

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

In our readings Jeremiah tells people the truth: they are faced with disaster. Jesus tells the community the truth in the gospel: God loves us all, even widows and orphans. For us, lying seems to be much easier. Everyone here today has told a lie. All forms of lying are sinful. The use of cosmetics and/or plastic surgery to make us look younger or different is a lie. To lie is to intentionally mislead others when they expect honest communication. One of the greatest problems for the liar is keeping track of the lies. Lies beget other lies.

There are two types of lies. For example, reaching into a till and stealing \$100 is an act of commission, whereas not returning the \$100 is an act of omission. So, to lie about your age is one thing, but to correct the false impression is another.

We lie to avoid embarrassment, to exaggerate our accomplishments, to spare the feelings of another, and to disguise wrongdoing. To lie is to make a promise we cannot keep. It is to erect a boundary between the truth we are living and the perception others have of us. We do this because we think others will disapprove of our behavior.

When you receive a gift and say you love it, even though you don't, this white lie is also wrong. Here is what we lose: sincerity, authenticity, integrity, and mutual understanding. It takes a strong person, a leader, and tact to be honest and tell the truth.

When we tell lies the short term result is that other people get into trouble and we don't. Experience tells me that people know when we are lying. When we lie, we feel bad inside, we feel guilty, and it shows. Research tells us that lying is associated with poorer relationships.

People who lie eventually get caught, ALWAYS!! The long term problems that arise from lying are much worse than the short term ones for being honest. After all, we all make mistakes, we are all sinful, why not take responsibility for our actions and be honest. Are you a strong enough person to do that? I believe you are!

Make a commitment to start being honest. Honest people are leaders, are a refuge in a storm, mean what they say, do not talk behind your back, and can be trusted. Honesty is a gift we can give to others, is a source of power, and allows us to simply be ourselves.

It is a prophet's role to speak the truth. To speak the truth takes courage and strength. Saint Paul reminds us today that truth must be spoken with love. Telling the truth allows us to face down our fears, enables us to take responsibility for our actions, and frees our soul. Telling the truth gets easier the more you do it. Telling the truth is the way of Jesus.

Would you want someone to lie to you? Let us pray for the grace of courage to stop lying; for strength to always tell the truth out of love; for vision to see the value of taking responsibility for our actions.

### STEWARDSHIP

Jan. 27, 2013	\$6,178.05	Online \$365.00
Last Year	\$6,271.85	Online \$0.00
OLV School	\$1,849.70	

### Daily Mass Readings

#### Monday Feb.4

Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20

#### Tuesday Jan.29

Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28,30-32 Mk 5:21-43

#### Wednesday Jan.30

Heb 12:4-7,11-15 Ps 103:1-2,13-147,1718 Mk 6:1-6

#### Thursday Jan.31

Heb 12:18-19,2124 Ps 48:2-4,9-11 Mk 6:7-13

#### Friday Feb.1

Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9 Mk 6:14-29

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 2</b>
5:00pm	Caroline Maris ( Baptismal Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 3</b>
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	+ David Adkins
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>
9:00am	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 5</b>
10::00am	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb.6</b>
9:00am	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 7</b>
9:00am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 8</b>
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 Candlemas?

## 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 call the office.

## WHY CATHOLIC?

### Lenten Longings

During this Year of Faith we are called to live our Catholic faith each and 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.

People's experiences in a small community show that we all come from different places on the faith journey, but with sharing we find we are all heading in the same direction. Why not join us this Lent? Journey with us in a small community by praying and sharing Scripture – it's called Lenten Longings. We believe you will be richer for the experience. For time and dates you will be contacted.

## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment forms are at the OLV office or call 376-0883.

Thank you for supporting our Catholic Schools Week collection. Parishioners graciously gave \$2,000 to Our Lady of the Valley

Join us for a Steak Dinner **February 2** at the American Legion Post #35 mile 46 of the Parks Hwy. Great steaks and you still have time to enjoy this dinner after 5pm mass.

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.

Save the date for OLV's 6th Annual Gala Auction, **April 13, 2013** at the Sports Complex. Tickets on sale now \$50 per person 21 and older.

Corporate tables available Gold \$750 & Silver \$600 call for details.

## COMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Middle School Sandwich making  
Scout Sunday 11:30 am
- 4 Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm
- 7 Rosary 7pm
- 9 RCIA Gathering Noon Old Church
- 13 Ash Wednesday 9am & 5:30pm
- 15 Soup & Stations 7:00pm Middle School hosting
- 17 Rite of Sending RCIA  
Adult Confirmation 10:15am
- 22 Soup & Stations 7pm Lectors/Hospitality

### BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS Feb 9/10

Next week is the annual collection to support Black & Indian Missions in the USA. The Archdiocese receives funds to support remote missions in our state.

### HOMESCHOOL GROUP

The homeschool group will meet February 8th at 9am for Mass. Other activities will follow Mass in the social hall until noon. Please contact Andrea Severance at 360-5982.

### WHY CATHOLIC? LENTEN LONGINGS

Don't give up chocolate or dessert this Lent. Join a small faith group with your friends and family. Sign-up sheets and cards are available this weekend after all the masses.

### RETRouvaille—FEBRUARY 15-17

Give your spouse the gift of a weekend for Valentine's Day and rediscover the person you married. For information, please call 800-470-2230 or log on to [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

### 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.

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING—FEB 2 & 3

The Confirmation students invite you to support the annual collection for the Wasilla Food Pantry after all masses. Be part of this movement that share's God's love with those in need. Every dollar donated goes to the Wasilla Food Pantry. Students will be collecting food and money. Thank you for your generous support.

### ACTS RETREATS

The women's retreat will be Feb. 7-10 and the men's is Mar. 7-10. Please contact an ACTS member who will provide information about these dynamic retreats.