

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Have you ever been literally lifted up? My dad used to put me on his shoulders and carry me around. My nephews love it when I toss them up in the air. Did your husband lift you up and carry you over the threshold? Being lifted up can be thrilling, invigorating, and enlivening.

The readings today are about being lifted up. In the first reading Ezekiel lifts up or raises the people from their graves. In Romans, Paul speaks of the spirit raising Jesus from the dead. Similarly in the Gospel, Lazarus is raised-up from the dead. Jesus lifts us up. Because Jesus died and was raised up, we too die with Jesus and are raised up.

In life things do not always go perfectly according to plan. I have come to believe that living a full and happy life consists of many things. It consists of the up and downs, good times and bad, the easy and difficult, and the predictable and unpredictable.

I have to admit though that the most fulfilling times in my life come when Jesus lifts me up. For example: when I broke my ankle a couple years ago, people sent me cards and visited me; when we baptize an infant into our community and we put a cross on his/her forehead; when our church raises money for the food bank; when lots of people show up for Mass; when a lost soul comes into our office, asks for help, and we turn that life around.

Other fulfilling times in my life are when, through God's help, I lift up someone else. For example: when I pray for a person's health and they get better; when I am able to absolve someone of their sins; when I invite someone to church and they show up. During these times, I have the sensation of being lifted off the ground.

Being raised up is an important part of our Catholic tradition. Just as Jesus was raised up to heaven, so too will we be raised up.

During the Eucharist today, I want you to pay close attention to the signs of being lifted up. Pay attention to the image of suffering, death, and resurrection. The sacred host of the Body of Christ is lifted up. The chalice of the precious blood is lifted up. My arms are lifted up in prayer.

STEWARDSHIP

March 18,2012	\$6,943.69
Last Year	\$8,578.95
Peter's Pence	\$970.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Mar.26

Is 7:10-14;8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Mar.27

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

Wednesday Mar.28

Dn 3:14-20,91-92 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday Mar.29

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

Friday Mar.30

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Mar.24
5:00pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	Mar.25
9:00am	
11:30am	+ Dorthea Adkins
Monday	Mar.26
9:00 am	
Tuesday	Mar.27
9:00am	+ Doug Molepske
Wednesday	Mar.28
9:00am	
Thursday	Mar.29
9:00am	Intention of David Melland
Friday	Mar.30
9:00am	



FAITH FORMATION

PRESCHOOL — HIGH SCHOOL

Classes resume March 25.
April 1st is our Food Pantry Outreach for Holy Week.

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.30 is our special movie night from 6-8pm in the St. Jude center. Students will also meet on Saturday, March 31 at 3pm in the old church.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students will meet in the Social Hall to make sandwiches for the Br. Francis Shelter. Bread, peanut butter, and jam are needed.

CONFIRMATION 2012 & 2013

Congratulations to all the newly confirmed adults and teens at Sacred Heart. Students from both classes will host Stations & Soup on March 30. A lock-in for both classes follows.

**SACRED HEART PARISH
VENTUING CREW**

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

April 7— Anc Rock Gym 9--Noon

**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
Menard Sports Complex**

Doors open at 5:30pm with a champagne reception, followed by prime rib, fabulous dessert bar, beer & wine cash bar, heads & tails game, silent & live auction. \$50/person. Corporate tables are still available as well as advertising. Tickets available after Masses, the parish office, and at the school. Beer & wine donations are needed.

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WELCOME CHILD OF GOD
IN BAPTISM
Claire Loretta Michaud
on March 18, 2012

COMING EVENTS

March

- 24 Confirmation 5pm
- 25 Blood Drive—Knights of Columbus
- 26 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 29 Rosary 7pm
- 30 1st Eucharist Movie night 6-8pm
Stations & Soup 7pm Confirmation hosting
- 30-31 Confirmation Lock-in
- 30 1st Eucharist 4 3-4:30pm Old Church

April

- 1 Palm Sunday—Holy Week begins
Sandwiches for Br. Francis Shelter Mdl School
- 5 Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper—5:30pm
- 6 Good Friday Stations—Noon
Friday of the Passion of the Lord—5:30pm
- 6 Easter Vigil—7pm
- 7 Easter 9am & 11:30am

OPERATION RICE BOWL

In today's scriptures, we hear how the Israelites repeatedly 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

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BLOOD DRIVE—March 25

The Knights are coordinating the Blood Drive. Please join the Knights to provide the gift of life to our community.

2013 CONFIRMATION CLASS FUNDRAISER

Fr. Scott has just given the 2013 Confirmation class the opportunity to do a week long service retreat this summer. Since it is based in Dillingham, the teens have to raise funds in a short time to cover food and transportation. Please support them in their efforts or by placing a donation in the collection basket - with a note that it is for their retreat. Thank you.