

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2014

The way we are formed from birth deserves some thought. We are all formed by our society. I was also formed by the military for four years. We may think being formed is like brain washing; well, in a way it is. We grow up with outside influences that make us the people we are today.

When I went into the seminary, they said they were going to reform me. I said, "What are you talking about? You are going to brain wash me?" My formation director then told me that everyone is formed by society, but not everybody is formed by Jesus.

We go to church and we believe in God, but sometimes the society around us tends to form us more than our spiritual family. The readings are about being formed and feeling misplaced.

Christians in our second reading were displaced socially as well as spiritually. The author of the second reading tries to give them a sense of belonging. Those first Christians were not lost, wondering, and misplaced at all. They all belonged to a single spiritual house with Jesus as their cornerstone.

A Spiritual house helped to form those early Christians. They learned to act and live like Jesus. Like those early Christians, we too have a Spiritual house where we belong and where Jesus forms us. Our Church is a Spiritual household.

Our first reading describes a situation where the widows in the village started getting less food than everyone else. Acts of the Apostles says, "The Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution."

The Spiritual household remedied this situation with the poor widows. They put their heads together. They came up with a just plan. They let the Holy Spirit Guide them. They fixed the situation.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that if we take our formation seriously and if we sincerely allow our Spiritual house to form us, then we will live forever.

How do we as Christians fit in when people in our work environments lead us astray by swearing, talking about others negatively, stealing, lying, and cheating? School students and teachers, how do you integrate your faith and handle being around those who don't act and think like Jesus?

Our readings this weekend are about leaders in our world who are for abortion, who are promiscuous, and who set poor examples for our children. These readings are about our lives. They tell us that if we want to be Christian, we may feel out of place in everyday life.

There is something better out there. There is something much stronger. It is right here! We belong to a Spiritual house that is greater than anything on this earth. In this house we can always feel at home because we belong here. This is the house where Jesus leads us, forms us, teaches us, and provides for our needs.

STEWARDSHIP

May 11, 2014 \$5,311.05 Online \$1,465.00
Last Year \$7,068.25 Online \$820.00
Dillingham Car Wash \$1,171.89

Daily Mass Readings

Monday May 19

Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4,15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday May 20

Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13b,21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday May 21

Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday May 22

Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3,10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday May 23

Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-12 Jn 15:12-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

5:00pm

May 17

+ Joseph DeKreon

Sunday

9:00am

May 18

+ Thomas Forstner

11:30am

+ Frank Durso

Monday

9:00am

May 19

Tuesday

9:00am

May 20

+ Tom Johnson

Wednesday

9:00am

May 21

Thursday

9:00am

May 22

+ Rev. William O'Connor

Friday

9:00am

May 23



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes will begin in September.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Teens entering the 9th grade and all high school students are invited to the Confirmation preparation series that begins this Fall. Registration will be in August.

ACYC

Alaska Catholic Youth Conference will be June 2-5. Registration forms are on the website: sacredheartwasilla.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

What sacrament is the entrance into the Church and the gateway to the Eucharist?

BACCALAUREATE MASS

The Mass to celebrate all graduates—high school, college, tech—will be May 18 at 11:30am. Please submit names of graduates to the office.

COMING EVENTS

MAY

- 18 Baccalaureate Mass 11:30am
- 18-25 Family Promise Hosting Week
- 24-25 OLV Plant Sale
- Debra Lighthart Rosaries & Catholic Gifts

JUNE

- 8 Parish picnic w/Blessing of Motorcycles
- 23-27 Dillingham Retreat for Youth

DILLINGHAM MISSION TRIP

Thank you for supporting our Car Wash Fund Raiser. We hope we provided a lot of great moms with beautiful, clean cars!! We made over \$1400!!!



ONE BREAD ONE BODY

As you prayerfully steward your God-given gift of treasure, please consider sharing this gift with the ministries of your local Church through the One Bread, One Body Annual Appeal. You'll help your faith community continue to offer life-long faith formation & development programs, locally and in rural and remote communities. Catholic Social Services programs assists the most vulnerable among us, and much more. We will continue to collect blue envelopes and pledge cards. You may also share your gift of treasure by pledging securely online at www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate.



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JOB OPENING: Part-time 6-8th Grade teacher. Must have a current teaching certificate (Alaska type A or other state), B.S. or B.A. Applications are available at www.olvwasilla.com Click on the "teacher application" link on the main page. Please send your application along with a resume to contactolv@valleycatholicsschool.org or fax to 907-376-0853.

Joyce Lund, Acting Principal

Enrollment is now open, please call or stop by today. 376-0883

OLV PLANT SALE MAY 24-25

Alice Massie's tomato plants will also be on sale to support the OLV Building Fund. Alice's plants were a big hit last May, so don't wait to add these beauties to your garden.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Garden Boxes

Due to lack of support and use of the Garden Boxes, the boxes will be removed in June if they are not claimed and prepared for planting by May 31st. The Garden Box project benefits the Food Bank of Wasilla. Contact the office as soon as possible.



Parish Picnic

On Saturday, June 7th Knights are needed to prep and cook chicken for the Parish Picnic starting at 8am. Knights are needed to cook hot dogs and burgers on Sunday, June 8 at noon. Please contact Patrick Cook.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Peanut Butter,
Jelly, Rice, Pasta,
Sugar, Flour,
Tomato Sauce,
Oats, Milk—
Powdered/Can
357-3769

FAMILY PROMISE—HOSTING MAY 18-25

We need help delivering meals at 5:30pm to the Day Center on Nelson Road, or hosting from 5:30 to 9, or staying overnight from 9 pm to 8 am. Your gifts are appreciated by the Family Promise network and coordinators more than words can say. Thank you for supporting Family Promise and families in crisis here in the Valley. Judith 373-3852

PARISH GARDENS

We need landscape volunteers to assist with planting and watering flowers around the statue and the sign. Call the office for more information.

1ST EUCHARIST PHOTOGRAPHS

Photograph packets are available in the atrium or the office.

