

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

The Gospel today talks about going from darkness into the light.

Here in Alaska we go from dark winters to light summers. We also go from dark to light spiritually.

Saint Paul says, "You were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord."

Many of us have experienced going from darkness into the light; you just may not see it that way.

Dark and light is a constant theme in our daily lives. Dark and light are like sin and forgiveness; suffering and being healed; going from despair to hope; Cross-and-Resurrection.

At birth, we physically come from darkness into light. We go from darkness to light during conversion.

Each transition from darkness into the light gives us opportunities to grow in faith and holiness. Each transition is about our salvation.

Baptism is coming from darkness into the light. We are all born into darkness; what gives us life is Baptism?

In Acts, St. Paul says to the jailer, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and your household will be saved." Then the jailer's family was baptized."

We were once blind. The Lord gave us light when we were baptized. About Baptism, Saint Augustine says, "The light shines on us now, for we have had our eyes anointed with the eye-salve of faith."

Being confirmed into the Catholic Church is another faith step. This transitional step brings us closer to the light. It makes us shine brighter. It enables us to use the Holy Spirit to help evangelize others. Confirmation gives us direction and helps bring peace to our lives.

The fasting, prayer, and almsgiving during Lent are designed to help us uncover the darkness that we hadn't noticed creeping into our lives.

Today after Eucharist, as we go forth to our families, neighborhoods, and places of work, let's seek out Jesus. Let's notice people in need and help bring them from darkness into light.

Let Easter be a time when you take another faith step and shine a little brighter .

STEWARDSHIP

March 11,2012	\$5,487.15
Last Year	\$7,480.19
Property Improvement	\$95.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Mar.19

2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday Mar.20

Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Mar.21

Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Mar.22

Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday Mar.23

Wis 2:1a,12-22 Ps 34:17-21,23 Jn 7:1-+2,10,25-30

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Mar. 17
5:00pm	+ Michael & Margaret Lajscak
Sunday	Mar. 18
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	+ David Adkins
Monday	Mar. 19
9:00 am	+ Annie Ruder
Tuesday	Mar. 20
9:00am	
Wednesday	Mar. 21
9:00am	
Thursday	Mar. 22
9:00am	
Friday	Mar.23
9:00am	



FAITH FORMATION

PRESCHOOL — HIGH SCHOOL

No classes over Spring Break—
March 11 and March 18.

Classes resume March 25.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Nights are Wednesdays in
the Old Church at 7pm; 9th-12
graders are welcome for faith, food,
fun, and friends!!

1st EUCHARIST

Class on Mar 24 will meet for only 1
hour from 3-4pm in the old church.

CONFIRMATION 2012 & 2013

Confirmation will be celebrated on
Saturday, March 24 at 5pm.

WELCOME CHILD OF GOD
IN BAPTISM

Sophia Lynn Gunnell
on March 11, 2012

ADULT CONFIRMATION

The final class for adults Confirma-
tion meets at 1pm on March 18 in
the Church. Confirmation is March
24 at 5pm with Archbishop
Schwietz.

VENTURING CREW

VENTURING is for young adults
9th grade —21 years old. Please
send a note to
matsuadventure@hotmail.com

Mar 24—Snow machining & Dog
Sled Trip

April 7— Anc Rock Gym 9--Noon

SPECIAL COLLECTION

March 17-18, 2012

Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Ser-
vices, Church in Latin America, &
Church in Africa. .

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary Acies will be on
March 24 at 1pm at the Cathedral.
Call Dot Maslyk at 376-0804

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OLV registration is open and Fall
2012 registrations are available.

Students of the Month

Annika Myhre, Hans Beer
Emily France, Alicia Binachi

OLV you tube

This informative video about our
school can be found under "Our
Lady of the Valley Catholic School
Wasilla"

April 14 Annual Gala

1 month until the Auction!!

We encourage more Corporate ta-
bles, auction donations, and volun-
teers. Contact Chairs Beverly & Gil
at aution@valleycatholicsschool.org
or call 376-3434

Consider donating a themed bas-
ket: teddy bears, wines, coffees,
chocolates, gardening, puppy/kitty,
hunting/fishing, picnic, etc.
907.376.0883

COMING EVENTS

March

- 18 No Sunday School—Spring Break
Adult Confirmation Class III 1pm
Debra Lighthart Rosary
Blood Drive sign-up
- 19 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 21 Lent Reconciliation Service 7pm
- 22 Rosary 7pm
- 24 1st Eucharist Class 3 3-4:00pm* Old Church
Confirmation Mass Adults & Teen 5pm
- 25 Blood Drive—Knights of Columbus

BLOOD DRIVE—March 25

The Knights are coordinating the Blood Drive. Sign-
ups are available for 2 weeks after every mass. Please
join the Knights to provide the gift of life to our commu-
nity.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

In today's scriptures, we hear how the Israelites re-
peatedly break their covenant with God, and yet God
continues to respond with merciful and abiding love.
Our response to God's grace must be apparent in our
works. This week through Operation Rice Bowl, we
learn about our brothers and sisters in Zambia, who
are unable to enter the marketplace and earn a living.
We pray for all who struggle to find work, and we fast
for those who cannot afford to feed their families. We
give so that CRS can help marginalized people obtain
loans in order to save money, start small businesses
and work toward a brighter future.

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:
All kinds of pasta
Beans—canned (not green)
rice, flour, sugar,
grocery bags

357-3769

GIFT BOXES FOR DEPLOYED SOLDIERS

Patty Haugom's team from St. Michael's Parish, with the
help of a generous grant from Bishop's Attic, is assembling
gift boxes for soldiers. Please call her with the name and
address of your soldier by March 18.

Boxes will be shipped March 30. Patty can be contacted at
746-4160

