

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

In the Gospel today Jesus tells us, "The Lord our God is Lord alone. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." We cannot love God with our whole being if we let idols get in the way.

When I was seven years old, my idol was Bart Starr of the Green Bay Packers. I watched all the Packer football games. I played football with my friends and dreamed of being a professional quarterback. I sent a letter to Bart and was rewarded with an autographed black and white picture.

Don't let idols get in the way of your love for God. Our Catechism defines idolatry as the substitution of someone or something for God. Saint Thomas states: "Idolatry is a vice not a virtue. It consists of giving divine honor to things that are not God or to God himself in a wrong way."

There are three main causes of idolatry. First is disordered affection. Disordered affection is when a person treats someone they love greatly like a God. For example, have you ever heard of Jim Jones, the guy who convinced everyone to drink the poison kool aid?

Second, idolatry can be a love for beautiful artistic images or symbols. For example, in ancient times people prayed to gold and silver objects in hopes of being granted some gift or favor.

A third cause of idolatry is ignorance of God. For example, people who worship the sun, stars, moon or creatures excelling in beauty, and do not attribute that beauty to God. This was common among native Americans.

Here is an example of idolatry today: We buy more and better possessions in hopes of gratification and happiness. Within days the gratification wears off, we feel empty inside, and we go out and buy more. The possessions get in the way of our love for God. Some material things are necessary for our livelihood. But how much of our spending is for self-gratification or wasted on things we do not really need?

Superstition is Idolatry. It is the ignorant faith of an object having magical powers. My family was extremely superstitious. I still cringe when a black cat runs in front of me. My dad felt that putting shoes on a table meant death in the family. My mom thought that a spider hanging on a web over a bed meant that one would get new cloths.

Horoscopes, superstitions, and idols get in the way of our love for God. Do not let idolatry influence your life. Idolatry has no power and leads to emptiness. As Christian Catholics we put our hope, love, and faith in the Lord. We are to adore and love God, and non-other. To love God is to confess with gratitude what our Mother Mary said in the Magnificat: "The Almighty has done great things for me and Holy is His name."

### STEWARDSHIP

|                 |            |                              |
|-----------------|------------|------------------------------|
| Oct. 28, 2012   | \$6,866.85 | Financial Report             |
| Online Giving   | \$400.00   | July 2011- June 2012         |
| Last Year       | \$6,287.10 | Income \$624,884.00          |
| Property Online | \$65.00    | Expenses <u>\$591,214.00</u> |
|                 |            | \$33,670.00                  |

#### Daily Mass Readings

#### Monday Nov. 5

Phil 2:1-4 Ps 131:1-3 Lk 14:12-14

#### Tuesday Nov. 6

Phil 2:5-11 Ps 22:26-32 Lk 14:15-24

#### Wednesday Nov. 7

Phil 2:12-18 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Lk 14:25-33

#### Thursday Nov. 8

Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-7 Lk 15:1-10

#### Friday Nov. 9

Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 2:13-22

### MASS INTENTIONS

|                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Nov. 3</b>         |
| 5:00pm           | + Donald William Henn |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Nov. 4</b>         |
| 9:00am           |                       |
| 11:30am          | + Peter Gorman        |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Nov. 5</b>         |
| 9:00am           |                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Nov. 6</b>         |
| 9:00am           |                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Nov. 7</b>         |
| 9:00am           |                       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Nov. 8</b>         |
| 9:00am           |                       |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Nov. 9</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

What is the Lateran Basilica?

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS

November 10—Sacred Heart—OLV will hold a Scrapbooking/Crafting Sale at the old church. If you are looking for supplies to for your scrapbook projects or to start this great hobby, this is the sale for you! We will be open from 10am to 4pm.

November 10— At St. Michael' in Palmer OLV will sell some handmade crafts at the Fall Craft Bazaar from 9am to 4pm.

November 17—Sacred Heart . St. Jude Quilting group will open their annual bazaar of handmade items in the old church from 9am-4pm



## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

OLV students thank everyone who attended the "Art of the Spirit" Gallery Show, Trunk-or-Treat, and All Saints Day Celebration. These were a great success due to the wonderful volunteers and donors. The Gallery show is open until November 6th at Mad Matters in Palmer.

This week parishioners across the valley will receive a mailing for OLV's Annual Appeal. Your contributions enrich the intellectual and spiritual well-being of our students. You can participate in several ways: mail a donation in the enclosed envelope, contribute to the second collection on November 10th and 11th, or make an online donation at the Sacred Heart website. The staff and parents humbly encourage you to support this Appeal and prudently use the financial gifts entrusted to them.

## COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 3/4 November Blue Envelope—Garage renovations  
Middle School Sandwiches for Br Francis
- 10 OLV Scrapbooking/Crafting Sale Old Church
- 17 St. Jude's Quilt Group Bazaar Old Church
- 17/18 Confirmation Pie Pick up Social Hall
- 18 Knights Breakfast
- 22 Thanksgiving Mass 9am
- 24/25 Rosaries and Gifts Debra Lighthart
- 25 No Faith Formation Classes

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

November will support the garage classroom renovation.

### CONFIRMATION HOLIDAY PIE ORDERS

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

### CHRISTMAS GIFT BOX PROJECT

The Christmas Gift Box Project began 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 in the following areas: linen, costume jewelry, books, baby items, and others. Please call Jack for more information 745-4215

### WASILLA FOOD PANTRY

The Pantry extends a grateful "thank you" to all the parishioners at Sacred Heart for their faithful support of food and financial contributions. The increasing number of residents who require assistance calls us all to remember the least among us.

### FOOD PANTRY

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

357-3769

### ROSARIES BY DEBRA LIGHTHART

Debra will have rosaries and other gift items available for the last time this year on November 24 & 25th after the Masses.

**Welcome Child of God  
Malia Jade Sesuca Freese  
in Baptism on  
October 28, 2012**

