

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

### Remember God

When I moved to Alaska in May of 1983, I was 25 years old. I had a job helping a carpenter but was fired after three days. I did not know many people. I was trying to stop drinking. My brother-in-law died in a hunting accident. I was hurting and needed help, so I called on God.

God has a way of touching us during crisis situations. Difficult times make us realize that we need help from above. Unfortunately, when things get better, we tend to forget about God.

How easily we tend to forget the times God broke through hopelessness. In the Bible are stories of people losing homes, loved ones, and facing death. The temple was destroyed and rebuilt several times. People were brought out of slavery and led to the Promised Land. God broke through the hopelessness but people forgot.

The blind man in the Gospel was in a hopeless situation. He had forgotten about God. Suddenly, he heard Jesus. It was then that the blind man realized he could not cure himself! He needed help from Jesus.

In our lives, we work hard and we still cannot meet our financial requirements. We try to mend relationships in our family and it does not work. We study and still get poor grades in school. We get hurt right before the start of basketball season. The more we show our love, the further our children are pushed away. Yikes, it seems so hopeless.

What happened to the blind man, happens to us. When the blind man was at his weakest, he realized he could not help himself. Then he heard Jesus and remembered that Jesus was there to help.

We think trying to solve our own problems will be easy. Somewhere I can find the resources to put things right. Somehow I can get through this unemployment by myself. I can patch up our marriage without help. I can stop this terrible addiction to alcohol, drugs, or caffeine. We cannot always do it alone.

We too need Jesus to enlighten the way toward the people who can help us. After praying during crises situations, the Holy Spirit led me to further my education, seek spiritual direction, visit medical doctors, see nutritionists, and schedule psychological counseling. All helped me get through crisis situations. When we acknowledge Jesus, He will bring us to the Promised Land.

Jesus is always standing in our lives begging us to acknowledge him. But sometime we forget He is there. To help us remember, we attend Mass. Mass reminds us of Jesus' continual presence. Mass ensures that we remember God. Mass prepares us to go forth into the community, full of hope, armed with strength to do God's work. From now on, do not think about Jesus only in crisis situations. Think about him 24/7. He is waiting for your prayer and wondering, "What do you want me to do for you?"

### STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 21, 2012 \$7,206.95 Online Giving \$553.00  
 Last Year \$7,505.72  
 World Mission \$1231.00 Online \$20.00  
 Property Online \$20.00

#### Daily Mass Readings

#### **Monday Oct. 29**

Eph 4:32-5:8 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 13:10-17

#### **Tuesday Oct. 30**

Eph 5:21-33 ps 128:1-5 Lk 13:10-17

#### **Wednesday Oct. 31**

Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10,14 Lk 13:22-30

#### **Thursday Nov. 1**

Rv 7:2-4,9-14 Ps 24:1-4ab,5-6 Jn 3:1-3

#### **Friday Nov. 2**

Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct. 27</b>
5:00pm	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct. 28</b>
9:00am	
11:30am	+ Peter Gorman
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct. 29</b>
9:00am	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Oct. 30</b>
9:00am	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Oct. 31</b>
9:00am	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov 1</b>
9:00am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Nov 2</b>
9:00am	



## FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-8 meet from 10-11:15 am.  
Pre-school and K meet from  
11:30am-12:30pm.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Is Halloween Christian, Pagan,  
or Secular?

### PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, & BREAD

Middle School will make sandwiches  
on November 4th. We need peanut  
butter, jelly, and bread. Please bring  
to the social hall before the masses.

### CONFIRMATION—1-2:30pm

Students in the second year (2013)  
program meet at 1pm in the Old  
Church, and students in the first  
year (2014) program meet in the St.  
Jude Center.

### RCIA

Classes meet at 10am in the  
family room.

## COMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

29 OLV Gallery Night Mad Matters Palmer—6-7pm  
31 All Saints Vigil Mass 5:30pm  
Trunk & Treats 6:30-9pm

### NOVEMBER

1 All Saints Mass 9:00 am  
2 All Souls Mass 9:00am  
Graveyard Blessings: Sacred Heart 10am  
Aurora Cemetery 11am  
3/4 November Blue Envelope—Garage renovations

### 1st Sunday—2nd Collection Blue Envelopes

November will support the garage classroom renovation.

### CONFIRMATION HOLIDAY PIE ORDERS

Order forms will be available next week: pumpkin, pecan,  
apple, and unbaked apple pies. The funds raised help  
the students support Christmas gifts for incarcerated  
youth.

### FOOD PANTRY

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

357-3769

## OLV TRUNK OR TREAT—

### OCTOBER 31st

OLV Parent Volunteer Organization  
presents Trunk-or-Treat on October  
31 from 6:30-9pm after Mass. Our  
goal is to have 75 parking spots and  
we are inviting volunteers to decorate  
their trunks and hand out treats. Priz-  
es will be awarded to the best  
dressed trunks. Dinner will be availa-  
ble for purchase in the social hall with  
all proceeds benefiting the  
school. The event is open to every-  
one so please plan on attending and/  
or volunteering. Space is limited,  
contact Rebecca Frey @ 907-232-  
9480 or Sarah Soule @ 907-232-  
0520 to reserve your spot!!

### ALL SAINTS MASS NOVEMBER 1ST 9AM

Our Lady of the Valley School invites  
the parishioners, friends, and saints-  
in-training to join them at this mass to  
joyfully celebrate the Communion of  
Saints.

## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

Did you know that you can help sup-  
port OLV just by shopping at  
CARRS/Safeway? Simply go to  
www.escrip.com and enter you  
CARRS' club number with our school  
code: 500017406. Our school will  
receive up to 4% of each purchase  
you make. Thank you so much for  
your support.

The students of OLV will be holding  
their first ever Gallery Art Show at  
Madd Matters in Palmer. Our stu-  
dents will be attending the opening  
night showcase on October 29th from  
5:00 until 7:00. The students' art-  
work will remain on display until No-  
vember 6th. All of the artwork will be  
for sale and the students will use the  
funds that are raised to support the  
service projects that they have  
planned for this school year.

### CHRISTMAS GIFT BOX PROJECT

The Christmas Gift Box Project will begin this weekend.  
Parishioners are invited to stop by the table in the atrium  
and learn how to participate and provide the Spirit of  
Christmas to those less fortunate in our community.  
Gifts are due back to the parish on December 2nd.  
Please place them on the project table in the atrium.



### BISHOP'S ATTIC VOLUNTEERS

The Bishop's Attic needs volunteers to assist in the  
following areas: linen, costume jewelry, books, baby  
items, and others. Volunteers will sort and price the  
items in their areas. Please call Jack for more infor-  
mation 745-4215

### INTRODUCTORY CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

This workshop has been temporarily postponed  
Please check the bulletin for the rescheduled time.

Welcome Child of God  
Abram Jeremiah Hoffner  
in Baptism on  
October 20, 2012

