

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

One of my favorite words is synergy. Synergy is actually a business term. Synergy is an action that starts out small and progressively gets bigger and bigger. It is an action that when combined with other people's actions results in a huge advantage to everyone.

Similar to synergy is the belief that "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts." For example, an unimpressive assembly of parts can be built into a beautiful car whose value is greater than the combined worth of the parts.

Love has a type of synergy to it. Loving one another leads to good things and is advantageous to everyone. God loved the Israelites in the Old Testament. He loved them so much he rained upon them quail and manna. Elisha had once multiplied twenty barley loaves to feed a hundred men as a sign of love for the people; in the multiplication of loaves parable, Jesus multiplies five loaves to feed five thousand.

Jesus' miracle of the multiplication of loaves was started by one average person willing to share a little bread with others. After this act of love, more stepped forward. Before long all of those little contributions, with the help of Jesus, turned into something beautiful. The Gospel states, "Everyone had their fill with food left over."

Synergy happens when we, as a community of faith working together as one, combine ourselves with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. A good example of love and synergy is happening right before us: Bradley's Eagle Scout project. Bradley had an idea to make our picnic area a fun place for everyone. Now all of us are caught up in this fantastic experience and want to donate our time and money to make this act of love a reality.

When we work together with the trinity, love multiplies and becomes synergistic. Love becomes synergistic through Jesus in the seven sacraments: baptism, confirmation, anointing of the sick, reconciliation, holy orders, marriage and the Eucharist. In scripture love became synergistic when Jesus healed people, when he taught people the difference between right and wrong, when he comforted people, and when he forgave people. This love was so synergistic that these things are still happening today.

When Jesus fed the 5000, the event started out small. One small boy had five barley loaves that he was willing to share with others. With the help of Jesus, everyone was fed. Love grew and the food was multiplied.

Just like in the multiplication of the loaves, Jesus is going to feed all of us today during the Eucharist so that we may have life through him. Let us use that strength, that love, and that motivation to start something advantageous. Let us begin something amazing and beautiful that will benefit all of us. Let us start something synergistic.

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### STEWARDSHIP

July 22,2012	\$6,790.17
Last Year	\$6,688.25
Online Giving	\$145.00
Property Improvement Online	\$5.00

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#### Daily Mass Readings

##### Monday July 30

Jer 13:1-11 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 Mt 13:31-35

##### Tuesday July 31

Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:89,11,13 Mt 13:36-43

##### Wednesday Aug 1

Jer 15:10,16-21 Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17-18 Mt 13:44-46

##### Thursday Aug 2

Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1-6 Mt 13:47-53

##### Friday Aug 3

Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5,8-10,14 Mt 13:54-58

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday July 28

5:00pm

#### Sunday July 29

9:00am + Arthur & Marie Hippler

11:30am

#### Monday July 30

9:00am

#### Tuesday July 31

9:00am

#### Wednesday Aug 1

9:00am

#### Thursday Aug 2

9:00am

#### Friday Aug 3

9:00am



## FAITH FORMATION

Registration for the 2012-2013 Faith Formation Classes will be available in August. Students entering 9th grade are eligible to register for Confirmation. Students entering 2nd grade are eligible to enter 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist classes. Students must also register in the regular Sunday School program.

## 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 August 12 & 26 at 1pm in the family room. Please call Jenny at 907-297-7729 or email [jmichaelson@caa-ak.org](mailto:jmichaelson@caa-ak.org) or the parish office @ 376-5087.

## COMING EVENTS

### JULY

30  
31 Centering Prayer 6:30pm

### AUGUST

2 Rosary 7pm  
Primrose Mass 11am  
3 Adoration 10am-2pm  
14 Vigil Mass—Feast of the Assumption 5:30pm  
15 Mass—Feast of the Assumption 9:00am

### JULY—AUGUST MINISTRY LIST

Please check the ministry lists on the bulletin board and arrange for a sub if you are not able to serve on the assigned weekend. Call the office if you need a sub list. Thank you.

### RETRouvaille

The next weekend is Oct 19-21. Please call 800-470-2230 for information or [6001@retrouvaille.org](mailto:6001@retrouvaille.org).

## CONFIRMATION

If you are a confirmed Catholic, practicing your faith, and would love to share that faith with one of our Sacred Heart Confirmation candidates, WE NEED YOU! The Confirmation preparation process is a two-year program and the Sponsor's role is vital to the spiritual preparation necessary to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please, prayerfully consider this opportunity to not only share your faith, but to grow in holiness and love. If interested, please call the office.

## VENTURING CREW

Venture crew - group of teens and young adults looking for outdoor excitement - meets the first Monday of the month 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 OLV office in the St. Jude Center or call 376-0883 for information. Enrollment packets are available.

### School Opens—August 16th

OLV offers your children a faith based education centered on a national curriculum. Students meet high standards and benchmarks in academic and religious studies. The mission of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School is to teach as Jesus did, with love for the law of God and the dignity of each person. In this environment, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School backs, supports, and upholds the Catholic values of the family.

Our Lady of the Valley is currently accepting applications/resumes for a certified teaching position.

Please contact Theresa Sand at 715-2788 for more information.

Welcome Child of God in Baptism

Emma Rose Haney

July 22, 2012



### HOSPITALITY 5PM

We are in desperate need for more people to assist with Hospitality at this Mass. Please call the office.

### SECOND COLLECTION AUGUST 4-5, 2012

The Property Improvement envelope collection will be use for the Eagle Scout Project.

## FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:  
flour, sugar  
all kinds of baby food  
cereal, oatmeal  
grocery bags  
357-3769

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT —UPDATE August 18

The work day has changed to SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th.  
7:00am—9:00am for adults who can help with the pavilion.  
9:00am —2:00pm for everyone on all the projects.  
Please bring a shovel, rake, work gloves, and work shoes/boots. We also need the loan of 12 foot ladders or bigger. Everyone is welcome; we will join together for some hard work and a lot of fun!! Questions, please call the office—376-5087

