church

Readings: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

7:00 a.m. †Frances & Jim Shuttleworth

Tuesday, April 5 St. Vincent Ferrer, priest

Readings: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

7:00 a.m. †Joseph & Kathryn Darpel

Wednesday, April 6 Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

7:00 a.m. †Dot Holtmann

Thursday, April 7 St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest

Readings: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

7:00 a.m. †Diane Wiswall

Friday, April 8 Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

7:00 a.m. †Robert Hannegan, Sr.

Saturday, April 9 Lenten Weekday

Readings: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

5:00 p.m. †Mary Ann Bockskopf

servers: J. Christians, G. Christians

lectors: Carol Sykora & Pam Manning

Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Readings: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

8:00 a.m. †Edmund Schiller

servers: P. Thier, A. Thier

lector: Donna Katke

10:00 a.m. †Janina Zmuda

servers: E. Nims, B. Nims

lectors: Mary Cline & Mike Cline

SUN 4/3	Cub Scouts	8:00 am	Faenger Hall
	Coffee and Donuts	10:00 am	Cafeteria
	AFFC Bible Study	11:30 am	Band Room
	Pickleball	6:00 pm	Faenger Hall
MON 4/4	Election Day set up	9:00 am	Faenger Hall
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	Cafeteria
TUE 4/5	Election Day	6:00 am	Faenger Hall
	Parish Council	7:00 pm	S/S Rooms
	St. Vincent de Paul	7:00 pm	Band Room
WED 4/6	Quilting	8:00 am	Rectory
	Pickleball/Exercise	9:00 am	Faenger Hall
	Quilting	5:00 pm	Rectory
	Pickleball	6:00 pm	Faenger Hall
	Women's Guild	6:45 pm	Cafeteria
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Band Room
THU 4/7	Legion of Mary	8:45 am	S/S Rooms
	Pickleball/Exercise	9:00 am	Faenger Hall
	Games	1:00 pm	S/S Rooms
	Southside Basketball	5:45 pm	Faenger Hall
	Private Event	6:00 pm	Band Room
	Lenten Talk	6:00 pm	Cafeteria
	Spring Craft	6:00 pm	S/S Rooms
FRI 4/8	RCIA	7:00 pm	Rectory
	Pickleball/Walking	8:30 am	Faenger Hall
	Fish Fry set up	1:00 pm	Café, Band, F.H.
	Fish Fry	4:00 pm	Faenger Hall
SAT 4/9	Easter Love Baskets	9:00 am	Cafeteria
	Private Event	11:00 am	Band Room
SUN 4/10	PALM SUNDAY - NO EVENTS		

Early Bulletin Deadline

Due to the publisher's early deadline, all content for the April 17th bulletin must be submitted by 9:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, April 5th.**

All content for the April 24th bulletin must be submitted by 9:00 a.m. on **Monday, April 11th.** Thank you for your cooperation!



***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, March 27, 2022

Envelopes: \$ 2,774.
Loose: \$ 790.
Online: \$ 1,250.
\$ 4,814.

**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, APRIL 11** from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Rectory. If you need to have your child (under 7) baptized, please call 314-351-1600 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 314-351-1600.



Laudato Si': Praise be to You! Care for our Common Home

"We are all connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations. We have the responsibility to care for, to protect it and all people. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation." Laudato Si'

Interested in learning how you can care for all creation? Sign up for the six-week adult formation class to begin April 20th from 7-8:00pm. Call Sr. Judy Bell, FSM at 314-578-8218 for more information.

Pray for the Sick

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Justin B.	Sharon Huddleston	Rose Rehagen
Cindy Reilly Berry	Chris Lato	Bob Reichelt
Mary Ann Brouk	Linda LeGrand	Kevin Reilly
Sue Bunch	Vlad Mattingly	Centa Schmitz
Mike Cebulski	Cindy McMahon	Christopher Seitz
Rick Gahn	Audrey Mehan	Patricia Ulrich
Audrey Hacker	Kenny Mehning	Ethan Wagner
Jay Hahn	Julia Michalka	Krissy Wilson
Gary Harbstreet		

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

Barbara Wedge

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.

Ministers Needed

Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters, and Ushers are needed to serve at our **Services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday Masses**. Sign-up sheets are available in the Sacristy. Please place your name and phone number by your ministry on the sheet(s) that you are available to serve.

Thanks and have a Blessed Easter! Questions, call Barb Rimkus at 314-752-4647.



Making A Difference

Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally?



Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Lenten Celebration at Our Lady of Sorrows

Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 12:00 noon

April 6 Preparation for Holy Week

Led by Fr. Peter Fonseca from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Church.

April 10 Palm Sunday

Blessing of the palms at all three Masses.

April 14 Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's supper at 7:00 p.m. Church will be open until 12 midnight.

April 15 Good Friday

Stations of the Cross for children at 10:00 a.m. and for the whole parish at 12:00 noon. Solemn celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 7:00 p.m.

April 16 Easter Vigil

Solemn Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 p.m.

April 17 Easter

Easter Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Easter Love Baskets

Our Easter Love Basket Collection, to help those in need, will be held on **Saturday April 9th, 2022** from **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** in the Cafeteria. The collection of food and other helpful items will be distributed throughout our neighborhood to those who are in need of assistance. The following is a list of suggested items for donation:

Easter Meal Suggestions: Ham; Green bean casserole items; Potato casserole items; Fresh or canned vegetables; Fresh or canned fruit; Rolls; Desserts; Easter candy

Extra items are always needed: Breakfast items (cereal/oatmeal); Lunch items (canned meat & stews, peanut butter, jam/jelly, soup, crackers); Dinner items (pasta sauce, noodles, macaroni & cheese, American cheese, bread products, etc.); Staple items (flour, sugar, spices); Toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant); Non-Food products (plastic baggies, foil, plastic wrap, paper towels, napkins).

Please join us if you can! For further information or to volunteer, please call Marjorie (481-1453) or Sue (481-0180). There will be volunteers in the front of the Parish Hall from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. to collect the donated items. You may pull your car up in front of the Parish Hall and volunteers can take them out of your car for you.

THANK YOU for always being so generous!

The Love Basket Committee

Invitation To Parishioners For Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday night after the celebration of the Mass, the Church worldwide plunges into the Sorrowful Mysteries of Jesus' Passion and Death.

In our own parish we will observe Eucharistic Adoration following the Mass and lasting until midnight. The church will be open at the Rhodes door and the Holy Eucharist will be in repose at the Our Lady of Sorrows side altar.

Jesus awaits us. Jesus invites us to bring the 1st Sorrowful Mystery -- The Agony in the Garden -- to life in our lives. Jesus invites us to pray with Him not because He needs us but because He knows that we need Him and He desires to be with us in this time of prayer and sacrifice.

Jesus is drawing us to Himself -- to bring us into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray with Him.

We have precious gifts in our freedom to worship, in the safety to come and go to church, and in our beloved parish being alive and open for us on this night. For those of us who are able to come on Holy Thursday night to Eucharistic Adoration it would be a shame to squander the gifts available to us.

Please come to adore Jesus in the Eucharist.

Please come to rest in Jesus' presence, to lay your burdens before Him.

Please come to savor the beauty, the sacredness, and the life of our parish.

Although the calls for assistance were down during the month of February, (perhaps that's a good thing), through your generous donations of food and money, the OLS SVdP Society helped 21 families with various requests. Close to \$700 worth of food and toiletries were donated, 1 request for rental assistance was granted and SVdP assisted 8 families with their utility bills in February, totaling over \$3600. We do anticipate these type of needs will continue, so we prayerfully



ask for your continued support and generosity to help keep the mission of SVdP, to hear the cries of the poor, to seek and find the forgotten, suffering and deprived and to have hearts to show them God's love. Our pressing need is within our pantry, as some of our shelves are bare, especially canned fruit, canned proteins (beef stew, chicken, hams) and snack items for the children of these families; however, any donation is, as always, greatly appreciated. **Thank You! OLS SVdP**

Fish Fry Friday!!

Join us in Faenger Hall **every Friday thru April 8** from 4-7pm for our delicious fish fry. We have fried cod, fried catfish, fried shrimp, a kid's meal, and several sides. For online ordering and payment go to: olsfishfry.com

On Friday, April 8 we will have Mexican Fiesta Night! Special additions to the menu: Fish taco platter, Margaritas, Mexican beer.



OLS PICNIC IS BACK!

Saturday, May 21st

The Basket Raffle has always been a HUGE success thanks to the generosity of so many of our parishioners. We are counting on you again this year to help us fill the baskets by either making a monetary donation (and the basket chairs will shop for you) or by purchasing gift certificates to any and all surrounding area stores or restaurants.

Time is short, so if you would, please place your monetary donations and gift certificates in an envelope labeled **"BASKET RAFFLE"** and put it in the collection basket or drop off at the rectory.

ALL DONATIONS ARE DUE **BY SUNDAY, MAY 8th** (HOWEVER, the sooner the better for the basket maker!) If you have any questions, you can contact Basket Chairs Paula Berner at paudabrn@aol.com OR (314) 616-1428 or Kathy Voss at kvoss@lashlybaer.com OR (314)974-4501. Thank you for your support!

HOMEMADE TREASURES PICNIC BOOTH

It's time again to start preparing for the picnic to be held Saturday, May 21st! The "Homemade Treasures Booth", coordinated by the Women's Guild, is in need of any HANDCRAFTED items, such as bag holders, towels, aprons, whatever you make! If you, or anyone you know is interested in donating any such items, please drop off at Sherrie's, 5510 Walsh, marked "Treasure." Call Linda at 752-4660 with questions.



OLS Picnic is Back!!

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Dear Parishioners:

The 2022 OLS Picnic is fast approaching. This year the picnic will be held on Saturday, **May 21st!** You, as an important sibling in our OLS family, can help make our long awaited Picnic a great success.

We ask every family member to donate one or more hours of your time either setting up/taking down, working in a booth or helping with the food. We need hand-made craft items and aprons and some Moms (or Dads) who would be willing to help out in our First Aid area for an hour or two. For all help with Food & Drinks, please contact Annie at anne.walsh18@gmail.com.

Please sign up for one or more of the following:

- Help set up on Friday, May 20 between 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Help take down on Saturday night
- Work in booths
- Donate a cake for the Cake Walk
- Donate any handmade craft items—multi-purpose towels and aprons are greatly appreciated.

If you want to work in a booth but have trouble getting into them, let us know and we'll direct you to an easily accessible booth.

Your help will make this year's Picnic a great success. Thank you in advance for your support! Please fill out the form below and return to either the collection basket or the rectory no later than **Friday, April 15th**.

Sincerely,
2022 Picnic Committee



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I would like to help in the following ways:

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Set Up/Take Down | <input type="checkbox"/> Handmade Craft Items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Booth Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid |

PICNIC REQUEST Do you know that in less than 2 months, the PICNIC will be here?! The plant booth has been such a resounding hit that we plan on doing it again. We begged, borrowed and stole plants in previous years, we will probably do the same this year! If any/all of you kind people who have plants at home would make a few cuttings now and start rooting them, we'll have a blossoming booth come May! We'll be asking for them May 18th, so if you can start now, they'll be ready to go! We'd also be very grateful for any clay flower pots or cups we could use for transplanting. Thanks for your help!



Linda, Charlotte, and Louise

BIG THANK YOU

Thanks to all the wonderful people who came and enjoyed themselves at the Women's Guild 2022 Spring Quilt Social.

Thanks to the Awesome Quilters who made the beautiful quilts, crocheted the afghans, baby quilts, and fleece blankets, and to all the ladies and gentlemen who helped make this social a success.

Many Thanks to Sherri Magee for creating the beautiful baskets for the Basket Raffle. Big Thank You to Dan and Jerry for setting up the tables, chairs, and cleaning the Parish Hall.

Thanks to all the workers who helped to serve the food in the kitchen.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Father Sebastian for all of his help and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to the Raffle Winners:

Barbara M. Bardle Quilt
Christine Christopher Afghan

Spiritual Adoption

7th Month - "I like to listen to my mommy's voice!"



Photo taken from Illinois Right to Life's brochure *The First Nine Months*

Your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight. She weighs about 3 pounds and is the size of a large egg-plant. She might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother's voice. Her eyelids can now open and close. Her eyes look around and respond to light. She has a powerful grip – strong enough to support her body weight with one hand!

While we can't *physically* adopt every baby at risk of abortion, we can *spiritually* adopt them, praying for children who are known by God to be in need of extra help and protection. Please remember to pray for your spiritually adopted baby daily.

You may use the prayer below or create your own.

Lord Jesus, please give courage and strength to the parents of my spiritually adopted baby. May they be inspired by our Blessed Mother who trusted and said yes to God's plan for life. Please protect this child that they might grow in the image and likeness of the God who created them.

Spiritual Adoption Program is a program of the Respect Life Apostolate Archdiocese of St. Louis

Hello OLS Teens,

I am Anna Paulus, I am 16 years old, and a sophomore at Cor Jesus Academy. I am one of the lasting OLS teens who participates in youth events and Parish Council. As teens, our minds are often distracted with the everyday ups and downs, but I have seemed to find OLS a comfort spot that I can escape to in my heart. For about 2 years, I have been involved in the Youth Ministry, and I can strongly say it has brought me new friendships, memories, opportunities, and outlooks on life. Being involved in the parish helped me appreciate my caring community more, instead of focusing on the distractions of social media all the time.

I remember one specific time when our Ministry was on a retreat and Father Sebastian presented the Blessed Sacrament right in front of us during adoration, or a time for us to pray directly in front of Jesus. There were only about 7 other kids in the room. I felt so close to Jesus, close enough to where I couldn't help but tear up. I knew from that point on that I was welcomed in the Church and that these opportunities to be with Jesus in such a way is a real gift. Balancing youth faith life, social life, school life, and family life can be hard; but as you continue to grow in this faith-filled community, you'll find your faith becomes a very big part of your life. I welcome you to make an effort to become more involved in the youth aspects of our parish and begin your faith-filled journey. -Anna

Youth Ministry Interest Table

Who: All 7th graders, 8th graders, and high school students are welcome!

When: April 3 after 11AM mass during the OLS coffee/donut fellowship

Where: In OLS Cafeteria – look for the table with Mary Kabbaz and Anna Paulus (we will also have a sign on the table!)

What: Join us – grab a donut, play a game with some fellow teens, and learn more about youth ministry! We will discuss fellowship activities, spiritual activities, and general information about the OLS youth ministry. Current Youth Ministry teens and new teens interested in joining are welcome!

Please contact Mary Kabbaz at mary-margaret21@swbell.net with questions or for more information.

Springtime craft (see picture) on April 7 at 6:30pm in the Schuermann/Stolte rooms. Each participant will choose from four different colors and four stencils. A variety of ribbon will be available. All supplies will be provided. Each item will be a unique design.



Cost is \$25 and payment needs to be received **by April 3rd**. If paying by check, please make it out to "Our Lady of Sorrows."

Call Ev at 314-352-2091 for more information on how to drop off payment.



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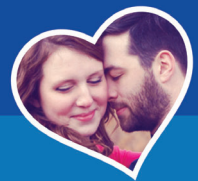


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