

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Have you ever felt like giving up? Maybe you have a difficult boss and want to quit. Your marriage has had its share of difficulties these last few years and you want to throw in the towel. Maybe your parents are driving you crazy and you want to cut off all communication. You may be questioning your faith and there are no answers that satisfy you. You may even want to give up on life itself because there are too many difficulties, too many disappointments, and it has been too hard to keep going.

That is how Elijah felt in our first reading. Elijah felt like giving up. The message for us today is DON'T GIVE UP!

The story of Elijah is about a man who had great success. But he did not feel successful and thought he should be more successful. Nothing worked out the way he hoped. Now he wants his life to end. He wants it over. He wants to give up. He says, "Take my life God, for I am no better than my fathers." I can sympathize with Elijah who feels very alone. I have felt that way in my life a time or two.

How does God answer Elijah? Does he tell him to get over it, to keep working, and do God's will! Does he scold Elijah and tell him to quit feeling sorry for himself. No. God is gentle with Elijah, just as God is with us. God tells Elijah to eat, rest, take a break and then eat and sleep some more.

Normally, we are harder on ourselves than probably even God would be. What do you think Elijah felt when God told him to take it easy, get some rest, and kick-back for a while? He felt the love and the care that God had for his physical needs. Elijah ate, regained his strength, and was able to make the journey ahead.

The lesson for us is to see the great compassion God has for us and to have that same compassion for ourselves. The lesson is to stand back from our situation, stand back from ourselves, and let God feed us. Let God give us strength for our personal journey ahead. That is what our liturgy does. Jesus offers not only earthy, but heavenly food. The Gospel says, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." Let us allow ourselves to be enriched by that food.

If you feel like Elijah, don't give up. Get some rest, partake in the Eucharist, and eat and rest some more. If you know of anyone who may feel like Elijah, take some action. Pray for an opportunity to help carry their burdens. Do what Saint Paul tells us in the second reading from Ephesians. He says, "Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."

STEWARDSHIP

Aug. 5, 2012	\$6,629.86
Online Giving	\$205.00
Property Improvement Online	\$105.00
Property Improvement	\$2,290.80
Last Year	\$7,125.30

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Aug 13

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c Ps 148:1-2,11-14 Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday Aug 14

Ez 2:8-3:4 Ps 119:14,24,72 Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday Aug 15

Rv 11:19a,12:1-6ab Ps 45:10bc,11-12ab Lk 1:39-56

Thursday Aug 16

Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-59,61-62 Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday Aug 17

Ez 16:1-15,60,63 (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Mt 19:3-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Aug 11
5:00pm	+ Earl Hopp Emery & Helen Jadack
Sunday	Aug 12
9:00am	+Shan Satterfield
11:30am	For the People of the Parish
Monday	Aug 13
9:00am	intention of Eric Edwards
Tuesday	Aug 14
9:00am	+ Emery & Helen Jadack
Wednesday	Aug 15
9:00am	
Thursday	Aug 16
9:00am	
Friday	Aug 17
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 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 her at jmichaelson@caa-ak.org or call our office @376-5087

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 13 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 14 Vigil Mass—Feast of the Assumption 5:30pm
- 15 Mass—Feast of the Assumption 9:00am
- 16 Mass at Primrose 11am
- 17 Rosary 7pm
- 18 Eagle Scout work day 9am-2pm

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.

RETRouvaille

Rediscover your marriage: Oct 19-21. Call 907-863-8000 for information or 6001@retrouvaille.org. Website: www.HelpourMarriage.com

HOSPITALITY 5PM

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

FOOD PANTRY

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

357-3769

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! Please, prayerfully consider this opportunity to not only share your faith, but to grow in holiness and love. Please call our 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!



Congratulations
Thomas Droz & Monica Brennan
who celebrated the
Sacrament of Marriage on
August 4, 2012

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment forms for the 2012-2013 school year are available at the OLV office in the St. Jude Center or call 376-0883.

School Opens—August 16th

OLV is selling tickets for our Annual Cash Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each with 15 chances to win a daily prize of \$50. Drawings start Sept 17 and end Sept 30th.

Each ticket drawn goes back in for a chance at the final drawing on October 1st.

1st prize \$1,000., 2nd prize \$500, 3rd prize \$250. Tickets available after masses or in the St. Jude's Bldg. Thank you for your support!!

OLV is accepting applications for a certified teaching position.

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



SACRED HEART ONLINE GIVING

Our Online Giving program is easy and convenient. Simply click the above image at our website <http://sacredheartwasilla.org/> This is a prayerful, planned, and thoughtful way to give safely. Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart Catholic Church. We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity!

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT —UPDATE August 18

The work day has changed to SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th.

9:00am –2:00pm for everyone on all the projects.

Please bring a shovel, rake, work gloves, and work shoes/boots. We also need wheel barrels. Everyone is welcome; we will join together for some hard work and a lot of fun!! Questions, please call the office—376-5087. Fr. Scott will open with a Project Blessing.