

## GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT March 23, 2014 Third Sunday in Lent

Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well one day and offered her a chance to try some good water, rather than the bad water she had been drinking. What they were really talking about was life.

Several things happened when Jesus asked the woman for a drink: (1) He engaged a Samaritan woman in conversation, something that was frowned upon in those times. (2) He showed the woman that he understood her situation. (3) He offered her a way out of the emotional abuse she was caught in, and (4) He gave her back her dignity. By asking for a drink, Jesus turned the woman at the well into one of the earliest missionaries in John's Gospel.

The Woman at the Well had been drinking dirty water that made her miserable. She had a life filled with anxiety, distress, and misery. If something looked good, felt good, or tasted good, she did it. She got into trouble. She had already been married five times, and now she was living with another man whom she pretended to be married to. Her life was not beautiful, but ugly, although she pretended to be happy.

Jesus told her how to choose the living water: stop living in sin, have faith, and believe. If she did this, she would have a much better life. She was very hesitant because she thought God would never forget all the wrong she had done in her life. Jesus told her God always gives us a chance to start over.

We all need water to live physically. We also need "living water" for our spirits. About Living Water, the theologian Hans von Balthasar taught, "Earthly water again makes us thirsty, but to those who believe, Jesus' water quenches thirst forever."

To get this living water, we must ask for it in prayer, believe in God, and ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins. Jesus is the living water. Drink the living water and you will live forever in joy, peace, and love. The living water is the blood of Christ. Eat this bread and drink this cup and you shall never hunger or thirst again.

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### STEWARDSHIP

Mar.16 ,2014      \$6,003.25    Online \$945.00  
Last Year            \$6,758.40    Online \$665.00  
Rice Bowl Knights of Columbus \$102.00  
Service Collection \$1,837.75

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#### Daily Mass Readings

#### **Monday Mar. 24**

2 Kgs 5:11-15 Ps 42:2-3;43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

#### **Tuesday Mar. 25**

Is 7:10-14;8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Lk 1:26-38

#### **Wednesday Mar. 26**

Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 Mt 5:17-19

#### **Thursday Mar. 27**

Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Lk 11:14-23

#### **Friday Mar. 28**

Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17 Mk 12:28-34

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday**

**Mar. 22**

5:00pm

+ Frank Lawrence Pushruk

#### **Sunday**

**Mar. 23**

9:00am

For the People of the Parish

11:30am

+ Mike Spencer

#### **Monday**

**Mar.24**

9:00am

#### **Tuesday**

**Mar. 25**

9:00am

#### **Wednesday**

**Mar.26**

9:00am

#### **Thursday**

**Mar.27**

9:00am

#### **Friday**

**Mar. 28**

9:00am



## FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation and Confirmation meet on Sundays. Classes will not meet during Spring Break March 9 & 16. Classes resume March 22.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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

## 1ST EUCHARIST

Classes meet on Saturday, March 29 at 3pm.

## ACYC

Alaska Catholic Youth Conference will be June 2-5. Early registration ends May 1—\$75. After May 1—\$90. ACYE is sponsored by Alaska Conference of Bishops.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### GOOGLE QUESTION

Who is Ken Untener and what does he have to do with Little Black Books?

### WHY CATHOLIC?

Prayer can be silent, vocal, shared, or private. Sometimes prayer comes with great ease and other times it may be quite difficult.

### CRS RICE BOWL: Philippines

This week, Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of the Philippines. As they recover and rebuild, remember that "Whatever you did for the least of mine, you did for me." The Face of Christ is in the poor among us.



<http://sacredheartwasilla.org/>

## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School  
"Breakfast at Tiffany's"

The 7th Annual Dinner Auction is on Saturday, March 29th at the Menard Sports Complex in Wasilla. Doors open at 5:30. Tickets are \$50 21 and older. Limited amount of tickets are available. No tickets sold at the door. Delicious Prime Rib dinner, appetizers, beer and wine cash bar, live entertainment, DJ, silent and live auction items: Alaska Railroad trip for 4, Day Spa package, Argentina Dove hunt, Art work, Weekend RV rental, etc. plus games and more! We are accepting donations and a tax deductible receipt will be given. Please call 376-0883 or stop by the office.

Thank you!



## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH

- 23 Dillingham Parent Meeting Chapel 10am
- 24 Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm
- 25 ACTS Core team 6:30—8pm Open to public
- 27 Rosary 7:00pm
- 28 Soup & Stations Hospitality/RCIA hosting 6pm
- 29 OLV Annual Dinner Auction—Menard 5:30pm  
Youth Mass 5pm
- 29/30 Debra Lighthead Rosaries & Gifts
- 30 Middle School Sandwiches for Br. Francis
- 31 Lent Confession OLOL 6pm

### APRIL

- 1 Lent Confession St. Michael 7pm
- 2 Lent Confession Sacred Hart 5:30pm

### 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.



### PARISH CALENDAR

A current parish calendar is on our website and is updated regularly.

### DILLINGHAM MISSION TRIP

If you would be interested in helping our youth with air miles to Dillingham, please call Sheila at the office. Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart Youth.



### FOOD BANK NEEDS

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice, Pasta, Sugar, Flour, Tomato Sauce, Oats, Powder/Can Milk

357-3769

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Download the Rice Bowl app from iTunes for daily reflections, meatless recipes, stories, and videos. Track your sacrifice goal.

### SERVICE COLLECTIONS—Worship Locally . . . Give Globally

Thank you for supporting our service collections last week.

### FIESTA DE MAYO

This is an ACTS fundraiser on March 3rd in the social hall. Tickets will be on sale after each Mass in the atrium. Join us for fantastic Mexican food, games, music, and fun! Family discounts for 4 children or more.

