

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

At Sacred Heart our staff encounters many scam artists. Most people who try to scam us really are hurting or have a mental disability, which makes our job more difficult. I believe people would not scam us unless they were in need of help. Sheila, our office manager, is very good at recognizing legitimate needs. We have purchased airline tickets for a pregnant mother and husband. We have helped a disabled veteran, his wife, and child, to stay in a hotel and find permanent housing. We have given money to help immigrants get visas. We have helped families pay their rent. With prayer, experience, and good judgment, Sheila, along with Julie and I, have helped many people get their lives back on track. I want to personally thank all of you for donating so generously to our parish so that we can help others in need. Thankfully there are organizations like Family Promise, My House, and the Food Bank we can refer people to if we deem it necessary.

How do we know if our giving and helping is legitimate? Is the person who is asking for help trying to scam us? Will he/she use the money we give them for drinking or drugs? I have struggled with this dilemma all of my life. I have only given money to strangers a few times in my entire life. I usually ignore them and walk away. Is that being a bad person?

Here are my ten observations about being a Good Samaritan:

1. We cannot give to every person who asks us for money, nor should we.
2. We usually will never know what the person will use the money for.
3. We can never go wrong if we give to people with the intent of helping.
4. We can show kindness to a person without giving them money.
5. If you suspect alcohol maybe your giving still might make a difference.
6. Don't tell people of your good deeds, God knows.
7. We can say no to people even if we have spare money to give them.
8. We should evaluate our generosity to others.
9. If a homeless person asks for food money, buy them the food instead.
10. Use your mind and heart to decide who to be generous to.

The story of the Good Samaritan is a bit different than someone asking for money or handouts. Someone is hurt lying on the road. I believe that anyone in this room would help a person in a similar situation. Deep down inside of us we know when people really need our help. The story of the Samaritan reminds us there certain deeds that God deems very important for acquiring eternal life. That is, helping out someone we clearly know needs our help.

STEWARDSHIP

July 7, 2013	\$5,295.45	Online \$930.00
Last Year	\$6,694.75	Online \$175.00
Blue Envelope	\$938.00	Online 240.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday July 15

Ex 1:8-14,22 Ps 124:1-8 Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday July 16

Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3,14,30-31,3-34 Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday July 17

Ex 3:1-6,9-12 Ps 103:1-4,6-7 Mt 11:25-27

Thursday July 18

Ex 3:1-6,9-12 Ps 103:1-4,6-7 Mt 11:28-30

Friday July 19

Ex 11:10-12-12:14 Ps 116:12-13,15-18 Mt 12:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 13
5:00pm	+Geri Bures
Sunday	July 14
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	
Monday	July 15
9:00am	
Tuesday	July 16
9:00am	
Wednesday	July 17
9:00am	
Thursday	July 18
9:00am	+ George Frenzel
Friday	July 19
9:00am	



FAITH FORMATION

Classes for Faith Formation and Confirmation will resume in Sept.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Where is Mt Carmel and whose cave may be there?

MINISTRY TRAINING

On October 12, the parishes in the Valley will come together for Mass ministry training: Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality, Servers, Music, Linens, and Lectors. Please mark your calendar if you wish to continue or join one of these ministries.

ON-LINE GIVING

Recently we updated our Online Giving link to a new address; this will not affect any donations you have scheduled, your account information or anything else in your account. It will, however, affect any bookmarks you may have created on your computer. The next time you access your Online Giving account on the church website, click on the new Online Giving logo and bookmark this new address.



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Why Catholic school for your child? A Catholic education is a gift you give your child. It provides a strong foundation for success in all aspects of life since we provide an education which integrates faith formation with other growth and development needs: moral, ethical, social, emotional and physical. Most important, your child is in a learning environment with others who share your values. Isn't all this worth the investment? We have a place for your child. Please call the office 376-0883 or 715-2788.

—Theresa Sand, Principal

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart welcomes all our summer visitors to Alaska and our parish. Have a safe and happy summer vacation.



COMING EVENTS

JULY

- 15 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 18 Rosary 7pm
- 28 Debra Lighthart Rosaries and gifts

OCTOBER

- 12 Ministry Training

DIRECTORIES

Surplus Directories will be available in the Social Hall after Mass. We also have several unclaimed photographs. Please look through and take them home or give them to their owners.

FOOD PANTRY OF WASILLA

The Pantry is thankful for Sacred Heart's continued support of providing food to the increasing number of Mat-Su Valley residents who need assistance. We contributed 312 pounds of assorted food in June. Perhaps we can double that support in July. The Pantry's motto is "No one should go hungry."

BEST OF THE VALLEY

The Mat-Su Frontiersman Readers' Choice Award for Best Church went to Sacred Heart Catholic Church—1st Place!



FOOD PANTRY

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

**The Pantry needs lots
of grocery sacks.

ACTS

Jay Vela, Director of ACTS from San Antonio and Tom Peterson of Mission Outreach will be here on July 27th. ACTS members are invited to attend the 5pm mass and reception/meeting afterwards. Men are asked to wear their ACTS shirts and women should wear their scarves. Please contact Priscilla Belanger papamamaw1@aol.com or 357-3571 so she can plan and make preparations for the evening.