

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT January 26, 2014 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Paul in Corinthians tells us that the community of Corinth was having trouble uniting and living in harmony together. Some wanted to follow Paul, some Apollos, and some Kephass. Paul's argument is that for the good of all people, Jesus Christ is our leader. Jesus unites us. Jesus helps us to live in harmony. To live in harmony is to live in light.

The people in Corinth were living in disharmony. Today, many of us live in disharmony. To live in disharmony is to live in darkness.

Here are several examples of living in disharmony: warfare; violence in our homes; religious, sexual, or racial prejudice; extreme poverty and injustice; loneliness; life without love; the sense that God is distant or that life is meaningless; being guilt ridden; the inability to forgive; addiction. These are all forms of disharmony or living in darkness.

The readings challenge us to live in harmony. We live in harmony by seeking out the light. We are powerful when we work in harmony together.

Saint Athanasius says, "Consider the example of our soul. It moves our senses according to their several functions so that in the presence of a single object, they all act simultaneously: the eye sees, the ear hears, the hand touches, the nose smells, the tongue tastes, and often the other parts of the body act as well, for example, the feet may walk."

Think of a musician tuning his lyre. By his skill, he adjusts high notes to low and intermediate notes to the rest, and produces a series of harmonies. So too the wisdom of God holds the world like a lyre and joins things in the air to those on earth, and things in heaven to those in the air, and brings each part into harmony with the whole.

Hurricane Katrina and Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines are great examples of God's people uniting together and working in harmony to accomplish a great feat.

Are there advantages to living in harmony? Saint Ignatius said, "If you live in harmony God will listen to you and see from your good works that you are members of his Son. "It is an advantage to you to live in perfect unity, so that at all times you may share in God."

When we unite together in prayer, the effect is powerful. Since there are different time zones around the world, religious and laity praying the Liturgy of the Hours create a continuous and flowing river of prayer to our Heavenly Father. Praying in harmony gets God's attention.

We each have something that nobody else has to contribute to help build the Kingdom of God. The readings are asking us to use those special gifts to unite us as one body of Christ. That involves working together in Harmony. When we work together in Harmony, we can move mountains.

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### STEWARDSHIP

Jan. 19, 2014	\$5,5091.10	Online \$910.00
Last Year	\$5,886.15	Online \$785.00
Home Mission	\$135.00	

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### Daily Mass Readings

#### **Monday Jan. 27**

2 Sm 5:1-7,10 Ps 89:20-22,25-26 Mk 3:22-30

#### **Tuesday Jan. 28**

2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19 Ps 24:7-10 Mk 3:31-35

#### **Wednesday Jan. 29**

2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5,27-30 Mk 4:1-20

#### **Thursday Jan.30**

2 Sm 7:18-19 Ps 132:1-5,11-14 Mk 4:21-25

#### **Friday Jan.31**

2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a Ps 51:3-7 10-11 Mk 4:26-34

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday**

**Jan. 25**

5:00pm

#### **Sunday**

**Jan. 26**

9:00am

Intention Of Tom Kilroy

11:30am

For the People of the Parish

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## 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

St. John Bosco worked to empower youth to become pillars of faith. What religious order did he start?

## COMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 26 Debra Lighthart Rosaries and Gifts  
Catholic Schools Week Begins  
2nd Collection Catholic Schools Week  
Youth Mass 5pm
- 27 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 30 Rosary 7pm
- 31 OLV Mass & Reception 9am

### FEBRUARY

- 1 OLV Steak Dinner—Am. Legion 5:30pm  
Middle School Sandwiches for Br. Francis  
Scout Sunday 11:30am  
Souper Bowl of Giving
- 3 St. Blaise—Blessing of Throats 8:30am

## RETROUVAILLE—MARCH 14-16

The weekend retreat has helped thousands of married couples suffering a break in their relationship. Call 1-800-470-2230 or [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

## 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.

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Confirmation will collect food and money on Feb 2—Super Bowl Sunday—for the Food Pantry. All collected food and funds goes to the Wasilla Food Bank.

### FORUM—SCHOOL CHOICE SJR 9

AK Policy Forum will discuss the Resolution to amend the Alaska State Constitution. Tuesday, January 28th at 7pm.

## 2nd COLLECTIONS

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

## 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

Steak Fundraiser **February 1st** at the American Legion, mile 46, Parks Hwy. 5:30-7:30pm. The students will present entertainment "My Place in Space" with an out of this world dessert auction. Tickets available from students or the office.

### 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.



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 26—February 1  
Faith, Knowledge, Service  
Come and celebrate Catholic Schools Week with us at 9am Mass on Friday, January 31. A "Make Your Own Yogurt Parfait" reception will follow.



## 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.

## SCOUT SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 2

Scouts of all ages are invited to wear their uniforms and pins to the 11:30am Mass.

## 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.