

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

This weekend, Jesus teaches us about generosity. The poor widow gave two small copper coins or a quadran. In those days, a quadran was about 1/64 of a denarius, or a worker's daily wage. In today's money she gave about \$3.75., which was equivalent to a daily wage back then.

The widow gave from her poverty; she contributed all she had to live on for that day. The scribes gave from surplus. Surplus, as defined in the Webster dictionary, is the amount that remains when our needs are met first. The widow was motivated by the idea that without God, she would have nothing. The scribes put their trust in material wealth, power, and status. God came second.

I have a Roth IRA retirement account and when I went to the seminary I asked my spiritual director, "Can a priest have a retirement account?" He told me that in retirement all Catholics need money so that he or she can continue building the Kingdom of God. It is not prudent to give all of our money to the church.

Most of us are somewhere between being scribes and poor widows. When push comes to shove, many of us are probably like the scribes, who only gave after taking care of their comfort first.

The poor widow challenges us to be generous. Generosity is a commandment. It is derived from wanting to help those in need.

Generosity begins by first becoming involved in other people's struggles and gaining a solid understanding of the needs of the community. A spirit of giving comes from actually feeling the pulse of the community and then doing everything possible to make that community better. Acts of giving become acts of generosity not when we have extra to give to a need, but when we have a need to give.

Jesus wants us to be generous. We have a responsibility to manage our life, our property, our time, our gifts, and our money in a way that benefits others. Corinthians tells us, "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

Numerous opportunities come our way in life. As generous people, we accept or reject those opportunities based on whether or not they will bring us closer to God.

Here are a few of those opportunities: find one person in need, either financially or emotionally and help that person; log on to [www.sacredheartwasilla.org](http://www.sacredheartwasilla.org), click on ONLINE giving, and make a donation to the Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School's Annual Appeal; spend some time visiting Primrose Retirement Home; use your bank's bill pay service to send 10% of your income to Sacred Heart Parish; get involved in a ministry such as lector, hospitality, catechists, or altar serving; join a parish life group such as Scouts, Acts, Saint Jude Quilting group, or Knights of Columbus; pray for the welfare of our community by attending Bible study with Sister Mary, Centering Prayer with Paul Supina, prayer chain or rosary with Shirley Jones. Thank you for your generosity.

### STEWARDSHIP

Nov.4, 2012	\$6,668.80	Online Giving	\$625.00
Last Year	\$7,381.00		
Property Online	\$85.00		
Special Project Garage.	\$1,482.75		

#### Daily Mass Readings

#### Monday Nov. 12

Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 17:1-6

#### Tuesday Nov. 13

Ti 2:1-8,11-14 Ps 37:3-4,18,23 Lk 17:7-10

#### Wednesday Nov. 14

Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1-6 Lk 17:11-19

#### Thursday Nov. 15

Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25

#### Friday Nov. 16

2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2,10-11 Lk 17:26-37

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Nov. 10

5:00pm

#### Sunday Nov. 11

9:00am

11:30am For the People of the Parish

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9:00am

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9:00am



## FAITH FORMATION

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

## NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

### MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Who is St. Josaphat and what does he have to do with the Byzantine Rite of Catholicism?

### PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, & BREAD

Thank you for helping the Middle School Sandwich Ministry. This month the students made over 600 sandwiches that were sent to St. Francis Shelter, Wasilla Food Pantry, and Burchell. The next sandwich Sunday is December 2. Our young church has found an opportunity for generosity. A few can make a difference.

## COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 10 Veteran's Day Mass 9am
- 12 Contemplative Prayer 6:30 pm
- 15 Rosary 7:00pm
- 17 St. Jude's Quilt Group Bazaar Old Church
- 17/18 Confirmation Pie Pick up Social Hall
- 18 Knights Breakfast
- 19 Contemplative Prayer 6:30 pm
- 22 Thanksgiving Mass 9am
- 24/25 Rosaries and Gifts Debra Lighthart
- 25 No Faith Formation Classes

### December

- 1 OLV Steak Dinner Am Legion 5:30-8:30pm

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

December will support the garage 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. Checks may be written to Sacred Heart Parish.

## 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.

## THANKSGIVING PIE PICK UP

All pies must be picked up by Sunday afternoon, November 18th.

## RCIA

Classes meet at 10am in the family room. Please contact the office if you are interested in learning about the Catholic Church.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS

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 enjoyed the Trunk-r-Treat event. The students collected 163 pounds of goods for the Food Pantry.

On Monday, November 12 the students will be participating in the Veteran's Day Mass. Please join us in this joyful celebration.

Parishioners in the valley parishes are receiving OLV's Annual Appeal letter. Your contribution supports Catholic education in our community. 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. Please join the parents, staff, school board, and executive board in supporting our school. Any amount is a welcomed gift.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GENEROSITY

### 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. Volunteers are needed.

## FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:  
toilet paper, flour, sugar,  
cereal, oatmeal

all kinds of baby food  
357-3769

## THANK YOU

We would like to extend our thanks to our church family for your understanding, support, hugs, and compassion given to us over the passing of our beautiful daughter Marya Abramczk on October 2. God Bless you. Mary and Bill Sears.

### ROSARIES BY DEBRA LIGHTHART

Debra's rosaries and other gift items will be available for the last time this year on November 24 & 25th . Debra is also available to repair rosaries.

### THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSURE

The Sacred Heart and OLV offices are closed November 22 and 23.