

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

During high school, I took some advice from my next-door neighbor, Buck Dyer. He said, "Scott, if you want to get a job, you have to be persistent." I made a plan. I set my sights high. First, I applied to Wagner's Grocery Store. Second, I learned that the manager's name was Ron Lakey. Third, I visited Wagner's every day. I climbed the steps to Mr. Lakey's office, knocked on his door, and asked for a job. The fifth time Mr. Lakey said, "Well, Scott, I can see that I am not going to get rid of you so I might as well hire you." I was overwhelmed with joy. I never gave Mr. Lakey a reason to regret his decision to hire me. Persistence pays.

In the Gospel, the old widow was persistent, and it paid. She believed strongly about getting a just decision. After a while, the widow's determination moved the corrupt judge to say, "Lady, I shall deliver a just decision for you, lest you finally come and strike me."

In the first reading, Moses raised his hands in the air and the Israelites fought better. He lowered them and Amalek got the better of the fight.

Moses' arms began to get tired from holding them up for so long. Some of his warriors kept propping them back up again. The warriors saw Moses' risen hands as a sign of never ending prayer to God. That motivated them to win the battle. Once again, persistence pays.

Mr. Lakey put his trust in me and hired me at the grocery store because I was persistent. When we are unrelenting and determined like that old widow, even a corrupt judge may learn to trust us and take our good advice. Normally, being persistent applies when we want to excel in school sports, get good grades, or land that perfect job. But it also applies to our spiritual lives. Jesus wants us to be persistence in pursuing fairness so it will bring about justice. He wants us to be persistent in struggling with our sins so we can become holier people.

Jesus wants us to be persistent in prayer. Start out small with maybe one Hail Mary or one Our Father, but pray it every day. Then let God help you expand at your own pace. The result: Prayer keeps us centered on Christ and brings peace to our chaotic lives.

Persistence in praying to God does not necessarily change God. Some believe that prayer changes God's mind; he then intervenes, and makes something good happen. That might be true, but here is a spiritually healthier way to think:

Persistence in prayer changes us. Prayer such as fasting, abstinence, pilgrimages, and retreats change us. They make us more open to what God is really trying to tell us. We can then work with God to make good things happen. So, keep those arms elevated in prayer. Then, take it from the Old Widow: be persistent, it pays.

STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 13, 2013	\$6,538.15	Online \$ 925.00
Last Year	\$6,241.25	Online \$ 370.00
Food Bank	\$500.00	

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Oct. 21

Rom 4:20 -25 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday Oct. 22

Rom 5:12,15b,17-19 Ps 40:7-10,17 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday Oct. 23

Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1-8 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday Oct. 24

Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 12:49-53

Friday Oct. 25

Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66,68,76,77 Lk 12:54-59

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Oct. 19

5:00pm

+ Michael & Margaret Lajscak

Sunday

Oct. 20

9:00am

For the People of the Parish

11:30am

+ Maria Olivas

Monday

Oct. 21

9:00am

Tuesday

Oct. 22

9:00am

Wednesday

Oct. 23

9:00am

Thursday

Oct. 24

9:00am

Friday

Oct. 25

9:00am

+ Bernice Shine



FAITH FORMATION

Classes for Faith Formation and Confirmation meet on Sundays. Registration is on line. If you would like more information, contact the office.

1ST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all the students who celebrated their 1st Confession on Saturday morning. A special thank you to the parents and families who helped to prepare their students.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 1PM

Scott and Val's Class meets in the All Saints Center; the New Class meets in their Why Catholic? groups with their leaders.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

St. Anthony Mary Claret helped spread which two Mary devotions throughout the world?

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 20 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Why Catholic? 1pm
- 21 Centering Prayer 6:30pm
- 22 Why Catholic? 7pm
- 23 Why Catholic? 7pm
- 24 Rosary 7pm
Why Catholic? 7pm
- 26 Youth Mass 5pm
- 31 All Saints Vigil Mass 5:30 pm
Halloween Fest 6:30pm Social Hall

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints Mass 9:00am
- 3 Middle School—Sandwiches for Br. Francis

YOUTH MASS—OCTOBER 26 5PM

Youth are invited to celebrate together on Saturday afternoon. Singers should arrive at 4pm to practice the music. Mass ministers should arrive by 4:40pm. Call the office for more info or to volunteer. Bring a friend and share the liturgy!!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

All students who have completed their 1st Eucharist are invited to train as Mass servers on Saturday, October 26 from 10am to noon.

YOUTH

Youth (middle through high school) are invited to join a fun event on Saturday, October 26 sponsored by the Home School group. Contact Andrea 376-1330.

WHY CATHOLIC?

Small faith groups are meeting to explore how we nurture our relationship with God in prayer. The groups are formed with people who wish to meet on the same day and time. Contact Jacque Briskey at countess@gci.net

OCTOBER—ROSARY MONTH

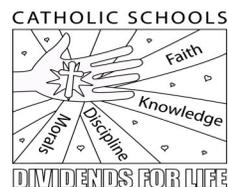
www.therosary3.com is a beautiful place to contemplate Jesus and Mary. This uncomplicated format is for everyone at no cost to enrich faith through a beautiful prayer.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A very special thank you to everyone who donated to our Faith and Knowledge Fund Drive last weekend. We are very humbled and grateful for your continued support of Catholic Education.

OLV's Parent Volunteer Organization will sponsor the 2nd annual Halloween Fest on October 31st following the vigil mass. Last year we had an amazing turn out of kids and volunteers, so let's make this year an even greater success for our community. If you are interested in volunteering to set up a game table or pass out candy please contact Sarah Soule 232-0520 or the school office 376-0883 or email



OLV VENDOR FAIR—NOVEMBER 9

OLV Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO) vendor fair will be held on Saturday, November 9th. If you are a home demonstrator and would like to purchase a table please contact Donna Green 373-1310 or Karena Forster 354-6824. Proceeds will help fund student activities. Thank you for your support!

GET MY PEOPLE GOING!

Get My People Going! is rooted in Exodus; this 8-week individualized program invites you to select 2-3 areas of your life that you would like to improve. Contact Parish Nurses: Donna Green, Maureen Sullivan, and Ellen Betts.

HOMESCHOOL GROUP

The homeschool group meets the 2nd Friday of every month. Call Andrea (376-1330) for information.

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed:
Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Top Ramen
Cereal

357-3769

THANK YOU

Mary Curry thanks everyone for their prayers during her recent bump in the road!
Kathy Bishop and her family have been overwhelmed by the love and care by parishioners around the Valley. They will never forget the cards, phone calls, visits, food, prayers, and more extended to their family after the death of husband and father Tom. Words are not adequate to express the family's deep appreciation.

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