

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Within 100 years after Jesus' death, the earliest Christians thought the end of the world was near. We call that the end time or doomsday.

The end time is the final Judgment. The first judgment will be when we die and go to purgatory. The second judgment will be the final judgment or end-time. The final judgment is a general judgment when all are assembled before God and their relationship to God is made public.

A doomsday prophet is a person who predicts this final judgment. During the cold war in the 1960's, people made bomb shelters in case the Russians nuked us. Doomsday prophets made people afraid that a nuclear attack would end the world.

Doomsday prophets had a field day with President Clinton and Y2K in 1999. Imagine, the entire world shutting down, planes crashing, warheads going off all around the country, and no electricity, water, or food. The turn of the century is always a great time for doomsday prophets to emerge.

Regardless of whether or not the end time comes in our lifetime, there are three realities we live with: (1) the end time will come, we just don't know when, (2) we will always have war, famine, natural disasters and followers of Jesus will be persecuted, and (3) Jesus tells us that we will know, without a doubt, when the end-time is near.

The readings give us advice on how to live our lives knowing that the end time is inevitable.

About doomsday, Jesus tells us not to follow the doomsday prophets. He says, "Awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky." When the end-time is near, we will know.

Paul, in Thessalonians, gives us advice about living with the end-time looming over us: Work and earn the food you eat. Do not be lazy. Live in a spirit of harmony and unity with people. Do not let peer pressure sway you from your Christian beliefs. Hostility from others is not an excuse for us to be hostile ourselves. We are to persevere in holiness of life. Leave judgment to the Lord.

The message of the day is not a timetable for disaster. Our message is about happiness and peace while we are living our lives on earth. We do that by putting our faith and hope in Jesus. By anchoring ourselves to Christ in these end times, we can turn a crisis into opportunity.

As we come forward to receive communion, let us take into our hands the anchor of our faith, which is the body of Christ. It will enable us to endure in hope until the end of time, whenever that may be .

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### STEWARDSHIP

Nov. 10, 2013      \$5,887.35    Online \$1,010.00  
Last Year            \$6,599.00    Online    \$925.00

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### Daily Mass Readings

#### **Monday Nov 18**

1Mc 1:10-15,41Ps 119:53,61 Acts 28:11-16,30-31

#### **Tuesday Nov 19**

2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10

#### **Wednesday Nov 20**

2 Mc 7:1,20-31 Ps 17:1,5-6 Lk 19:11-28

#### **Thursday Nov 21**

1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2,5-6 Lk 19:41-44

#### **Friday Nov 22**

1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59 (ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12 Lk 19:45-

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday**

**Nov. 16**

5:00pm

+ Michael & Margaret Lajcsak

#### **Sunday**

**Nov. 17**

9:00am

For the People of the Parish

11:30am

+ Anna Hurteau

#### **Monday**

**Nov. 18**

9:00am

#### **Tuesday**

**Nov. 19**

9:00am

Intention of Joseph Anthony

#### **Wednesday**

**Nov. 20**

9:00am

#### **Thursday**

**Nov. 21**

9:00am

+ Danny Lamm

#### **Friday**

**Nov. 22**

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

What are the four major basilicas in Rome and when are their observances on the Church's calendar?

## WHY CATHOLIC?

In Week 5, small faith groups are talking about sources and ways of prayer. Scripture, the Holy Name, liturgy, the Holy Spirit, and Mary are sources of rich and meaningful prayer. We have faith in God's presence among us.

### CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This weekend, the Archdiocese is holding a second collection for the CCHD to support programs serving people below the poverty line, both nationwide and in Alaska.

Next weekend, we will hold a second collection for disaster relief in the Philippines. You may also use the CRS link on our website. Thank you for your generosity.

### BISHOP'S ATTIC

The Bishop's Attic, a community of volunteers, volunteering from the heart, invites you to join their Volunteer team. Please call 745-4209 or [www.bishopsattic2.org](http://www.bishopsattic2.org) for more information.

## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Tickets for the **annual cash raffle** cost \$10 each with only 1300 tickets available. Each ticket has 15 chances to win. Students will sell the tickets until November 26th. The drawing begins Dec. 2 with the grand drawing on Dec. 13. 1st prize is \$1,000, 2nd prize is \$500 and 3rd prize is \$250. Good luck!!

Thank you to the veterans and service men and women who attended the Veterans Day Mass at Sacred Heart. The students and staff are grateful for your service and happy to recognize and honor you all.

OLV's 2nd Steak Fundraiser Dinner is on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013 at the American Legion Post #35, Mile 46 of the Parks Hwy. The theme is "Westward, Ho!" Dinner is 5:30-7:30pm with a mini silent auction. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the school or at the door. Hope to see you there!

## COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 16 St. Jude Quilt Bazaar
- 17 Knights Breakfast  
2nd Collection CCHD
- 18 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 19 Why Catholic? 7pm
- 20 Why Catholic? 7pm
- 21 Why Catholic? 7pm  
Rosary 7pm
- 23/24 Debra Lighthart—Rosaries and Gifts  
2nd Collection for the Philippines—CRS
- 30 Youth Mass 5pm—Confirmation Enrollment

### ST. JUDE QUILT HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The holiday bazaar will be December 7th & 8th after the masses. Quilts, cider, cookies, and more!!!

### THANK YOU PATRICK COOK

OLV sends a big "thank you" to the Knight's fabulous flapjack flipper Patrick Cook for helping with their Raffle Pancake breakfast last Sunday.

### GET MY PEOPLE GOING!

Week 4: Striking the Stone: The Renewal of Water comes up many times in Scripture. Water is core to our existence. It forms more than half of our bodies—and body weight! Water helps us stay healthy in a myriad ways. Don't forget to check in with your friends this week to see how they are coming with their healthy living logs.

### CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Knights of Columbus will have Christian Christmas cards for sale the 1st Sunday of Advent on Nov. 30—Dec. 1 after the Masses.



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!

November 17th by the Knights  
Half of the profits from this breakfast will go to support the Mat-Su Food Bank.

## FOOD BANK NEEDS

Rice, Flour, Sugar,  
Pasta, Beans,  
Oatmeal, Pwd Milk

357-3769

## MAT-SU FOOD BANK & FOOD 4 KIDS

Thank you for over 547 pounds of assorted food donated during October.

### BEARS FOR MAGADAN

We are collecting new and gently used stuffed bears, new hats, gloves, scarves, and new baby or toddler snowsuits. Please drop items at the Church or office.

### 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 for helping make our parish safe.