

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Jesus said, "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does bear fruit he prunes so that it bears more fruit. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither."

This is not a "shape up or ship out" gospel, but a Gospel that portrays the tender and patient love people should have for each other.

A vinedresser is a person who cleans up the vines in a vineyard. This is how the vinedresser works and thinks.

The care that the vinedresser pays to each vine is extraordinary. He or she carefully inspects the branch and is not violent but tender and gentle.

A very small amount of rot or decay is cut off. This will enable the vine to be healthier and more productive.

An experienced vinedresser knows exactly how much of the vine to cut off. Just enough is cut so the vine does not lose its distinctive character.

Every cut is measured and only the diseased branch is pruned so as to bring about greater growth for the entire vine, which in turn will provide a bigger yield for the vineyard.

The Gospel message can also be an example of how a mother can relate to her children. As children learn, they start to fall from the vine. As Mother's and parents, Christ is calling us to a limited surgical intervention. Jesus offers us a patient, tender, and loving approach to helping our children grow.

This gospel is also about tough love, which is basically amputation...cutting the branch completely off.

Helping someone through a drug problem, anger problem, or any problem, involves a commitment of care, of patience, and of kindness.

Sometimes love can be an amputation. Tough love, for example, is letting a loved one spend some time in prison, not letting them drive your children around, or not lending them money. But first, Jesus asks for that trimming, which consists of persistence, prayer, patience and compassion.

The message today is to hang in there with each other. Don't jump to conclusions until the branch has been tenderly trimmed. Then if necessary, after every other road has been traveled, know that you have done everything in your power, and think about tough love .

STEWARDSHIP

April 29, 2012	\$5,991.25
Last Year	\$6,878.80

Daily Mass Readings

Monday May 7

Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-5,15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday May 8

Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab,21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday May 9

Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday May 10

Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3,10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday May 11

Acts 15:22-31 Ps 96:1-3,10 Jn 15:12-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

9:00am

11:30am

Monday

9:00am

Tuesday

9:00am

Wednesday

9:00am

Thursday

9:00am

Friday

9:00am

May 5

+ Olga DeKreon

May 6

+ Ruby Reitze

For the People of the Parish

May 7

May 8

May 9

May 10

May 11



FAITH FORMATION

PRESCHOOL — HIGH SCHOOL

Classes will resume in the fall.

YOUTH MINISTRY

9-12 grade

The last Youth Nights for the school year was this Wednesday. Please join us in the fall of 2012. All are welcome for faith, food, fun, and friends!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students and families are invited to continue making sandwiches for the Br. Francis Shelter on the 1st Sunday of the each month between the 9 & 11:30 am masses.

Ministry Schedule



ONE BREAD ONE BODY

We are called to share our faith traditions with young, old, other cultures, and those in need. As a disciple of Jesus, you have an opportunity to love your fellow Catholics and people in need through the ministries of your local Church:

- Opportunities for Catholics to explore, develop and practice their faith
- Opportunities for faith formation young and old for all cultures
- Support for ministry and worship in rural and remote parishes and missions
- Support for quality K-12 Catholic education, and funding for vocations and seminarian education

Please prayerfully consider sharing your gift of treasure with these ministries through the annual appeal today and support parishes and missions in rural and remote communities!

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OLV is now enrolling for the 2012-2013 school year in grades K-8. Please stop at the school Mon-Fri 8-4pm at 260 E. Nelson Ave in Wasilla or call 376-0883 for information. Registration packets are also available at parish offices.

Our Auction Gala made more money this year than any of the previous auctions and we have the support of our parishioners, friends, and families to thank for this wonderful return. We had a lot of fun and Charlie Sokaitis, Dan Belanger, and Fr. Wiseman added to our fun as auctioneers. We are already looking forward to next year's fun and support.



COMING EVENTS

May

- 7 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
 - 8 Office closed
 - 10 Rosary 7pm
 - 13 Mother's Day
 - 19 Why Catholic Workshop 10am-2pm
 - Annual Sacred Heart Plant Sale
 - 20 Baccalaureate Mass 11:30am
- High school & college graduates are asked to add their names to the list in the atrium.



VENTURING CREW

Venture crew - a coed group of teens and young adults looking for outdoor excitement - meets the first Monday of the month at 7 pm in the old church. Rock climbing and the atlatl throwing trips went great. Next adventure - kayaking or canoeing from Cottonwood to Wasilla Lake, but you folks decide. Call Ed at 357-7029 if you want more information or come to the meeting!

KNIGHTS PARISH GARDEN BOXES

The Knights have garden boxes available to families for planting vegetables to supply the Wasilla Food Pantry. This is a great summer project. Please contact the office or the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.



FOOD PANTRY

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

357-3769



FUNERAL PREPARATION — May 15 6:30pm

Glenn Steiner, CFSP, from Alaskan Heritage will host an information evening for families regarding funeral planning. He will discuss funeral home services both in and out of state. Mr. Steiner has extensive experience and can answer questions and provide guidance. Dave Belanger of Sacred Heart Cemetery will provide information about the cemetery and columbarium.