

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT February 9, 2014 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever tried to hide your light under a bushel basket? If you put a lit candle under a Mason jar, we can get a good idea of what happens. The candle represents the light of Christ in each one of us. The jar represents a bushel basket.

When a lit candle is covered up by a Mason jar, the fire eats up the air. The candle's light slowly starts to dim and go out.

This is a good example of what happens when we do not share our God given gifts and talents with others. If the light of Christ within us is covered up, the light slowly dims. Each of us has special gifts and talents. If we hide them and don't use them for the good of others, spiritual death occurs.

The Gospel says that if our lights are hidden, then that light must be uncovered.

There are several ways to uncover a hidden light. My Spiritual Director at Mt. Angel told me that if we do not bring our secret sins to light, then it is very difficult to struggle with them. "Talking about our secret sins," he says, "breaks the power that satin has over them." In this case, the jar represents sins we do in secret. Removing the jar is the sacrament of reconciliation.

Here is a great way to give your light some oxygen: Get involved with Sacred Heart ministries. Be a lector, Altar Server, Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, lead a Bible study, sign up to be a hospitality minister, learn to play the piano, help clean our kitchen, count the Sunday collection, fix things, and contribute 10% to our Sunday collection, sign up for online giving.

Partaking in the body of Christ uncovers our light. Not going to Mass every Sunday is the cover (the Jar). Taking off the cover is receiving Holy Communion.

I urge you this week to remember this demonstration. Do not suffocate spiritually. Uncover your light! Figure out new ways to brighten that light that is within you. This week, take off that lid. Put yourself on a lampstand. Allow the light of Christ to burn brightly inside your heart. Allow your gifts and talents to be shared with everyone.

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### STEWARDSHIP

Feb.2, 2014	\$5,244.80	Online \$555.00
Last Year	\$5,722.45	Online \$365.00
OLV Collection	\$180.00	
Souper Bowl	\$1,300.03	

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### Daily Mass Readings

#### Monday Feb10

1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 Ps 132:6-10 Mk 6:53-56

#### Tuesday Feb. 11

1 Kgs 8:22-23 Ps 84:3-5,10-11 Mk 7:1-13

#### Wednesday Feb.12

1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6,30-31 Mk 7:14-23

#### Thursday Feb. 13

1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4,35-37 Mk 7:24-30

#### Friday Feb. 14

1 Kgs 7:31-36 Ps 81:10-15 Mk 7:31-36

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 8</b>
5:00pm	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 9</b>
9:00am	Intention of Pearl Ann
11:30am	+ Merlin DeWalt
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 10</b>
9:00am	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 11</b>
9:00am	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 12</b>
9:00am	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 13</b>
9:00am	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 14</b>
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.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Who was St. Benedict's twin sister?

## COMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 6 Rosary 7pm  
Women's ACTS begins
- 16 Knights Breakfast
- 23 1st Eucharist Family Meeting 1pm

### 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 Bobbie Ackley 376-0930.

### RETROUVAILLE

The March weekend retreat has been rescheduled to July. More information will follow.



## 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.

### HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

The group will meet on February 14 for 9am mass followed by the monthly meeting in the Social Hall. Please contact Andrea for details at 376-1330.

### 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

**SAVE THE DATE:** "Breakfast at Tiffany's" OLV's 7th Annual Gala Dinner Auction on March 29, 2014, at the Menard Sports Complex. Doors open at 5:00pm. Early ticket sales will be *January 20-February 9th*. Early ticket price is \$40 per person. After February 9th, tickets are \$50 per person. 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.



### BABY BOUTIQUE

Please remember 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

### 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 June 23-27. Sign up sheets are posted in the Social Hall.

### 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—Thank you for helping make our parish safe.