

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

The Wedding at Cana marks the start of the two year ministry of Jesus. The first miracle Jesus performs is turning water into wine. Here is how we can use this passage in our daily lives.

Today not having wine at a wedding is not a major dilemma. Wine put into the context of the days of Jesus was a major crisis. There was pain and embarrassment for the bride and groom. Our message is not about the wine but how the problem of the wine was solved.

Mary sees the distress and crisis and rushes to Jesus to help solve the problem. Saint Thomas Aquinas tells us that we should take note of Mary's kindness and mercy: "For it is a quality of mercy to regard another's distress as one's own, because to be merciful is to have a heart distressed at the distress of another."

Pope John Paul II views Mary's kindness as a continued concern for all Christians. "Just as Mary interceded on behalf of the couple at Cana, so she continues to bring our needs before her son. The wedding at Cana is an example of Mary's concern for human beings. She sees our needs and takes them to Jesus for help."

The wedding at Cana helps us to see the importance of faith. Up to this point Jesus had never performed a miracle. But Mary had faith in Jesus. She had faith in his supernatural power and truly believed that he could help.

With regard to changing the water into wine, Mary tells the servants, "Do whatever Jesus tells you." Jesus asked the servants to do something very strange. Those jars that Jesus asked them to fill with water were for hand washing and cleaning of utensils, not for wine. Our lesson is to trust without hesitation, especially when one does not fully understand the meaning or benefit of what Christ asks.

There was great trepidation as the servants watched Jesus drink the wine out of the jars. There was great surprise when they witnessed his joyful response.

That is how we feel when we put our trust in God. We have to trust in something we cannot comprehend or understand. We feel trepidation, fear, and nervousness. Then, when our prayers are answered, we are surprised and joyful.

If you are like me, you have heard the Holy Spirit telling you that you need a change in your life. You can feel it right in your gut. For example, I knew God was calling me to become a priest, but I still do not want to do it. Through trust, faith, and being open to grace, I realized what I needed to do.

Have faith and trust in Jesus like those servants. Be open to God's grace, so you can identify that nagging of the Holy Spirit. Do whatever the Holy Spirit is telling you to do even when the pathway may be unclear and the outcome uncertain.

### STEWARDSHIP

Jan. 13, 2013	\$5,079.10
Online	\$585.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$325.00
Property	\$125.00 online \$155.00

#### Daily Mass Readings

#### Monday Jan.21

Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22

#### Tuesday Jan.22

Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c Mk 2:23-28

#### Wednesday Jan.23

Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6

#### Thursday Jan.24

Heb 7:25-8:6 Ps 40:7-10,17 Mk 3:7-12

#### Friday Jan.25

Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday Jan. 19**  
5:00pm + Michael & Margaret Lajcsak

**Sunday Jan. 20**  
9:00am

11:30am For the People of the Parish

**Monday Jan. 21**  
9:00am

**Tuesday Jan. 22**  
10:00am

**Wednesday Jan. 23**  
9:00am + Catherine Cizek

**Thursday Jan.24**  
9:00am

**Friday Jan.25**  
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 was Jesus' first  
miraculous sign?

## 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**

Catholic adults who have not had  
an opportunity to celebrate the Sac-  
rament of Confirmation are invited  
to join a preparation class taught by  
Fr. Scott. The 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 shows that we all come  
from different places on the faith  
journey, but with the sharing we find  
we are all heading in the same di-  
rection. Why not join us this Lent?  
Journey with us in a small commu-  
nity by praying and sharing Scrip-  
ture – it's called Lenten Longings.  
We believe you will be richer for the  
experience.

## 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.  
Tickets available after mass.

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

21 Centering Prayer 6:30pm  
24 Rosary 7:00pm  
19/20 End of year tax letters available  
26/27 Debra Lighthart Rosaries and Gifts  
27 Catholic Schools Week begins:  
Special collection

### END OF YEAR TAX LETTERS

End of year letters will be available this weekend after  
mass.

### RETROUVAILLE—FEBRUARY 15-17

There is still time to sign up for this excellent program.  
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](http://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 for  
the women's retreat are due Wednesday, January 23.

### 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.

### 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 SCHOOLS WEEK January 27-February 2

We will have a special collection in support of Catholic Schools Week. Our  
Lady of the Valley Catholic school has made a successful transition to Sa-  
cred Heart. Please join us in supporting their educational and spiritual pro-  
grams.

### ALTAR SERVER VIDEO

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