

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

In the gospel, Jesus says, "Peace be with you." A rose wheel represents peace. One famous Rose Window in Paris is known as the Wheel of Fortune. The Wheel of Fortune shows a circle with a King at the top. The top says, "I am reigning." Off to the right side shows the king losing his crown with the words "I have reigned." The bottom of the wheel says, "I have lost everything." The left side says, "I shall reign again."

What the wheel shows is that life is a continual circle of being on top, dropping to the bottom, and then fighting your way back to the top again. Scary, isn't it? For example, drinking then recovery; over spending then getting out of debt; getting a raise, then getting fired.

But right in the middle of the Wheel is a picture of Christ. The soul becomes peaceful and beautiful with Christ as the center.

God made all humans so we all start out with Christ as our center. We are hotwired to Christ. Unfortunately, other things become our center like drugs, pornography, selfishness, and materialism. When this happens our soul is not in harmony with Christ. We are not at peace.

When a soul loses Christ as center, it becomes scattered. A scattered soul follows this idea, that idea, this guru, that guru, this impulse, that impulse. The word Diablo or Devil means to scatter or to break apart.

When we are on that outer rim of the wheel of fortune, we are scattered and unfocused. When materialism and greed is our center, we go around and around, always striving to get back on top. We are never at peace.

With Jesus as center, we can find peace. Those who have Jesus as center can let themselves be detached from the world. The center of a wheel does not change. It stays anchored. A person with Jesus as the center can be involved but detached from the Wheel of Fortune. We are able to weather the ups and downs of life. We are focused. We are not scattered. We are anchored firmly in place. As the Wheel turns, we stay calm and peaceful.

Remember when Jesus is asleep in the boat. Peter was afraid and scared. Jesus quieted and calmed the sea. Saint Augustine said this story is about our lives. Saint Augustine said, "Christ asleep in the boat is the Christ that you allowed to go to sleep in you. As you are about the many things, the being scattered, you have allowed your link to the center to be lost. When Jesus is asleep, of course you are lost, you are flailing about. Augustine says, "Wake him up!"

Theresa of Avila was alive in the times of great castles. Castles were a place of safety. She believed "for all of us, in the mist of life's challenges, there is a place of safety and power. It is the rootedness in Jesus Christ. One just has to find the Key to open the door."

Jesus as center is a place of safety in the storm. Jesus as center is a place we can go and be safe from anything the world can throw at us. Find that key to the castle door. Wake Jesus up. "May the Peace of Christ be with you all"

STEWARDSHIP

April 15, 2012	\$7,549.55
Last Year	\$9,309.65

Daily Mass Readings

Monday April 23

Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24,26-27 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday April 24

Acts 7:51-8a Ps 31:3cd-4,6ab Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday April 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17 Mk 16:15-20

Thursday April 26

Acts 8:26-40 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 6:44-51

Friday April 27

Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday		April 21	+ Michael & Margaret Lajcsak
	5:00pm		
Sunday		April 22	People of the Parish
	9:00am		+ Audrey Brewer
	11:30am		
Monday		April 23	
	9:00am		
Tuesday		April 24	
	9:00am		
Wednesday		April 25	Prayers for Chris Heiserman
	9:00am		
Thursday		April 26	
	9:00am		
Friday		April 27	Intentions of Michael Melland
	9:00am		



FAITH FORMATION

PRESCHOOL — HIGH SCHOOL

Classes will resume in the fall.

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

Congratulations to all our students who are celebrating 1st Eucharist this spring. Their parents and catechists have done a wonderful job preparing them for this day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students and families are invited to continue making sandwiches for the Br. Francis Shelter on the 1st Sunday of the each month during the summer.

ONE BREAD ONE BODY

Watch for a letter from Archbishop Schwietz about this year's *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal.

This is an opportunity to share your God-given gift of treasure to support the ministries that serve children and adults throughout our local Church. Please prayerfully consider this request for your participation and support. If you have questions about the annual appeal, please call the Office of Stewardship & Development, 297-



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

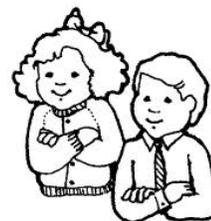
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OLV registration is open and Fall 2012 registrations are available.

Students of the Month

Gunnar Kelley Hannah Beer
Jake Waterhouse Chelsea Hogge

Thank you all to the parishioners, families, and friends of Our Lady of the Valley School who supported our Dinner Auction Gala night!! We had a lot of fun and Charlie Sokaitis and Dan Belanger added to our fun as auctioneers. We are already looking forward to next year's fun and support.



COMING EVENTS

April

29 1st Eucharist Celebration 11:30am

May

13 Mother's Day
20 Baccalaureate Mass for all Graduates



VENTURING CREW

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



FOOD PANTRY

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

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2013 CONFIRMATION CLASS FUNDRAISER

I am coordinating a week long service retreat this summer in Dillingham for the 2013 Confirmation class. The teens have to raise funds in a short time to cover food and transportation. This will be a great opportunity for our youth to reach out to one of our Alaskan communities to learn and serve. Please consider placing a donation in the basket for our trip or helping with Alaska Air miles. Thank you. —Fr. Scott