

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Have you ever been grounded? It's not fun: no phone, no internet, no driving, can't go out with your friends, etc. Grounded teenagers are shut down from the most important aspect of their lives, socializing.

We are grounded for a reason. The reason is we start to act like the Pharisee did in the gospel. Teenagers are grounded when they do something that is wrong such as being reckless, immature, or immoral. The Pharisee in our gospel needs to be grounded. He was being arrogant!

The Pharisee was a successful person but he let it go to his head. He made himself feel important by putting others down. In prayer, he reminded God just how great he was compared to others. He trusts too much in himself and very little in God.

The word ground is used for many different things. Football uses the term intentional grounding when the quarterback throws the ball into the ground to keep from being tackled. Aircraft pilots can be grounded by the FAA. We walk on the ground. We grind coffee to make coffee grounds. To be grounded also means to be humble. From Humility comes the Latin word *humus*, meaning "close to the earth."

The tax collector in the gospel was well-grounded. He lived close to the earth. This means that he was non-judgmental, humble, and aware he was a sinner. The Pharisee was flying high from the ground above everyone else. He felt he was better than everyone. He was judgmental, arrogant, and self-important. He was out-of-touch with his surroundings. Most of us find ourselves somewhere between the grounded tax collector and the high flying Pharisee. Here are ways to become well-grounded individuals.

Stop believing you are better than others. Stop judging. Do not make yourself seem more important than others by gossiping about them. Honor others by sharing your gifts. Be open to people in your life that make demands on you, especially the economically disadvantaged, disabled, elderly, and sick.

Treating everyone we come into contact with honorably, fairly, and decently is a result of being well-grounded. Well-grounded people have an uncanny ability to use their God given gifts to make someone else's life a little better.

Once out in Dillingham, Alaska, I began filling our Cherokee Warrior II with fuel. I suddenly stopped. I had forgotten to ground the plane. When a plane is not hooked to a ground wire, sparks may ignite the fuel and cause an explosion.

Well-grounded people won't explode. Grounded people can expect to be filled with life and life abundantly. Do not forget to ground yourselves before you start each day. Praying, confessing our sins, and partaking in the Body and Blood of Christ is like hooking up that needed ground wire. It will keep you humble and down to earth. So, for your own good, I am grounding all of you for life.

STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 20, 2013	\$5,081.80	Online \$1,235.00
Last Year	\$7,206.95	Online \$ 553.00
World Mission	\$515.00	

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Oct. 28

Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday Oct. 29

Rom 8:18-25 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 13:8-21

Wednesday Oct. 30

Rom 8:26-30 Ps 13:4-6 Lk 13:22-30

Thursday Oct. 31

Rom 8:31b-39 Ps 109:21-22,26-27 Lk 13:31-35

Friday Nov. 1

Rv 7:2-4,9-14 Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6 Mt 5:1-12a

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Oct. 26
5:00pm	For the People of the Parish

Sunday	Oct. 27
9:00am	+ Tom Bishop
11:30am	+ Maria Olivas

Monday	Oct. 21
9:00am	

Tuesday	Oct. 29
9:00am	

Wednesday	Oct. 30
9:00am	

Thursday	Oct. 31
9:00am	

Friday	Nov. 1
9:00am	



FAITH FORMATION

Classes for Faith Formation and Confirmation meet on Sundays. Registration is on line. If you would like more information, contact the office. 1st grade students who plan to celebrate 1st Eucharist next year must be enrolled in 1st grade faith formation. 8th grade students who plan to celebrate Confirmation in high school must be enrolled in Middle School faith formation.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 1PM

Scott and Val's Class meets in the All Saints Center; the New Class meets in their Why Catholic? groups with their leaders.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

When does St. Jude, one of the patrons of our parish, have a feast day? What is his other name?

1ST RECONCILIATION CLASS

Over the last 6 weeks, the young students in the 1st Reconciliation preparation class collected over 85 pounds of food and \$73.10 in cash to give to the Wasilla Food Pantry. They learned that only a little effort by a lot of people can make a big difference. Thank you.

WHY CATHOLIC?

Small faith groups are meeting to explore how we nurture our relationship with God in prayer. The groups are formed with people who wish to meet on the same day and time. Contact Jacque Briskey at countess@gci.net

OCTOBER—ROSARY MONTH

www.therosary3.com is a beautiful place to contemplate Jesus and Mary. This uncomplicated format is for everyone at no cost to enrich faith through a beautiful prayer.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OLV's Parent Volunteer Organization will be sponsoring their 2nd annual Halloween Fest at Sacred Heart on October 31st from 6:30 until 8:00. Last year we had an amazing turn out of kids and volunteers, so let's make this year an even greater success for our community. If you are interested in volunteering to set up a game table or pass out candy, please contact Sarah Soule 232-0520 or the school office 376-0883 or email tsand@valleycatholicsschool.org.

OLV's Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO) vendor fair will be held on Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 until 3:00 at the Sacred Heart Church Social Hall. Take advantage of this opportunity to support the school while shopping for all your favorite things. Vendors will include: Vault Denim, Blessings, Origami Owl, 31 Bags, and many more.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 26 Youth Mass 5pm
- 28 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 29 Why Catholic? 7pm
- 30 Why Catholic? 6pm
- 31 All Saints Vigil Mass 5:30 pm
- Halloween Fest 6:30pm Social Hall
- Why Catholic? 7pm
- Rosary 7pm

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints Mass 9:00am
- 3 Middle School—Sandwiches for Br. Francis

OLV ANNUAL RAFFLE

Tickets for the annual cash raffle cost \$10 each. Students will sell the tickets from now until November 26th. The drawing begins December with the grand drawing on December 13. Buy that winning ticket from a student, staff, or faculty!! Thank you all for supporting OLV and our fund-raisers.

OLV VENDOR FAIR—NOVEMBER 9

OLV Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO) vendor fair will be held on Saturday, November 9th. Proceeds will help fund student activities. Thank you for your support!

GET MY PEOPLE GOING!

Week 1: Rise Up and Stand: Prepare for the Journey. Did you remember to sign up for Get My People Going? This eight-week program, rooted in the Exodus story, invites you to choose two or three areas of your life you would like to change in small ways. For more information, contact Donna Greene, Ellen Betts, and Maureen Sylvan, Parish Nurses.

MASS SIGN-UP SHEETS

Please sign the sheets for the All Saints Vigil Mass, October 31 at 5:30pm and the Thanksgiving Mass November 28 at 9am.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Top Ramen
- Pasta
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- 357-3769

ST.THERESE'S CAMP AT NEKLASON LAKE

The camp now has a director—Rudy and Ruth Pogliush. They will be working on the repairs, upgrades, and calendar of events. Please contact Fr. Leo Walsh if you are able to share your Time, Talent, or Treasure for this exciting new residential Catholic camp in the Valley. www.c3ma.org 907-351-0980

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Children must be accompanied to the rest rooms by an adult and supervised on the playground. Due to meetings, children cannot run and scream in the halls—Thank you