

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

The fishermen dropped everything and followed Jesus. That choice to us comes in the form of a vocation. The Church tells us that without a vocation, it is difficult to find peace on earth.

God is calling, or has called, every one of us to a vocation. There are three possible vocations: Single Life, Married Life, or Religious Life. Once we make a lifetime commitment to one of these three vocations we find peace because our life has more meaning and focus.

If God is calling someone to live a single life, the single person, not having to raise a family, has more time and money to donate to our Church.

If God is calling you to be married, you are blessed with the huge responsibility of raising Christian children so that the Christian religion will never become extinct.

As we grow up, our minds are formed by our surroundings. Advertisements tell us one thing, our peers another, and the news something else. Our society forms our thinking in certain ways. Our goal is to have God form our minds more than the general society. The seminary re-formed my mind to be more in tune with the teachings of Jesus.

Through the early years of my life I felt that the right thing to do was to get married, have children, and live happily ever after. Society was screaming at me all through high school to get married. My family expected me to get married so they could have grandchildren.

When I was thirty years old, I had a crisis. I was not really happy being single and my only other choice seemed to be marriage. I could not find the right woman to marry. One can only party so much and date so much. As a single person, I felt that I was living for only myself. I made money for Scott. I spent money for Scott. It was all me. I could not see myself being single forever. I believe the Holy Spirit led me to seek spiritual direction.

Spiritual direction helped opened my eyes to the single, married, and religious vocations. It was during that crossroad I focused on what God wanted me to do. I prayed about it. I tried to imagine what it would be like to be a priest or a monk. I really did not like the image at all. It scared me!! But, the next thing I knew, God started calling me to the priesthood. I started waking up in the middle of the night, sitting up in bed, and the first thought in my mind was, "Scott, you have to become a priest. It happened about four times over a period of three years. Finally, I did something about it.

At this very moment Jesus may be calling you to commit to being single or married. He also may be calling you to be a nun, a sister, a monk, a deacon, or a priest. If you need help determining your vocation, please get in touch with me .

STEWARDSHIP

Feb.3, 2013	\$5,722.45	Online \$640.00
Last Year	\$7,902.49	Online\$0.00
OLV School	\$99.00	
Souper Bowl	\$1,115.63	

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Feb.11

Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday Feb.12

Gn 1:20-2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday Feb.13

J1 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6a,12-14,17 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday Feb.14

Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25

Friday Feb.15

Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Feb. 9

5:00pm

For the People of the Parish

Sunday

Feb. 10

9:00am

11:30am

+ Dorthea Adkins

Monday

Feb. 11

9:00am

Tuesday

Feb. 12

9:00am

+ Shan Satterfield

Wednesday

Feb. 13

9:00am

Thursday

Feb. 14

9:00am

Friday

Feb. 15

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 are the ashes
used for on Ash Wednesday?

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

Baptized Catholic adults who have not had an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to join preparation classes taught by Fr. Scott. Classes will meet from 10:15-11:15 in the chapel. 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 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.

Groups and hosts are forming. We have several slots available at different times. Please check in the social hall after mass if you are interested in joining or hosting a small faith group.

Why not join us this Lent? Journey with us in a small community by praying and sharing Scripture. You will be richer for the experience.

VALENTINE FOR FR. STAN

Valentines will be in the back of the church for parishioners to sign this weekend. Please drop by and send Fr. Stan a get well wish.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Thank you for supporting our Steak Dinner at the American Legion. We had a great night and raised almost \$2000 to support our school. The Vendor Fair will be in the Social Hall on Saturday, **February 23** from 9am-3pm. Please contact Donna Green (373-1310 or 232-2634) or Sarah Soule (232-0520) for more information.

OLV's 6th Annual Gala Auction is **April 13, 2013** at the Sports Complex. Tickets are on sale now for \$50 per person 21 and older. Corporate tables are available: Gold—\$750 & Silver—\$600. Please call for details.

Donations are being accepted for the auction. Items may be dropped at the school office or arrangements can be made. We are seeking adults to assist with this event. Please call Karen (376-0883) if you can provide time and talent.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 11 Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm
- 13 Ash Wednesday 9am & 5:30pm
- 14 Rosary 7:00pm
- 15 Soup & Stations 7:00pm Middle School hosting
- 17 Rite of Sending RCIA
Adult Confirmation 10:15am
- 22 Soup & Stations 7pm Lectors/Hospitality

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS Feb 9/10

Black & Indian Collection

Today our Archdiocese will participate in the national collection for Black and Indian Missions. Your gifts make possible grants including the one our Archdiocese receives each year to support our missions in remote communities, Alaska Native Ministry, scholarships for African American and Alaska Native students in our Catholic schools. Thank you for your generosity.

RETROUVAILLE—FEBRUARY 15-17

Give your spouse the gift of a weekend for Valentine's Day and rediscover the person you married. For information, please call 800-470-2230 or log on to www.HelpOurMarriage.com

OLV VENDOR FAIR—FEBRUARY 23

The fair is a great opportunity for companies and individuals to showcase their products and for attendees to find some great deal. Contact Donna Green (373-1310 or 232-2634) or Sarah Soule (232-0520) for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

The Knights will be selling their buffalo raffle tickets this weekend after all masses

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:
toilet paper, flour, sugar,
cereal, oatmeal
all kinds of baby food
357-3769

Please consider us as a volunteer opportunity this Lenten season.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thank you for your support of the Wasilla Food Pantry. The Confirmation students raised \$1,156.63 to help the Pantry to buy and distribute food.

ACTS RETREATS

The women's ACTS participants are welcomed back at the 11:30am Mass. The men's retreat is Mar. 7-10. Space is still available.

BISHOP'S ATTIC

The Attic needs more donations including furniture. Please no large appliances. Free pick-up is available for large donations—745-4215