

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that he has come to “set the earth on fire.” Jesus is burning with zeal. He is on fire with love for God. For Jeremiah in the first reading being on fire for God meant martyrdom. He did not care if he was killed for preaching about God.

For us being on fire with love for God might lead to family conflicts, trouble with our neighbors, humiliation, sacrifice, and even death.

One day while on fire with love for God, I flew my Cherokee Warrior II to Clarks Point, a small Yupik Village of about 48 people. I was humiliated terribly. I had to say mass on Louise Gardener’s kitchen table because it was in winter and we had no heat in the small church. I spread my arms for the opening prayer and hit something. I heard a crash. I knocked Louise’s favorite coffee cup off the wall. She started crying.

Flying out in the Alaskan Bush can mean death. Fr. Kelly was on fire with love for God. He started our mission in Bristol Bay. He crashed into a mountain in severe weather and died. It was on Palm Sunday. I took his place.

No one promised us that our Christian faith was going to be a picnic. With love comes sacrifice. The Gospel of love is signed with the cross; and if we are followers of Jesus then we too will be signed with that cross. When Jesus walked this earth, he was attacked by people who loved only when it was convenient. They were willing to sacrifice nothing! These people never linked love to sacrifice.

Being on fire with the love of God is life-giving. Life-giving fire clears out layers of undergrowth, built up over time, that smother the soil and prevents new growth. A blazing fire is a beacon that gives guidance and attracts everyone to its light, warmth, and power.

When we are on fire with love for God, we attract others to our Christian religion through gentle power and warmth. Our old thinking is purged, and fresh new ideas of kindness and generosity fill our thoughts. Fire helps us guide others to our Catholic Church.

As Catholic Christians we are striving for that prize at the finish line. Our prize is a life living with God forever. We get there when we burn from within with the love of God. We get there when we are not afraid to sacrifice a little of ourselves to love another.

Pope Benedict the XVI helped us prioritize our sacrificial love: “Our first task is to preach the Gospel of Jesus. Our second task is to bring the FIRE of God’s love to the world.”

STEWARDSHIP

Aug. 11,2013	\$6,211.90	Online \$905.00
Last Year	\$6,626.10	Online \$235.00
Blue Env. New Sign	\$4,105.00	Online \$235.00

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Daily Mass Readings

Monday Aug. 19

Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-37 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Aug. 20

Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9,11-14 Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Aug. 21

Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-7 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Aug. 22

Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5,7-10 Mt 22:1-14

Friday Aug. 23

Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22 Ps 146:5-10 Mt 22:34-40

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Aug.17

5:00pm

+ Michael & Margaret Lajcsak

Sunday

Aug. 18

9:00am

For the People of the Parish

11:30am

+Chad Hall

Monday

Aug. 19

9:00am

Tuesday

Aug. 20

9:00am

Wednesday

Aug. 21

9:00am

Thursday

Aug. 22

9:00am

Friday

Aug. 23

9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

Classes for Faith Formation and Confirmation will resume in Sept. Registration available after the masses and on line.

1ST RECONCILIATION

Students (baptized) who have entered the 2nd grade are invited to prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Classes begin September 7 at 3pm in the All Saints Center. Students must also register in Faith Formation classes.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Who did Saint Rosa of Lima base her life upon?

MINISTRY TRAINING

On October 12, the Valley parishes will gather 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

Please consider on-line giving.



eSCRIP FOR OLV

Shop now until September 10th to earn 10% for Our Lady Of The Valley. Look for this logo and purchase participating products!



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The students and staff of Our Lady of the Valley would like to thank Doug Massie for all his hard work over the summer preparing our new playground. Mr. Massie and other parents and grandparents spent many hours moving, installing, and securing the equipment as well as building the perimeter and shoveling gravel. We hope the children will enjoy the playground for years to come.

This week we welcomed back our students and parents with a barbeque and open house. It was wonderful to see all of the new and returning families. Thank you to all of the parishioners who have supported Catholic Education over the years and make OLV possible for our students. 376-0883



COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

19 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
22 Rosary 7pm

SEPTEMBER

15 Knights "Back To School" Breakfast
22 Faith Formation begins

OCTOBER

12 Ministry Training

RCIA

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or is interested in becoming Catholic is welcome to contact us about the process. For questions, contact Jenny Michaelson at jmichaelson@caa-ak.org or call the parish office.

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 or 888-259-8470. A group order sheet is available in the Social Hall.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This past week the Arctic Madonna Chapter of the Knights of Columbus made a \$1500 donation to support Our Lady of the Valley's Scholarship Fund. This fund helps to ensure that OLV is able to offer financial assistance to our students so that they can continue growing in their Catholic Faith. Everyone at OLV would like to thank all of the generous gentleman who made this donation possible.



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