

Grief Support Meeting

The OLV Grief Support Group will be meeting on Mondays, Sept. 10, and Sept. 17 from 6-8PM, in the Parish Office Conference Room. A light supper is provided at the start of the meetings. This fall the group will be discussing the book, [Grieving: A Beginner's Guide](#), that will be provided for participants. Anyone who has experienced the recent death of a loved one is invited to come. Talking with Sister Madeline before attending the group will help with orientation. Call Sister at 991-5488, ext. 47, or e-mail scontorno@olvsch.com.

Prayer for Peace on Sept. 11



All are invited to come to the church for a special prayer service at 8 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 11. The service will commemorate those who died on Sept. 11, 2001, and offer prayer for peace between all nations and communities of faith.

Welcome Grandparents

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School welcomes all grandparents who visited our school on Friday, September 7th. Second grade students welcomed grandparents for a day of activities, including lunch and grandparent show-and-tell. Grandparents also shared recipes and were interviewed by their grandchildren. Thank you to all grandparents who shared their day with us. Happy Grandparents Day!

C.C.D. Registration

Classes begin on Sunday Sept. 9th at 9:45 a.m. Due to the tremendous number of students attending our program we ask that you not bring your child to class before registering them. Late registration will take place after the parent meeting on Sunday the 9th in the gym.



Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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If one of you decides to build a tower... LK.14:28

First Reading: Wisdom 9, 13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10.12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave.

Gospel: Luke 14, 25- 33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

Vocation Views

Having a loose grasp on those people and things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled to overflowing by God. Can you let go? *Serra Club*

OLV Marriage Enrichment Program

Plan a "date night" for you and your spouse. Join you friends and make new friends at the Marriage Enrichment Sessions being offered on Thursday nights from 6:45 to 8:30 PM. Child care & refreshments provided. Plan to join us for an evening of adult fun and enrichment.

Sept. 13th - Thursday at 6:45 PM Dr. Josh Klapow a clinical psychologist who teaches and practices at UAB, will offer a seminar on the subject of Keeping that Lovin' Feeling. You may recognize him as a regular guest on the Rob & Shannon radio program every Monday morning. He will be joined by his wife, Dr. Julie McDonald, also a clinical psychologist who has been in practice in Birmingham for over 10 years, Please don't miss this opportunity to hear from these two highly skilled experts in the field of human relationships.

Sept. 27th - Money Talks...Do We?: *The role of money in marriage*. Presenters are Dr. Robert Scott and his wife Colette.

Oct. 18th - Family Values and Materialism - *Christian values in a materialistic world*. Our presents are George and Polly Stewart.

Nov. 8 - Marriage and Children - *Hold on...it's going to be a bumpy ride*. No speaker in this session, just lots of fun and enrichment. Questions, please call Deacon Bob (663-9368) or Peggy DeBlanc (991-5488 ext .3).

Youth Protection Class

Attention all Teachers and Helpers, Our Lady of the Valley School, and C.C.D. Babysitters, Parent Volunteers, Coaches and anyone needing to be certified for working with or supervising the Children of Our Lady of the Valley. Mr. Don Schwarzhoff the director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Birmingham will be presenting the Youth Protection 1 program in the Parish Center on Tuesday evening, September 25th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. If you would like to attend this meeting, please call and register with the Church office before Sept. 15th. 991-5488.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

The next weekend is Sept. 14-16 at the 4 Points Sheraton Hotel at the Huntsville Airport. For information or to register, call (256)882-2430 or visit our web site at <http://www.wvmealabama.org>

Organizations and Leaders

Altar Servers	Deacon Bob Martin	663-9368
Altar Sodality	Joanna Ferretti	991-5369
Athletic Director	John Hobbs	879-3332
Baptismal Prep.	Andrea Lentine	664-3749
	Jennifer Brunner	408-5979
Beginning Experience	Kurt Hertrich	403-2900
Bereavement	Tutti Lauzon	991-9971
Burse Club	Sharon Smart	991-8346
Children's Liturgy of the Word		
	Patricia Gissel (8:30 am)	981-9281
	Linda Ambrose (11 am.)	995-9299
Event Coordinator	Cindy Huesman	527-0208
Finance Council Chair	Tim Dunleavy	995-1299
Facilities Task Force	B. J. Heard	991-6866
Facilities Co-Ord.	Mike Bridges	991-5963
Forty Hours Devotion	Dawn Ludwig	408-9227
Habitat For Humanity	Bob Wombwell	437-9644
	Jim Christensen	621-2815
Hilltoppers-Senior' s Gp.	Tom Vogt	408-0168
Knights of Columbus	Jeff Kendall	664-3048
Ladies Auxiliary K.C.	Jennifer Brunner	408-5979
Liturgical Ministers	Peggy DeBlanc	991-5488
Ministry to Shut-ins	Claudette Gentle	988-3158
Nursery (Sunday)	Lucille Nicks	995-2330
Pastoral Council Pres	Tom Vogt	408-0168
Prayer Chain	Kirk Sanford	678-2042
Rosary Makers	Ellen Edmonds	991-7736
Oak Mountain Ministries	Wayne Naccari	995-9865
OLV School Advisory	B. J. Heard	991-6866
OLV School PTO Pres.	Trish Hinshaw	991-2747
OLV Soccer Club	Todd & Ann Edwards	980-0964
Scouting: Cub Scouts	John Barth	408-9879
Boy Scouts	Bob Douglas	620-0443
Girl Scouts	Kay Stamba	368-3138
Social Events	Sally Springrose	991-8870
Youth Ministry		
	W.L.N.G.S. (3,4,5,)	Marcelle Alexander 408-0682
	R.O.C.K. (6,7,8)	Katherine Dease 281-3239
	C.Y.O. (High School)	Jason & Denise Shaw 790-2874

Ministry Schedule - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SERVICE

September 15, 2007
5:30 PM Saturday

Altar Server	S2
Freeman, Katie Ann	S-Cross B
Kendall, Matthew	S3
Portante, Tony	
Cup	
Allarde, Jean	C-Head1
Blair, Debbie	C4
Contorno, Sr. Madeline	C3
Marks, Keith	C6
Sanford, Kirk	C5
Whitaker, Chris	C-Head2
Greeter	
Henderson, Bernice	Greeter2
Marino, Anita	Greeter1
Nadler, Linda	Greeter3
Host	
Buczek, Ed	H-Head2
Burgess, Robert	H3
Carlisle, Edwina	H4
Marino, Sara	H-Head1
Whitaker, Dan	H5
Lector	
Baldone, James	L2
Stauss, Erin	L1
Mass Coordinator	
Marino, Sara	Mass
Usher	
	Usher1
	Usher2
Carlisle, Michael	Usher3
DiChiara, Steve	Usher4
Farr, Malcolm	Usher5
Hebert, Frank	Usher6
Hooper, Sam	Usher7

SERVICE

September 16, 2007
8:30 AM Sunday

Altar Server	S-Cross B
Douglas, Greg	S2
Douglas, Kate	S3
Martin, Matthew	
Cup	
Alessio, Bud	C-Head2
Cameron, Mary Rose	C5
DelBueno, Arlene	C3
Dixon, Dawn	C6
Herges, Jeanette	C-Head1
Zajic, Pam	C4
Greeter	
Estep, T.	Greeter3
Murphy, G.	Greeter1
Sperando, Elise	Greeter2
Host	
Deacon Dan	H5
Ferretti, JoAnna	H-Head2
Herges, Steve	H-Head1
Otto, Pat	H3
Skrodzki, Nancy	H4
Lector	
Brunner, J	L1
Edwards, Todd	L2
Mass Coordinator	
Herges, Steve & Jeanette	Mass
Usher	
	Usher1
	Usher5
Alessio, B.	Usher2
Benik, Bruce	Usher3
Carroll, John	Usher4
Harkins, Thad	Usher6
Kampman, Kevin	Usher7

SERVICE

September 16, 2007
11:00 AM Sunday

Altar Server	S3
Brown, Jason	S-Cross B
LeBeau, Madeline	S2
Schilleci, Blake	S2
Cup	
Barth, Cindy	C5
DeCastr, Anne	C6
Elward, Chris	C-Head1
Handley, Margie	C3
Long, Krista	C4
Smith, Kathy	C-Head2
Greeter	
Cole, Barbara	Greeter2
Miller, Vicki	Greeter1
Shores, Bill	Greeter3
Host	
Allers, Nanette	H-Head2
Barth, John	H4
Ciza, John	H3
Elward, Mary Lou	H5
Lanzi, Lynn	H-Head1
Lector	
Ford, Kristie	L1
Long, R.	L2
Mass Coordinator	
Lanzi, Lynn	Mass
Usher	
	Usher5
	Usher7
Antonio, John	Usher6
Frei, Brian	Usher1
Miller, A.	Usher2
Romano, J.	Usher3
Schmidt, Carroll	Usher4

Please get a sub if you are unable to attend.

Welcome

If you attend Our Lady of the Valley on a regular basis and have not registered with the Parish,

we invite you to do so. Complete the following information and drop it in the offertory basket. A formal registration card will be mailed to you. (Please check (X) appropriate area!)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE # _____

NEW PARISHIONER _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS _____

Clergy/Religious Appreciation Dinner

The K.C.'s and the Serra Missionaries are sponsoring the 11 Annual dinner Friday, Sept. 21, at 6:30 PM, at the OLV Social Hall. All members of the Clergy and Religious in the Diocese have been invited. Tickets are \$15.00 each, and reservations are requested. Send your check ("Serra Club of Birmingham - Clergy Dinner") to: Mrs. Polly Rookis, Treasurer 5012 7th Avenue South Birmingham AL 35212. Your check is your reservation. Deadline for reservations is Friday, Sept. 14. or make reservations by calling Tim Hess, at 991-5301, or e-mail: hess5301@bellsouth.net by Sept. 14, then pay at the door.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., Sept, 10	7:45am-	† Samuel Baldone
Tues., Sept. 11	7:45am-	† Greg Hintz
Wed., Sept. 12	7:00pm-	† Souls in Purgatory
Thurs., Sept. 13	7:45am -	† Sherry LaCoste
Fri., Sept. 14	8:15am-	† Annabel Crall
Sat., Sept. 15	5:30pm -	† Mefalda Long
Sun., Sept. 16	7:00am.-	† Dorothee Deschamps
	8:30am -	† Pete Campisi
	11:00am.-	Parishioners

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?



You may have been coming to church for a long time with a family member or friend, but you never thought that becoming Catholic was the thing to do.

Perhaps you're still not certain that doing so is what God is calling you to, but you would like to learn more so that at least you have a better understanding of the Catholic way of life and traditions. Then the RCIA process is for you.

Do you fall into one of the categories listed below?

- Never been baptized.
- Baptized into another Christian tradition.
- Baptized Catholic but have not celebrated the other Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and/or First Eucharist)

If you recognize yourself in one of the above categories and if you are wondering if the Catholic Church is what God has in mind for you, then perhaps it is time for you to take the next step by becoming a part of this year's RCIA!

Taking this step-even if the step involved is just for more information-is not easy. Maybe you're a little nervous-or just plain scared. Let us reassure you: No one associated with the RCIA will ever pressure you. Taking part in the RCIA process *carries absolutely no obligation* to join the Church, receive the sacraments, or make any other commitment. Those decisions are highly personal ones, made only after careful study, reflection, and prayer. So, what now? If you would like to know more about the RCIA, call Peggy DeBlanc, Director, at 991-5488 ext. 3. Sessions begin Tuesday, September 11.

Spring Hill College

Adult theology program on Christian Initiation, (graduate, undergraduate, audit) - 6 Saturdays: 9/8 -11/10; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Diocesan Offices. Dr. Steve B. Wilson, an Associate Professor of Theology at Spring Hill College will give the course. For more information, call 838-8300 or e-mail theologybirmingham@shc.edu.

Please Mark Your Calendars

September 15-16

Stewardship Weekend

September 22-23

Catholic Charities Weekend

October 14

OLV Parish Picnic

<i>Collections</i>	<i>Last Week</i>	<i>Year To Date</i>
Offertory	\$ 16,306.84	\$ 171,416.50
Building Fund	\$ 10,115.84	\$ 96,198.00
Total	\$ 26,422.68	\$ 267,614.50



Youth Information

WINGS (3,4,5 grades)

On Sept. 9th at 3 pm we will

kick off the new year with a Scavenger Hunt and Make Your Own Sundae Feast. Wings is a program will be held monthly throughout the school year with fun activities and learning experiences that will allow you to make new friends while learning about our faith. Come and join our kick off where we will plan activities for the 07-08 school year. Parents are also welcome to stay and if interested we definitely have room for more adult volunteers. For information please call Marcalee Alexander at 408-0682.

ROCK (6,7,8grades) is ramped up and ready to Roll! Our first meeting is Sept. 16 from 2-4pm. in the Parish Center and in the CYO room (off of the gym). We will begin with an exciting Digital Scavenger Hunt and ice cream social. We will also spend sometime brainstorming on what you want ROCK to do this year. We will end with a hilarious slide show of the pictures taken during the scavenger hunt. Don't miss the opportunity to plan your year!

CYO (9,10,11,12 grades). Next meeting is September 12th in the Youth Room from 7:30 till 9:00 for Dialogue.

Christian Meditation Group

Anyone interested in the practice of Christian Meditation may join Fr. Palmer in the chapel on Sundays from 6 PM to 7 PM. The format includes a introductory talk, 25 minutes of silent meditation. After meditating, there will be an opportunity for discussion and/or questions. We will resume the Sunday on Sept. 9th

Rosary Makers Meeting

The Rosary Makers will meet today -3:00PM in the Knight's Room. New members are welcome. For new members, please call Ellen Edmonds at 991-7736 so that supplies can be provided.

September Theology on Tap Program



Do you hunger for peace in the world and wonder how it might begin with you? Please join us on September 11 from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Parish

Conference Room to hear our speaker, Shelley Douglas, from St. Mary's Catholic Worker House in Ensley. She will speak about "Pax Christi International," a movement begun in the ashes of World War II as a Catholic voice for peace and reconciliation. This movement strongly affirms the need for people of all faiths and good will to work together for peace, justice, and the integrity of creation. In conjunction with her talk, there will be a "Prayer for Peace" held in the Church from 8:00-8:30 PM to commemorate the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. All are invited for the talk and/or the Prayer for Peace. Food, beverages, and childcare will be provided! The \$5 registration fee will be donated to Mary's House. Theology on Tap is for young adults, married or single, ages 21-40's. The monthly gatherings are wonderful opportunities to grow in faith and have a good time. To register, e-mail at: theologyontap@olvsch.com.

Altar Sodality

The Altar Sodality invites all ladies of the Parish to join us as we begin the 2007-2008 calendar year. For information, call Joanna Ferretti at 991-5369.

Night Meeting/Bunco: Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Social Hall (Room C). For information, call Mary Barton at 664-1663.

Mom's Night Out

Dinner at Iguana located on Lorna Rd in Hoover Wednesday September 12th at 6:30pm
Call Michelle Myers if you can join us 612-7891 or michelletmyers@bellsouth.net

Congratulations to T. J. Smith

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome into our faith community Thomas O'Brien Smith, Jr., the son of Thomas Smith. T. J. also received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Music Ministry News



Adult/Teen Choir Rehearsal
Sept. 12 rehearsal.-7:00-9:00 pm.
Information call Theresa -991-5488 ext. 4)

Join the OLV Children/Intermediate Parish Choir

Our first rehearsal is September 12th from 3:30 to 4:30 in the church. All children from 2nd - 8th grades, are welcome and encouraged to join. Important dates :Sat./Sun, Sept. 8th and 9th after each Mass - Registration for Children/Intermediate Choir in the vestibule of the church.
September 12th - 3:30 - 4:30 pm - First Rehearsal in the Church With Pizza Party After. RSVP Theresa by Mon., Sept.10th, if you plan to attend (991-5488 Ext. 4 or tltpiano@olvsch.com)
Sun., Sept. 30th – 11:00 am Mass - First Mass to sing together for this year. Be at church promptly at 10:30 am. CCD students have permission leave class early. Parents, escort your children from CCD.

Oak Mountain Missions

Help us provide food, clothing, furniture, bedding, and other items to the poor in our area; including members of our own parish. We are looking for workers: (1) To sort clothing, attend to needy who come, unpack and pack trucks bringing in items or taking them to the needy (2). Become part of the OLV "Three Men and a Truck" teams, who deliver and pick up furniture on two Saturday mornings each month. Call our church OMM Coordinator, Wayne Naccari, at 995-9865.

Stewardship Sunday

The annual Stewardship weekend will be next weekend, September 15-16. The annual parish financial report is in the bulletin this weekend. We are grateful for your past support of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, and we hope for your continued generosity.

Burse Club - Seminarian Fund

Burse Club supports the education formation of men studying for the priesthood. Donations go directly to help seminarians defray the expenses of their religious education. The Altar Sodality helps coordinate the monthly collection and appreciates your support. For information, call Sharon Smart at 991-8346.

Support Our Troops



The Altar Sodality would like to express our continued thanks to the parishioners for your continued support of this program. Through your generosity, we are able to send care packages to the servicemen and women serving overseas. We extend sincere gratitude on behalf of the military and their families. We have received many thank you's, both written and verbal, expressing their deepest gratitude. Thank you for allowing us to brighten their stay by sending the packages on behalf of the parish. **September collection is: September, 15 & 16**
OUR CURRENT ACTIVE LIST INCLUDE:
*Joseph Adams Jeremy Barton Jeff Carlisle
Michael Carrigan Douglas Evans Peter Hepp
Mark Lemley Robert Lipovsky Fabian Resendez
Michael Rosato Max Ward*
Please join us in welcoming home Kirk Slaughter!
If you have a question or would like to add a name to our list, please call Elaine Giroux - 663-4140 or Toni Ciccone - 620-3430 May God Bless you for all your continued support and prayers!

Beginning Experience

September 21/23 at Sacred Heart Convent in Cullman. For information call 969-8509 leave your name and telephone number. We will not leave a message unless you tell us it is OK to do so or call Kurt Hertrich, an OL V parishioner, 403-2900.

Hilltopper's Meeting

The Hilltoppers (55 and older) meet the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Social Hall. The next meeting will be September 13. Mass is at 12 noon followed by lunch at 1L00pm. All are invited.

A Reflection Day

A Reflection Day with the Music and Prayer of Taize' September 29, 2007 - 9:30am – 4:00pm - **Sacred Heart Monastery** 916 Convent Road - Cullman, AL. 35055 Join us as we gather for a day of prayer, silence, and reflection with the meditative music of the Taize' Community. Included will be brief presentations on the history and spirituality of the ecumenical community of Taize'. Fee: \$30.00 includes Lunch To register call: **256-734-8302**