

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

In the Gospel, Jesus was 12 years old. When I was twelve years old, I was continually on the prowl for ways to earn money. Mr. Johnson was on my paper route and he said I could mow his lawn. Without telling my parents, I rushed over after my route and started mowing. While cleaning out some clogged grass under the still running mower, I got my hand cut in the blades. Mr. Johnson rushed me to the hospital, called my parents, and told my dad that my fingers had been cut in a lawn mower. My mother was worried to death. Charging into the emergency room, she envisioned my entire hand being cut off.

In the Gospel, Jesus experienced daily life just like we do. In this story, there was misunderstanding, worry, frustration, and confusion. As parents can you relate to anxiety, misunderstanding and worry? How do you feel when you lose sight of your three year old? What happens when a teenager experiments with drugs and alcohol? What do you do when your daughter brings home a guy you do not approve of?

If we look to the Holy Family for answers, we find that they had a strong family bond which helped them solve issues and deal with problems. Mary was a good listener, humble, and reflected on things before she spoke. Joseph was solid, steadfast, and responsible. Together they calmly worked out issues. Jesus was obedient. The Gospel says, "Jesus went with his parents to Nazareth, and was obedient to his parents." For strong family bonding to occur both parents and children have responsibilities.

Parents have the responsibility to model their lives after Jesus and teach their children about morality and ethics. They should strive to provide a supportive and non-threatening atmosphere where children can grow spiritually, emotionally, physically, mentally, sexually, and socially.

St. Paul tells us in Ephesians, "Do not anger your children. Bring them up with the training and instruction befitting the Lord."

Children have responsibilities as well. The fourth commandment states, "Honor your father and your mother." Our catechism tells us that we should honor our parents to whom we owe life and who have handed on to us the knowledge of God. It requires honor, affection, and gratitude toward elders and ancestors. This commandment also is extended to the duties of pupils to teachers, employees to employers, subordinates to leaders, citizens to their country, and to those who administer or govern it.

When family members fulfill their Christian responsibilities, strong family bonds form. Great things emerge. Love flourishes. Happiness, joy, and goodness abound. Profound peace can be found in families whose members pray, play, eat, and solve problems together.

In families we are loved and accepted regardless of some of the irresponsible and dumb things we do. The love we receive from our parents and children may be the closest we get to perfect love until the beatific vision, where we meet God face to face.

### STEWARDSHIP

December 23, 2012 \$6,810.85 Online \$480.00  
 Christmas \$9,324.50  
 Blue Envelope Online \$15.00

#### Daily Mass Readings

#### Monday Dec. 31

1 Jn 2:8-21 Ps 96:1-2,11-13 Jn 1:1-18

#### Tuesday Jan. 1

Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5-9,8 Lk 2:16-21

#### Wednesday Jan.2

1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28

#### Thursday Jan.3

1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1-3,6 Jn 1:29-34

#### Friday Jan.4

1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1-5 Jn 1:43-51

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday

**Dec. 29**

5:00pm

Intentions of Caroline Henn

#### Sunday

**Dec. 30**

9:00am

11:30am

For the People of the Parish

#### Monday

**Dec. 31**

9:00am

#### Tuesday

**Jan.1**

10:00am

For the People of the Parish

#### Wednesday

**Jan.2**

9:00am

#### Thursday

**Jan.3**

9:00am

#### Friday

**Jan.4**

9:00am



## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

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Barbara Warden	Tony Circardo	Joseph H. Martin
Elvin Jensen	Mrs. Katie Kucharzak	Tony Waffan
Evelyn McAnally	Chong Hun Soon	Rich Allen
Gerald Steffer	Alex Crapps	John O'Connor
Lyle Sand	Cindy Crapps	Rita Delgado
Harold Arehart	Diana Crapps	Remy Williams
Kay Ketcham	Ed Stelmacher	Florence, Irene, Diana
Carol Giani	Beana Stelmacher	Charlie Riley
John & Rose Smith	Herb Ruder	Gebevie Roth
Levi Green	Annie Ruder	Eric Froesch
Elizabeth Green	Jim Marsh	Lyle Welsh
Sarkis Atamian	Princess Marsh	Glenn Kennedy
Martin C.,. Betts	Earl Hopp	Richard Horning
Bertren Curry III	Helen & Emery Jadack	George & Genevie Schachle
Jeff Cabral	Delmar & Grace Dixon	Diana Schachle
Lester & Marty Fine	Olive Rossi	Olga & Mike DeKreon
Jim & Julia Fine	Ray Hall	Clyde & Doris Sturdevant
Margaret & Michael Lajcsak	Archie M. Gibson	Lona & Talmadge Lyon
Al Gallegos	John Garrett	Matthew G. Scott
Nick DeGiulio	Paul Rose	Kathleen Gorton
Al Gallegos	Aaron Grinnell	Daniel
Linda Augustyn	Joseph E. Levesque	Bob DeGiulio

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## COMING EVENTS

### December

31 No 9:00 am Mass

31 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 5:30pm

### January

1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 10am

6 Faith Formation classes resume

### **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD IN BAPTISM**

*John Paul Pfiiffner  
December 22, 2012*

*Dylan Wojtek Mastej  
December 23, 2012*

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Items needed at the pantry:  
toilet paper, flour, sugar,  
cereal, oatmeal,  
all kinds of baby food  
357-3769

### **BISHOP'S ATTIC VOLUNTEERS**

The Bishop's Attic needs volunteers. Please call Jack for more information, 745-4215

### **WASILLA FOOD PANTRY**

Please consider us as a volunteer opportunity this season. We also need donations of holiday food and staples.

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