

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Numbers in the Bible are never randomly used. Three is for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Seven is for the seven tribes of Israel. Twelve is for the twelve apostles. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights after Noah's Ark was built. Moses went up on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights. In today's Gospel Jesus was tempted for 40 days and 40 nights.

Living in our society our minds tend to be formed from our surroundings, how we grew up, our culture, and people we work with. To some extent our formation dictates how we think, how we act, and how we make choices.

Much of our Christian formation comes from the way in which we deal with temptation. Jesus is being faced head-on with temptation in the desert and he is dealing with it well. He is resisting it.

One of our Great Saints, Saint Augustine, tells us that we are never tempted beyond our power to resist. In other words, everything we are tempted with can be resisted.

Saint Augustine tells us that we only really get to know ourselves when we struggle and strive against temptation.

The story of Christ in the desert is also about victory. Try this: Visualize yourself standing there being tempted with Christ. Put yourself in the desert, facing off with the devil. Then feel the goodness that comes from resisting that evil. Envision yourself as victorious.

The three worst temptations we have as humans are greed, pride, and riches. The three temptations Jesus faced in the desert attacked his poverty. They tempted him to be greedy, rich, and full of pride.

Lent enables us to take some extra time in our busy lives and take stock of our temptations, like lying, swearing, being impatient, manipulating others, being hateful, and putting ourselves first instead of God.

Lent is a time to reconcile those capital sins that seem to be getting in the way of living a holier life. The capital sins are pride, materialism, envy, anger, gluttony, lust, and sloth.

This Lent remember Jesus has gone down every path of temptation that you have. Every single time he made the right choice. He chose right over wrong. He chose good over bad. Jesus chose life over death.

This Lent prepare for the largest event ever in the world, the resurrection of our Savior. As humans we all have sin in common, we all sin. What determines how holy we are is how we deal with our sin. Here is how we, as Christians, deal with our sin well so that we grow in holiness: We struggle with sin and try to resist temptation; we go to Communion every week; we seek out the sacrament of reconciliation regularly; we commit to abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent; we fast during Lent; and we call on the Holy Spirit for guidance .

STEWARDSHIP

Feb.10, 2013	\$6,300.35	Online \$565.00
Last Year	\$6,380.05	Online\$0.00
Black & Indian	\$ 335.00	
Special Projects	\$195.00	

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Feb.18

Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Feb.19

Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Feb.20

John 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Feb.21

Est C 12,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

Friday Feb.22

1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 My 16:13-19

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Feb. 16
5:00pm + Michael & Margaret Lajcsak

Sunday Feb. 17
9:00am + Donald William Henn
11:30am For the People of the Parish

Monday Feb. 18

9:00am

Tuesday Feb. 19

9:00am

Wednesday Feb. 20

9:00am

Thursday Feb. 21

9:00am

Friday Feb. 22

9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-8 meet from 10-11:15 am.
Pre-school and K meet at 11:30am

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What is the definition
of a catechumen?

CONFIRMATION—1-2:30pm

Students in the second year (2013)
program meet at 1pm in the Old
Church; students in the first year
(2014) program meet in the St.
Jude Center.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

February 17, 24, and March 3

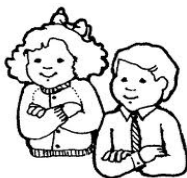
Baptized Catholic adults who have
not had an opportunity to celebrate
the Sacrament of Confirmation are
invited to join preparation classes
taught by Fr. Scott. Classes will
meet from 10:15-11:15 in the chap-
el. Candidates will be confirmed at
the Easter Vigil. Please bring a
copy of your baptismal certificate.

WHY CATHOLIC?

Lenten Longings

During this Year of Faith we are
called to live our Catholic faith eve-
ry day. The Archdiocese is encour-
aging all to participate in *Lenten
Longings*, a program of small parish
groups who meet for 6 weeks to
discuss *Lenten Longings*, a six-
week lectionary-based, faith-
sharing resource.

Groups and hosts have formed. We
have several slots available at dif-
ferent times. Please check in the
social hall after mass if you are in-
terested in joining or hosting a small
faith group. You will be richer for
the experience.



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Vendor Fair will be in the So-
cial Hall on Saturday, **February 23**
from 9am-3pm. Please contact
Donna Green (373-1310 or 232-
2634) or Sarah Soule (232-0520)
for more information.

OLV's 6th Annual Gala Auction is
April 13, 2013 at the Sports Com-
plex. Tickets are on sale now for
\$50 per person 21 and older. Cor-
porate tables are available: Gold—
\$750 & Silver—\$600. Please call
for details.

Donations are being accepted for
the auction. Items may be dropped
at the school office or arrangements
can be made. We are seeking
adults to assist with this event.
Please call Karen (376-0883) if you
can provide time and talent.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 17 Rite of Sending RCIA
- Adult Confirmation 10:15—11:15am Chapel
- 18 Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm
- 21 Rosary 7pm
- 22 Soup & Stations 7pm Lectors/Hospitality
- 23 OLV Vendor Fair 9am-3pm Social Hall
- 24 Middle School Ice Fishing—Finger Lake
- 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting 12:45 pm

MARCH

- 1 Soup & Stations 7pm ACTS hosting
- 2 1st Eucharist Class 3-4:30pm Old Church
- 3 Sandwich Making Middle School 10am
- 4 Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm
- 8 Soup & Stations 7pm E. Ministers/RCIA
- 9 1st Eucharist Class 3-4:30pm Old Church
- 10 No Faith Formation Classes—Spring Break
- 11 Our Lady of the Lake Reconciliation 7pm
- 12 St. Michael's Reconciliation 7pm
- 13 Sacred Heart Reconciliation Service 5:30pm

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS Feb 16/17

Today we invite you to participate in the national col-
lection for Black and Indian Missions. Your gifts make
possible grants to our Archdiocese each year to sup-
port missions in remote communities, Alaska Native
Ministry, and scholarships for African American and
Alaska Native students in our Catholic schools. Thank
you for your generosity.

DILLINGHAM YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Please sign up for this mission trip by February 28th.
This will be a wonderful, life changing experience.
Teens entering 9th grade and older are invited.

YOUTH MASS

Beginning on April 27th, the parish will sponsor a
youth mass on Saturdays at 5pm once a month. Youth
will be hospitality, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and
music. All youth and their families and friends are en-
couraged to join this spirit filled mass.

FOOD PANTRY

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

Please consider us as a volun-
teer opportunity this Lenten
season.

ACTS RETREATS

The men's retreat is Mar. 7-10. Space is still available. Please contact one
of the men for information about this amazing weekend.

BISHOP'S ATTIC

The Attic needs more donations including furniture. Please no large appli-
ances. Free pick-up is available for large donations—745-4215

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

The Knights will be selling their buffalo raffle tickets this weekend after all
masses.