

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Jesus heals two people in today's Gospel. The healings are miraculous. We all have the power to heal others. In the Gospel Jesus healed a woman without talking, "The Woman touched the clothes of Jesus and was healed."

Jesus was present and silent and the woman was healed. There is something about being present and silent that has significant healing power. Being present means we respect a person's pain. It shows that we care and are available emotionally if needed. Being present and silent conveys a spiritual connection that goes beyond human understanding.

The ministry of presence is a powerful way to heal others. When Mary stood at the foot of the cross, silent and present with her son, healing was taking place. She was sharing in her son's pain. When I started working with dying patients at Mercy Hospital in New Orleans, I was afraid to see a dying patient. I had no idea what to say. A friend told me to hold the person's hand and silently pray. I did and I know I helped her to heal spiritually.

Jesus not only healed by his presence non-verbally, but he healed verbally. He said to the child, "Little Girl, I say to you arise."

Here are a few ways that we can heal someone verbally. Show compassion to a person at work who complains about being sick all the time. Give encouragement to a third string basketball player. Stand up for a friend who is being ridiculed by others. Really listen to someone. Change your work schedule so you can have lunch with a friend in need.

Healing, even to Jesus, is challenging. "Jesus was immediately aware the power had gone out of him." The Gospel tells us that verbal or non-verbal ministering to others drains our energy. Even so, Jesus is calling us to heal others. We can overcome challenge through prayer and the Eucharist.

From prayer comes the strength to recharge and carry on God's healing power. Retiring to a quiet area to pray and reflect is needed to do God's work. It is needed to replace the emotional drain put on us when the energy goes out from us after doing God's work.

The Eucharist gives us the energy we need to go that extra mile. It re-energizes our love for others. It clarifies our mission...our calling. It makes us aware that all of us are healers. All of us are needed to fulfill God's will

This week I challenge you to do two things: First, try to visit with a person who is sick or hurt and just be silent with that person for a few moments. Second, go that extra mile. As you meet people and relate with them throughout the week, say a kind word to them, greet them with a handshake, or compliment them. As you depart, ask yourselves a question: Did I heal that individual in some way?

STEWARDSHIP

June 24,2012	\$5,621.35
Last Year	\$7,781.45
Online Giving	\$70.00
Eastern Europe	\$2,174.25
Property Improvement	\$480.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday July 2

Am 2:6-10,13-16 Ps 50:16b-23 Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday July 3

Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 20:24-29

Wednesday July 4

Am 5:14-15,21-24 Ps 50:7-13,16-17 Mt 8:28-34

Thursday July 5

Am 7:10-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 9:1-8

Friday July 6

Am 8:4-6,9-12 Ps 119:2,10,20,30,40 Mt 9:9-13

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 30
5:00pm	
Sunday	July 1
9:00am	
11:30am	
Monday	July 2
9:00am	+ Brad Heck
Tuesday	July 3
9:00am	
Wednesday	July 4
9:00am	
Thursday	July 5
9:00am	
Friday	July 6
9:00am	



FAITH FORMATION

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the pre-school sessions of Vacation Bible School hosted at Sacred Heart last week.

RCIA INQUIRY

Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Church or becoming Catholic? Inquiry sessions are for you. This is a time to learn about the what the Church believes and teaches in an informal setting. Join us on July 8, 22, August 12 & 26 at 1pm in the family room. Please call Jenny at 907-297-7729 or email jmichaelson@caa-ak.org or the parish office @ 376-5087.

Welcome Children of God
Tess Marie Goff
Donald Raymond Goff
June 24, 2012



ONE BREAD ONE BODY

Thank you for your generous support of *One Bread One Body*. Sacred Heart's participation has been the best ever!! So far we have contributed \$33,478.33 towards our goal of \$49,355. Our faith community is part of helping children and adults throughout our archdiocese. It is not too late to pledge: please contact the office or www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/ donate You can also go to the parish website.

VENTURING CREW

Venture crew - group of teens and young adults looking for outdoor excitement - meets the first Monday of the month (July 2) at 7 pm in the social hall. Call Ed at 357-7029 if you want more information or come to the meeting!



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 Sacred Heart Parish office or call 376-0883 for information.

We are now officially at Sacred Heart and are looking forward to a great year. Enrollment packets are available in the office.

Considering a Catholic school for your child? Take a moment to review these benefits: high academic standards; values-added education and a safe school environment; family input and involvement; an atmosphere of care and concern; and exploration of faith through classes and activities in Scripture, Sacraments, Church, and morality



COMING EVENTS

July

- 2 Centering Prayer 6pm
- 4 Mass 9am
- 5 Rosary 7pm
- 6 Adoration 10am-2pm

Congratulations
Jesse Kolbeck & Kristjana Timmers
who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on
June 23, 2012



Covenant House Alaska

Matching Funds Opportunity

Shell Exploration recently contacted Covenant House about matching funds and has to match up to \$25,000.00. This past winter Covenant House Alaska served more than 1,300 homeless youth. Please join Shell and Covenant House Alaska in believing that all kids deserve to be loved and nurtured and safe from the streets. You may donate on-line at www.covenanthouseak.org or by sending a check to Covenant House Alaska indicating "Shell Matching Gift Challenge" to P.O. Box 100620, Anchorage, AK 99510-0620. You can also contact Deirdre Cronin, CHA Executive Director at 339-4202

Covenant House also needs a crib as soon as possible for a young mother.

FOOD PANTRY

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

357-3769

Collection for Church in Central and Eastern Europe & Magadan

Thank your for your generous support of Fr. Mike Shields' work in Magadan and the other struggling parishes in Central and Eastern Europe.
The collection raised \$2,174.25.