

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Sacraments become progressively more difficult to receive after Baptism. Baptism has a very low bar and is the easiest sacrament to receive. The bars for Eucharist, confirmation, anointing, marriage, reconciliation, and Holy Orders are a little higher than for baptism and take more preparation.

The toughest question I have to ask the parents during baptism is, "Do you accept the responsibility of training your child in the practice of the faith?" It is the parent's duty to teach their children to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor.

Baptism is the most ecumenical sacrament we have. If another Christian wants to become Catholic, like a Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc., and they are already baptized, they do not have to become re-baptized. Generally speaking, the sacrament of baptism unites almost all the world's Christians in Christ Jesus.

The Catholic Rite of Baptism underlines the dignity of the adult or child being initiated into the life of Christ. Here is how that dignity is underlined.

When baptizing an infant, the parents are asked what name the child is given. There is a meaning for every name. The name is often a revelation as to the child's personality.

The parents and sponsors understand their responsibilities in preparing the child in the faith and are prepared to be Christian role models for that child. The baptism is done at the back of the church. We do this because it signifies entering the church and becoming a member. Baptism is the first formal time that we receive a child into the place where our church gathers.

We invoke the saints for the child. We remember that the child has patron saints who are praying with all of us right now in heaven, and we call on them by name.

We ask that all evil be kept from the child. As we anoint the child's breastbone, we ask that the child's heart be united in love for God, self, and neighbor. We bless the font, profess our common faith, and then immerse the child into the life-giving and saving bath of baptism. The white vestment a newly baptized child wears is a physical reminder that they have just put on the life of Christ.

The child is anointed with the church's holiest of oil and is welcomed into the royal family of Christ, the school of prophets, and the priesthood of all believers.

The parents and sponsors are presented with the light of Christ. We ask that the child's ears will hear the word of God and that his or her mouth will proclaim it.

Baptism is elaborate because it helps you to realize that you are loved by God, that your true identity is in God, and that you are pleasing to God. Baptism reminds us of our dignity. You are worth a great deal to God.

STEWARDSHIP

Jan. 6 2013	\$7,276.65
Online	\$645.00
Dillingham Trip	\$898.00
Online	\$75.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Jan.14

Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1,2b,6,7c, 9 Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday Jan.15

Heb 2:5-12 Ps 9:2a,5-9 Mk 1:21b-28

Wednesday Jan.16

Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday Jan.17

Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-11 Mk 1:40-45

Friday Jan.18

Heb 4:1-5,11 Ps 78:3,4bc,6c-8 Mk 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Jan. 12
5:00pm	+ Shan Satterfield
Sunday	Jan. 13
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	+ Vern Adkins
Monday	Jan. 14
9:00am	
Tuesday	Jan. 15
10:00am	
Wednesday	Jan. 16
9:00am	+ Catherine Cizek
Thursday	Jan.17
9:00am	
Friday	Jan.18
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 marked the beginning of
Jesus' public life? Why?

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.

Welcome Child of God

in Baptism

June Nicole Helwig

January 6, 2013

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.

Lent is a time to renew our faith —
something that requires prayer and
reflection. In a small community we
can see how Jesus himself, in the
midst of activity, always took time
for silence and prayer, and we real-
ize how important it is for us to do
the same. Why not add a special
ingredient to your observance of the
Year of Faith by taking time this
Lent for quiet, prayer and sharing in
a small community? Sign-up infor-
mation will be available in the next
few weeks.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment forms are at the OLV
office in the St. Jude Center or call
376-0883.

OLV Steak Dinner **February 2** at
the American Legion Post #35, mile
46 of the Parks Hwy. Great Steak
and a fantastic Dessert Auction

OLV parents will hold a Vendor Fair
on Saturday, **February 23** from
9am-3pm. If you have products you
would like to sell, 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 at the school! \$50 per person
21 and older. \$45 if purchased by
February 1, 2013. Corporate tables
available \$750 Gold \$600 Silver call
for details.

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 14 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 15/16 End of year tax letters available
- 17 Rosary 7:00pm
- 19/20 End of year tax letters available
- 23 OLV Vendor Fair
- 26/27 Debra Lighthart Rosaries and Gifts
- 27 Catholic Schools Week begins

END OF YEAR TAX LETTERS

End of year letters will be available only on January 12
& 13 and January 19 & 20 after all the Masses.

RETROUVAILLE—FEBRUARY 15-17

This lifeline for marriage is a weekend retreat that
helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.
Couples are given the opportunity to rediscover each
other and examine their lives together in a positive and
new way. For information, please call 800-470-2230 or
log on to www.HelpOurMarriage.com

ACTS RETREATS

The women's retreat will be Feb. 7-10 and the men's
is Mar. 7-10. The ministry will be available after the
masses to answer questions and provide information
about these dynamic retreats. Registration forms are
in the bulletin and available at the office.

WHY CATHOLIC? LENTEN LONGINGS

Information and materials for this Lenten small group
faith sharing opportunity will be available over the next
few weeks.

BISHOP'S ATTIC VOLUNTEERS

The Bishop's Attic needs volunteers. Please call Jack
for more information 745-4215

WASILLA FOOD PANTRY

Please consider us as a volunteer opportunity this
season.

FOOD PANTRY

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

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL January 12/13

Today, you are invited to help Catholics worshipping in parishes through-
out rural America with a gift to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Dona-
tion will provide training for lay ministers, deacons, seminarians, youth and
adults, and migrant ministry programs. A portion of funds collected will
come back to Alaska for our own rural parishes and mission. Please con-
sider making a gift to this special collection.

ALTAR SERVER VIDEO

Fr. Scott and Fr. Andrew have made an updated video for servers. Please
review the video on the parish website.