

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Suppose Jane tripped and fell on the ice outside in the parking lot and broke a leg and some teeth. Suppose also that the only way to get her to the doctor's office was to carry her.

We decide to lay Jane on a blanket as we gather a few Knights of Columbus to lift Jane up and start walking toward Jessie Hronkin's dentist office. We decide the leg needs fixed first so we detour over to Gardner Street where Lisa Cooney has a doctor's office.

Arriving at Lisa's office, we carry Jane through the door and into the office. We did not have an appointment and there are several people waiting in line. We notice that the doctor's office has some stairs that lead up to the roof. If we can just carry Jane up to the roof, perhaps we could make a hole and lower her down into the doctor's office. The Knights are a little tired and wonder if it would be worth the effort.

The Bible tells us that four people were carrying a paralyzed man to Jesus. They knew that if they could just get him to Jesus that Jesus could heal him. Unfortunately, they couldn't get to where Jesus was because of the large crowd.

The four people decided to get a little creative. They carried their friend up some stairs to the roof and made a large hole. Then they lowered the man down through the roof to where Jesus was. When Jesus saw how much faith these four men had, he not only healed the paralyzed man, he forgave his sins. It was definitely worth the effort.

For you and me, bringing people to Jesus means treasure in heaven. We know people who are drifting away from our Church. We have friends who do not attend Church. Today we learn that when we try to bring people to Jesus that it is well worth the effort but that there may be a few obstacles.

Those obstacles are material possessions, laziness, poor planning, not prioritizing, self-centeredness, up-bringing, motivation, etc, etc.

The Gospel teaches us that if we work together and each of us do our part, then together we can succeed in bringing people to Jesus. Our part is to pray for others. Our part is to reflect in our daily lives the love we have for Jesus. Our part is to lift up those who are hurt, drifting, and broken and carry them to Jesus.

Although there will always be obstacles, it is worth the effort. Hold on to your corner of the blanket and bring someone to Jesus. That is the best thing we can do for a lost friend. Please lower someone through the roof of our Church next week.

MASS INTENTIONS

Daily Mass Readings

Monday Feb.20

Jas 3:13-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday Feb.21

Jas 4:1-10 Ps 55:7-11,23 Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday Feb.22

Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6a,12-14,17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Thursday Feb.23

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

Friday Feb.24

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

Saturday

Feb.18

5:00pm

+ Michael & Margaret Lajcsak

Sunday

Feb.19

9:00am

For the People of the Parish

11:30 am

+ David Adkins

Monday

Feb.20

9:00 am

Tuesday

Feb.21

9:00am

Wednesday

Feb.22

9:00am

Thursday

Feb.23

9:00am

Friday

Feb.24

9:00am

+ John Molepske



FAITH FORMATION

PRESCHOOL — HIGH SCHOOL

Enrollment is open. Any child is welcome to register even if he or she did not attend the Fall session. Registration forms are available after Mass and on line for all faith formation classes.

Sacraments—information and schedules for Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation are available in the office. Please contact Julie.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Nights are every Wednesday in the Old Church at 7pm; 9th-12 graders are welcome for faith, food, fun, and friends!!

1st EUCHARIST MEETING

Parents and guardians of students must attend an information meeting February 26 at 1pm in the church. Please call the office with any questions.

COMING EVENTS

February

- 18 RCIA Retreat Noon-6pm
- 22 Ash Wednesday 9am & 5:30pm
- 24 Stations & Soup Middle School Hosting 7pm
- 25 OLV Steak Feed Amer. Legion 5:30-8:30pm

March

- 2 Stations & Soup Lectors & Hospitality 7pm

- Announcements must be submitted by Wednesday, noon for consideration.
- Requests for any building use must be submitted 2 weeks prior to date for approval and scheduling.

PALMS

Palms will be collected for the next several Sundays in preparation for Ash Wednesday. A basket for collection is in the social hall.

CONFIRMATION 2012

Confirmation at Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Saturday, March 24 at 5pm. Candidates should complete their letters to the Archbishop by March 4th. Sponsors should assist with this correspondence.

CONFIRMATION 2013

This Sunday and next, class begins at 12:30pm. Bring your movie stuff and potluck food: "The Ten Commandments."

VENTURING CREW

VENTURING is coming for young adults. If you are interested send a note to

matsuadventure@hotmail.com

The Venturing Crew is planning a March trip to the Anchorage Rock Gym. Time to join!!!

Black & Indian Collection

February 25-26, 2012

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OLV registration is open and Fall 2012 registrations are available.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ben Snively Amber Thorson
Julia Safarik Ryan Smith

April 14 Annual Gala

9 more weeks until the Auction!! We encourage more Corporate tables, auction donations, and volunteers. Contact Chairs Beverly & Gil auction@valleycatholicsschool.org or call 376-3434

Consider donating a themed basket: teddy bears, wines, coffees, chocolates, gardening, puppy/kitty, hunting/fishing, picnic, etc.

907.376.0883



STEAK FEED FOR OLV

Saturday—Feb 25 5:30-8:30pm

Come to the American Legion Post #35 at Mile 46 Parks Hwy. Tickets for a great dinner are \$20. Tickets are available after the masses and at the school—376-0883.

TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND

Fr. Jaime Mencias is going to the Holy Land on May 7-12. The trip will include the Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives, Site of the Last Supper, Jericho, Nazareth and more!!

Fr. Luz is going to the Holy Land and Italy on Oct. 8-21. The trip will include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Tuscany, Assisi, Venice and other sites.

Contact 1-855-842-8001 for specific information.

FOOD PANTRY

These are the items needed at the pantry:
cereal, oatmeal, canned beans, canned tomatoes, peanut butter, toilet paper, grocery bags

357-3769

ACTS RETREAT

Registration for the 2012 Men's ACTS Retreat, March 1-4 at Meier Lake Conference Center is still open. The cost of the registration includes all food, lodging, retreat materials and transportation to and from Sacred Heart to the Conference Center. The Retreat is a great way to renew your faith and to learn how Adoration, Community, Theology and Service can impact and enhance your walk with God. Don't delay. The deadline for enrolling is Tuesday Feb 28th. Contact Rick Ackley at 376-0930 if you have questions. Make this year your ACTS year!