

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

There are two investments in my life that I feel are very important. The first are my financial investments. I have several mutual fund investments.

Stocks in general can be risky. The price of stock depends on the stability of the company, how innovative the manager is, and how good the product is: the better the company, the better the stock. The better the stock, the more valuable it becomes.

As Christians, it is important that we try to make some good investments for our retirement. Having a retirement account helps us to continue God's work after we stop collecting that monthly paycheck. Stocks are not for everyone. Other great retirement options are gold, bonds, real estate, and annuities.

When I invest in the stock market, I receive certain benefits. I get dividends. I get more money when the stock increases. I receive some long and short-term capital gains...all help to increase my retirement account. But there is risk.

The second are my spiritual investments. I have invested in Altar Server, Lector, and Eucharistic minister training. I have invested time in the RCIA program to be confirmed. I invested seven years in the seminary. The time and talent I shared with the Catholic Church shows my investment in God.

When I invest in God, there are numerous benefits without risk. By investing in God, I receive forgiveness of sins and peace. As for long-term capital gains, I receive hope for eternal life!

Although there is no risk when investing in God, there is a price. The price of God Stock is to love thy neighbor, attend Sunday Mass, forgive others, and obey the 10 commandments.

The price might seem a little high now. But how much do you think God Stock will cost on Judgment day? The more we invest in God, the richer our lives will be, the more peace we will find, and the closer we will be to perfect happiness.

And believe me—our investment in God can increase. It increases when we pray for others, donate our time, talent, and money to a charitable cause, and make good choices based on the moral teachings in the Bible.

Scripture today is calling us to sell off certain stocks. Change your portfolio. Ecclesiastes tells us to sell anxiety of heart. Colossians instructs, "Put to death immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed. Stop lying to one another." Jesus asks us to get rid of some of our possessions. Our possessions are no good to us after we die. Jesus exclaims, "Be rich in what matters to God."

Today go out and buy more God Stock! We will always be rich if we trust and invest in what is above. If you desire to be truly rich, store up treasure in heaven .

### STEWARDSHIP

July 28, 2013	\$5,977.75	Online	\$755.00
Last Year	\$5,551.15	Online	\$135.00

#### Daily Mass Readings

#### **Monday Aug. 5**

Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17 MT 14:13-21

#### **Tuesday Aug. 6**

Dn 7:9-10.13-14 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9 2 Pt 1:16-19

#### **Wednesday Aug. 7**

Nm 13:1-2,25-14;1 Ps 106:6-7,13-14 Mt 15:21-28

#### **Thursday Aug. 8**

Nm 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Mt 16:13-23

#### **Friday Aug. 9**

Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16,21 Mt 16:24-28

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday Aug.3**

5:00pm

#### **Sunday Aug. 4**

9:00am

11:30am For the People of the Parish

#### **Monday Aug. 5**

9:00am

#### **Tuesday Aug. 6**

9:00am

#### **Wednesday Aug. 7**

9:00am

#### **Thursday Aug.8**

9:00am

#### **Friday Aug. 9**

9:00am + Emery Jadack



### FAITH FORMATION

Classes for Faith Formation and Confirmation will resume in Sept.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Edith Stein died August 9, 1942 in Auschwitz. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II under what religious name?

### 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? OLV emphasizes a challenging core curriculum which provides a strong program in the "basics," as well as stimulating programs for all students. Catholic schools add the significant "plus" of religious, moral, and spiritual development. Before and after school care will be available for families this school year.

We have a place for your child. Please call the office 376-0883 or 715-2788.

### 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

### AUGUST

- 5 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 8 Rosary 7pm
- 10/11 Inquiry Sessions after all Masses
- 14 Vigil of the Assumption 5:30pm
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9am  
OLV Opening day of school

### OCTOBER

- 12 Ministry Training

### MASS SIGN-UP SHEETS

Mass ministers are needed for the Assumption August 14/15—a holy day of obligation. We also need mass ministers for all the week end masses of August 17 & 18. Sheets are in the social hall. Thank you for assisting with these liturgies.

### GIVE US THIS DAY

This magazine is a personal prayer periodical from Liturgical Press of Saint John's Abbey. Deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition, *Give Us This Day* is about prayer—praying daily, praying well, praying with confidence. The monthly booklet helps establish prayer as a part of your life, enhancing your existing practices and deepening your encounter with God by providing:

- A practical approach to daily prayer
- Prayers and readings for daily Mass
- Daily prayer, Morning and Evening
- A reflection on the Scriptures for each day

*Give Us This Day* is available in standard, large print, and digital versions. More information at [www.GiveUsThisDay.org](http://www.GiveUsThisDay.org) or 888-259-8470

This might be exactly what you need to start the fall.

### 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 & egg cartons

### INQUIRY SESSIONS

During the Weekend of August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> there will be inquiry opportunities after each mass for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or is interested in becoming Catholic. If interested, please meet us in the family room after any of the masses. For questions, contact Jenny Michaelson at [jmichaelson@caa-ak.org](mailto:jmichaelson@caa-ak.org) or call the parish office.

### RETROUVILLE

This program for troubled married couples is hosting a weekend on Oct. 18-20. Please contact 1-800-470-2230 or [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)