

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT August 3, 2014 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have hundreds of charitable people in our parish. Nancy Wolf volunteers to plant all of the flowers around Sacred Heart. Abby donates meals to homeless teenagers at My House here in Wasilla. Kaitlynn and her mom plant potatoes to give to the Food Bank.

These are all acts of charity. Saint Paul tells us that when it comes to faith, hope, and charity, the greatest is charity.

Charity resonates through the readings. Isaiah says, "All you who are thirsty, come to the water. You who have no money, come receive grain and eat." The second reading from Romans tells us that we can never be separated from God's charity. All through history God has been charitable.

To help the Israelites reach the Promised Land, God showered them with manna, which was bread from heaven.

With God's help, the prophet Elijah multiplied flour and oil to save a widow and her son from starvation.

Elisha did a bit better than his master, multiplying 20 barley loaves to feed 100 with even some left over.

According to our Catechism, "The *fruits* of charity are joy, peace, and mercy" (Catechism 1829).

"Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (Catechism 1822).

The Apostle Paul also wrote that beautiful quote from Corinthians, "Charity is patient and kind, charity is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude."

Charity bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (Catechism 1825).

Today's Gospel gives us several examples of charity. After hearing about the death of John the Baptist, Jesus wanted to be alone. He wanted to get away and just make sense of it all. Have you ever felt like that! Just leave me alone! But that does not stop him from being charitable.

While grieving John's death Jesus performed three acts of charity. (1) He healed the sick, (2) he preached all day, and (3) he fed 5000. Another act of charity was done by the little boy who gave up loaves and fish.

Today God is charitable. He will continue to be charitable in the future. He does that through the Eucharist.

Here are a few quotes about charity:

Pope Saint Clement I: "Charity unites us to God. There is nothing mean in charity, nothing arrogant. Charity knows no schism, does not rebel, and does all things in harmony. In charity all the elect of God have been made perfect."

Bob Hope: "If you have not got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble."

Mother Teresa: "In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."

I challenge all of you to try and perform one act of charity this week.

STEWARDSHIP

July 27, 2014	\$4,848.90	Online \$725.00
Last Year	\$5,977.75	Online \$755.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Aug. 4

Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29,43,79-80,95,102 Mt 24:22-36

Tuesday Aug. 5

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 102:16-23, 29 Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday Aug. 6

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9

Thursday Aug. 7

Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 16:13-23

Friday Aug. 8

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b,39,41 Mt 16:24-28

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Aug. 2
5:00pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	Aug. 3
9:00am	+Scott Mitchell
11:30am	+Catherine Cizek
Monday	Aug. 4
9:00am	+Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Olsen
Tuesday	Aug. 5
9:00am	Dave Belanger
Wednesday	Aug. 6
9:00am	Dave Belanger
Thursday	Aug. 7
9:00am	Dave Belanger
Friday	Aug. 8
9:00am	



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation, Confirmation, and 1st Reconciliation registration begins August 10. Forms will be available after Mass and on-line.

1st Reconciliation /1st Eucharist

Students should be in the 2nd grade or higher and registered in Faith Formation classes. Baptismal certificate is required for students not baptized at Sacred Heart.

CONFIRMATION

Students should be entering 9th grade or higher. Classes begin in the fall. Adult classes are scheduled for March. Baptismal certificate is required for those not baptized at Sacred Heart.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What order of priests is also called the Order of Preachers?

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 3 Confirmation—Sr. Mary Fagan 10am All Saints
- 4 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 7 Rosary 7pm
- 9/10 Cross Catholic Outreach—Fr. Phong Pham
- 14 Vigil Mass Assumption 5:30pm Holy Day
- 15 Mass Assumption 9:00am Holy Day
- 17 3pm OLV Teacher-Parent Meeting
- 16/17 OLV Open House for Parish after all Masses
- 18 OLV School opens

AUDIO SYSTEM

Occasionally we have a critical need for assistance in the operation and maintenance of our church sound system. If you have a familiarity, specialty or background with audio systems, please contact Fr. Scott.

RCIA

Are you or a friend or family member interested in becoming a Catholic? Inquiry classes will begin later in August. Call the office for information.

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of married couples. Do you feel alone? Are you angry with each other? Retrouvaille can help you. For more information or registration about the weekend of October 17-19 1-800-470-2230. www.HelpOurMarriage.com

ONE BREAD ONE BODY

These are the final days of the annual fund drive. At this time Sacred Heart is in 1st place for the number of families participating. It is not too late to contribute to our archdiocese. Your contribution at any level directly promotes and serves programs, families, and seminarians in the Archdiocese of Anchorage.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Students meet Sunday, August 3rd at 10am in the All Saints Center for a presentation by Sr. Mary Fagan. Refreshments provided!! Parents and sponsors are invited.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

In Catholic Schools there is a mutual respect among students, faculty, and parents, which generates an atmosphere of care and concern.

Catholic Schools join with the family to help students understand their special place in the family, the Church, and society.

Enrollment is open—Please call for an appointment—376-0883

Welcome Students!!

Parents and students will gather on August 17 for meetings with teachers at 3pm and at 4pm for a back to school barbeque.

Parishioners are invited to OLV's back to school Open House after all the masses on August 16-17.

Joyce Lund, Acting Principal

CROSS CATHOLIC—AUGUST 9-10

Fr. Phong Pham will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak to all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

FR. MIKE SHIELDS—AUGUST 16 & 17

Fr. Mike will visit Alaska August 15 to Sept 15. He will be at Sacred Heart August 16 and 17. He will hold a mom's day of prayer at St. Michael's on September 13th from 9am—2pm. Babysitting provided 745-3229.

ADULT CATECHISM—August 31

Parishioners are welcome to our 3rd gathering. Jenny Michaelson will present a discussion on the Safe Environment issues and policies in the Archdiocese. Jenny will begin at 10:15am in the Social Hall.

FOOD BANK

Peanut Butter, Jelly,
Rice, Sugar, Flour,
Tomato Sauce, Pasta,
Cereal, Oats,
Milk—Powdered/Can
357-3769

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers may be requested on-line on the parish web site under Spiritual Life.

LINEN MINISTRY

We need more volunteers to launder Mass linens. Please sign-up in the Sacristy.

SACRED HEART ONLINE GIVING

Simply click the image at our website <http://sacredheartwasilla.org/>
This is a prayerful and convenient way to give safely.

