

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Who can tell me what it means to imitate someone? So, let's play the imitation game. All the children ages 4-9, put your hand on your nose. Put your hand on your ear. Raise your hand. OK, is that what imitation is? Yes. So, let me ask you another question, what if I was to burp really loud right here during church? Would you do it? Why not? What if I asked you to shake hands? Would you do that? Yes. Why? (Like father like son)

St. Paul is a very good man. In the very first line in his letter to the Philippians he says, "Join in imitating me." That was Saint Paul's claim to fame. He wants all of us to imitate him because he imitates Christ.

Saint Paul was the kind of guy who imitated the wrong people at first. He actually was a Roman Soldier who killed Christians. He was a mean and vicious persecutor of others. His life was miserable and pathetic. He was angry all the time. He was aggravated and never had peace.

On the Road to Damascus St. Paul had an experience with Jesus. "As he was nearing Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him." He came face to face with the bright shining light of Christ...he was transfigured. You have heard the expression, he saw the light? Thanks to Saint Paul, that is where that expression came from.

After Paul saw the light he became an imitator of Christ. His life changed. He felt good about himself. He was happy. He found peace. He did that by imitating Jesus...by being a Christian example.

St. Paul wants all of us to be good Christian examples. To St. Paul, it is not so much what we say, but how we act. Our good actions speak louder than words.

We have the opportunity to be transfigured everyday...Just like Jesus was in the Gospel today. That beautiful bright light shining down on us right now is love. That is the light of Christ that makes us stand out as bright stars. By imitating Christ, by doing good, we are standing in the light of Love. That love transfigures us.

One of the people who helped to transfigure me was a friend who invited me to the Catholic Church for the first time. Eric Williams. Eric is a good guy, honest, responsible, and a hard worker. I imitated what he did. I went to the Catholic Church. I was transfigured.

This Lent, think of someone you admire...a great Saint, Jesus, or maybe a relative. Pick out one thing they do that is good and wholesome, and Christian. Then, be imitators.

### STEWARDSHIP

Feb.17, 2013	\$7,588.55	Online \$840.00
Last Year	\$6,717.00	Online \$0.00
Black & Indian	\$1,107.00	
Special Projects	\$50.00	

### Daily Mass Readings

#### Monday Feb.25

Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9m11,13 Lk 6:36-38

#### Tuesday Feb.26

Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16c-17,21,23 Mt 23:1-12

#### Wednesday Feb.27

Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6,14-16 Mt 20:17-28

#### Thursday Feb.28

Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31

#### Friday March 1

Gn 37:3-4,12-13a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43,45-46

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday

Feb. 23

5:00pm

+ Alphonse John

#### Sunday

Feb. 24

9:00am

For the People of the Parish

11:30am

+ Dustin Wilson

#### Monday

Feb. 25

9:00am

+ Earl Smith

#### Tuesday

Feb. 26

9:00am

+ Phil Wagner

#### Wednesday

Feb. 27

9:00am

#### Thursday

Feb. 28

9:00am

#### Friday

March 1

9:00am

+ Rose Maria



## FAITH FORMATION

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

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

In the Mass, what is the Collect?

## 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 chapel. 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 every day. The Archdiocese is encouraging 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 different times. Please check in the social hall after mass if you are interested in joining or hosting a small faith group. You will be richer for the experience.

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

This year Catholic Social Services is asking for your support of St. Francis House Food Pantry. This is a great opportunity to link prayer, sacrifice and giving to those in greater need than ourselves.

## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Vendor Fair will be in the Social 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 Complex. Tickets are on sale now for \$50 per person 21 and older. Corporate 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

- 22 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

### 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.

### SOUP SUPPER—CRS Rice Bowl

Thank you for your generous support of \$134.30 for Catholic Relief Services at the Soup Supper dinner on Friday. We invite parishioners to donate what they would have spent on dinner on Friday night to the CRS Rice Bowl project.

### 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 encouraged 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 volunteer opportunity this Lenten season.

### THANK YOU—FUNERAL RECEPTION

A big thank you to all the members of the Funeral Reception who brought so much comfort and hospitality to the 3 families who experienced losses in the last week.

### BISHOP'S ATTIC

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

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

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