

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

There is a true story about a baby girl in ICU who was not expected to live through the first month of her life. The baby's five year old brother, Michael, insisted that he see the little baby because he wanted to sing to her. While Michael sang to the baby, the nurse reported that the infant's pulse began to calm down and become steady. The baby recovered. Who knows if Michael's song healed the baby girl? One thing we should never underestimate, though, is the power to heal through human support and love.

The gospel story about healing the deaf and dumb man is striking. There are very few stories where the crowd asks Jesus to heal someone. Since the deaf and dumb man cannot talk for himself, it is understandable that someone else has to talk for him. What is so touching in the story is that not just one person, but the entire crowd goes to Jesus. The crowd brought the man to Jesus. The crowd literally begged Jesus to heal the man. Jesus then ordered the crowd not to tell anyone about the miracle. However, it was the crowd that went straight out and told everyone about the healing.

Let me bring this message home to all of you right now. Each time we gather, we bring the deaf and the mute to Jesus. We call it the "General Intercessions" or "Prayers of the Faithful." The General Intercessions are about us, together in prayer, asking Jesus to heal the sick, keep our families safe, guide our world leaders, and strengthen our community.

Our church believes in the power of intercessory prayer. That is why Mass is so important. Spirituality and religion is not only about "me and God" and MY relationship with God. It is about gathering in the name of God Almighty to pray together as one. It is about the POWER of all of us, together with the angels and the saints, gathered together and praying for peace, safety, guidance, healing, and love.

God does not need to be reminded of what our world needs. God knows that better than we do. Intercessory prayer sorts out our priorities. It establishes who has a claim on our affections and concerns. It enables others to know that we stand in solidarity with them. Miracles happen through intercessory prayer. The first miracle that may occur is that we notice the needs of some group beyond our immediate circle, and their suffering moves us to help them.

Today, pay attention to our General Intercessions. As always, at the end of them you will be given some silence to pray. During that silence, exercise your priestly functions by interceding for all people on earth. Our Church asks us to include the following in our General Intercession: the needs of the Church, the public authorities and the salvation of the world, those oppressed by any need, and the local community

STEWARDSHIP

Sept. 2, 2012,	\$5,895.85
Online Giving	\$345.00
Property Improvement Online	\$5.00
Last Year	\$8,987.10
Storage Shed	\$1,000.00
Property improvement	\$1,253,15

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Sept.10

1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-6,7,12 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday Sept.11

1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1-6,9 Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday Sept.12

1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12,14-17 Lk 6:20-26

Thursday Sept.13

1 Cor 8:1b -7 ,11-13 Ps 139:1b-3,13 Lk 6:27-38

Friday Sept.14

Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1-2,34-38 Jn 3:13-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Sept. 8
5:00pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	Sept. 9
9:00am	
11:30am	+ Earl Hopp, Emery & Helen Jadack
Monday	Sept. 10
9:00am	
Tuesday	Sept. 11
9:00am	
Wednesday	Sept. 12
9:00am	+ Shan Satterfield
Thursday	Sept. 13
9:00am	
Friday	Sept. 14
9:00am	



FAITH FORMATION

Registration for the 2012-2013 Faith Formation Classes continues after Mass. Students entering 9th grade are eligible for Confirmation. Students entering 2nd grade are eligible for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist classes. Students must **also** register in the regular Sunday School program. Students seeking these sacraments should have enrolled in Faith Formation the previous year.

CONFIRMATION Meetings

Parent/Candidate meetings will be Sept. 9th at 1pm. First year students (Confirmation 2014) will meet in the St. Jude Center with Scott and Val. Second year students (Confirmation 2013) will meet in the Old Church with Ed and Elaine. A Sponsor meeting will be Sept. 16th at 1pm in the main church.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 8 OLV Raffle Ice Cream Social 6pm
- 9 RCIA Family Room 10am
OLV Raffle Pancake Breakfast
Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 13 Rosary 7pm
- 16 Knights of Columbus breakfast
Confirmation Parent/Candidate Meeting 1pm

RCIA

Classes for people wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith begin September 9th at 10am in the family room. For detailed information, please call the office 376-5087.

RETROUVAILLE October 19-21

Find help and support for the difficult days in your marriage. Rekindle your marriage: Call 907-863-8000 for information or 6001@retrouvaille.org. Website: www.HelpourMarriage.com

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

OLV is in need of letter size copy paper and boxes of Kleenex. Any donated amount would be greatly appreciated for this school year. Tax receipts available.

E-SCRIPTS

You can earn cash for OLV every time you shop for groceries! Clip Box Tops for Education and eBox-Tops. Our code is 500017406 Use your CarrsPlus/Safeway Club Card to buy participating items. For details, go to Carrsqc.com/BackToSchool Flyers available after all the masses. Each box top/label is worth 10¢ which OLV can redeem for books, computers, etc.

Welcome Child of God
Haidyn Marie Justice
in Baptism on
September 1, 2012

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

Box Tops/Campbell's Points

Clip these from participating products and bring to the office.

Annual Cash Raffle

This is the last weekend for raffle tickets. Tickets are \$10 each/ 15 chances to win \$50 daily prize. Drawings start Sept. 17 and end Sept. 30th. Each ticket drawn goes back in for a chance at the final drawing on Oct. 1st.

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

If you would like to receive our newsletter, email the school at tsand@valleycatholicschool.org: we will add you to the mailing list.

RCIA SPONSOR MINISTRY

Take a Journey with a Friend! The Sponsor Ministry is your opportunity to journey with someone to a deeper faith in Christ. The Sponsor is the representative of the Sacred Heart Catholic community and guides a person through the beliefs and traditions of the Church, but the sponsor does not have to be an expert. A sponsor is a full member of the Church, who will be a friend and mentor to a person seeking admittance to the Catholic Church—someone who can answer questions and discuss apprehensions. In the process, a friendship is formed that often lasts a lifetime. If you are interested in sharing this journey with a new friend, please contact Jim or Jacque Briskey at 907.688.0820 or cook4u@gci.net

FOOD PANTRY

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

357-3769

THE FOOD PANTRY OF WASILLA

The Food Pantry of Wasilla is thankful for your continued support of our work in providing food for our neighbors in need. Your contribution of food and household products will help provide much needed help to the increasing number of Mat-Su Valley residents who require assistance. As resources dwindle, the need only increases due to rising costs and unemployment. Your support and contribution will help us to continue to serve our clients and support our motto, "Because no one should go hungry." Thank you for supporting the Pantry. Your donation is tax deductible.