

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT February 16 2014 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our society has thousands of sayings. Sayings are easy to remember. They are not necessarily to be taken literally. Sayings make us think and have a lesson attached to them. Here is a list of familiar sayings:

A watched pot never boils	Beggars can't be choosers	Better to be safe than sorry
Every cloud has a silver lining	Great minds think alike	Grin and bear it
Hay is for horses	Honesty is the best policy	Keep your chin up
Laughter is the best medicine	You are what you eat	A rolling stone gathers no moss
Man can't live by bread alone	Monkey see; monkey do	Don't change horses midstream
No news is good news	Out of sight out of mind	Practice makes perfect
Quit while you're ahead	Silence is golden	United we stand; divided we fall
Penny saved is penny earned	Look before you leap	Stitch in time saves nine

Early Christians heard a number of sayings from Jesus. In the Gospel today these sayings are clumped together. Some of these sayings in Matthew are direct and clear. For example, "If you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother." Other sayings are highly inflated language, i.e. cutting off our hands and gouging out our eyes if they cause us to sin. These sayings are not meant to be taken literally. A custom of those times was to OVERSTATE a case to help drive a point home. Overstating would also help the student commit the lesson to memory. In the Gospel Jesus outlines seven characteristics of the way Christians deal with one another and the world. These seven characteristics enable us to fulfil the law of love, from which all other laws are judged:

1. Seek opportunities to forgive others.
2. Reconcile with those we see, and then worship God, who we cannot see.
3. Prefer personal negotiation to legal action.
4. Keep our desires in check and do not see others as objects.
5. Look at the causes of our sins and change our destructive behavior.
6. We remain faithful to those we love.
7. Do what we say when we make serious and mature promises.

Today, fix your eyes on Christ, remember to forgive, reconcile, be faithful and true to your word, discern your call, negotiate problems, and respect everyone you meet. Above all, remember, the grass is much greener on the other side.

STEWARDSHIP

Feb.9, 2014 \$5512.50 Online \$1,160.00
 Last Year \$6,300.35 Online \$640.00
 Black & Indian Mission \$1684.05

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Feb.17

Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Feb. 18

Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday Feb.19

Jas 1:19-27 Ps 15:2-5 Mk 8:22-26

Thursday Feb. 20

Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33

Friday Feb. 21

Jas 2:14-24,26 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34-9:1

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Feb. 15

5:00pm

+ Michael & Margaret Lajcsak

Sunday

Feb. 16

9:00am

For the People of the Parish

11:30am

+ Dorethea Adkins

Monday

Feb. 17

9:00am

Intention of Tom Kilroy

Tuesday

Feb. 18

9:00am

Wednesday

Feb. 19

9:00am

Thursday

Feb. 20

9:00am

Friday

Feb. 21

9:00am



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation and Confirmation meet on Sundays. Registration is on line or at the office. 1st grade students who plan to celebrate 1st Eucharist in 2nd grade must be enrolled in 1st grade faith formation now. 8th grade students who plan to celebrate Confirmation in high school must be enrolled in Middle School faith formation now.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The second year class meets in the All Saints Center at 1pm. The New Confirmation class Candidates continue meetings with their sponsors. *Why Catholic?* groups resume in March. Study groups will continue in the same books with the final 6 chapters on prayer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What is the *cathedra*?

1ST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING FEB. 23

Information for 1st Eucharist will be discussed in the Church at 1pm. Children currently attending Sunday classes are eligible.

2nd COLLECTIONS

Remember you may contribute to 2nd collections such as the school collection with on-line giving. Check Sacred Heart website.

WHY CATHOLIC?

Prayer can take many forms: praise, adoration, petition, thanksgiving. Prayer can be silent, vocal, shared, or private. Sometimes prayer comes with great ease and other times it may be quite difficult. Join us as we explore Prayer this Lent.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Our Lady of the Valley
Catholic School

7 More Weeks: "Breakfast at Tiffany's" OLV's 7th Annual Gala Dinner Auction is on March 29, 2014, at the Menard Sports Complex. Doors open at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$50/person, 21 and older. Reserved table levels are Platinum, Gold and Silver. Call Karen at 376-0883

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Schools Week collection: parishioners donated over \$2300 to support Our Lady of the Valley.



COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 17 Holiday—Office closed
Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 20 Rosary 7pm
Knights Breakfast
- 22 Youth Mass 5pm
- 23 1st Eucharist Family Meeting 1pm

MARCH

- 2 Adult Confirmation 10am
Middle School Sandwich making for Br. Francis
- 5 Ash Wednesday 9am & 5:30pm
- 7 Soup & Stations Middle School hosting 7pm
- 9 Adult Confirmation 10am
- 16 Adult Confirmation 10am

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT—MARCH 6-9

Men, we invite you to start this Lent with a weekend of personal and renewed spirituality. Spend a special weekend with God. For information call Bobbie Ackley 376-0930.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES BABY BOUTIQUE

Babies and toddlers need new and gently used hooded sweatshirts, hats, mittens, sweatpants, coats, snowsuits, and jackets. One piece t-shirts and diapers in all sizes are always in demand. A collection basket is in the social hall.



FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise will be hosting families during the week of March 16. Sacred Heart needs volunteers in many areas. Please contact Gini King-Taylor or Judith Akreps 373-3852.

PALM COLLECTION

Palms are being collected to burn for Ash Wednesday. Please leave them in the basket in the Atrium.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Peanut Butter, Jelly,
Top Ramen,
Soups, Stews, Chili,
Canned Fruit, and
Vegetables

357-3769

DILLINGHAM YOUTH RETREAT

High school students are invited to sign up for the Dillingham Retreat, which is June 23-27. Sign up sheets are posted in the Social Hall. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 23rd.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Children must be accompanied to the rest rooms by an adult and supervised on the playground. Due to meetings, children cannot run and scream in the halls

BLUE ENVELOPES

Please disregard the Blue envelopes in your April-May stewardship packets. We are discontinuing the Blue envelopes. Our maintenance contributions are now invested monthly from our Sunday collections. Thank you for your faithful generosity over the years.