

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 9, 2009

Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am and 11:30am, Sunday 5pm, until August 31

WEEKDAY LITURGY: Monday through Friday, 12:05pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 11:00 – 11:45am
Saturday 4:00 – 4:45pm

Sacrament of Anointing of Sick: Available during the Sunday masses, or as needed.

Sacrament of Baptism: for children – Parents Prep class required. Call Marlys for reservations.
Best done prior to birth.
for adults – Contact the office about RCIA

Sacrament of Marriage: 6 month process (several classes and FOCUS Test and/or Engaged Encounter, or Couple to Couple...contact a priest.

Pastoral Council: meets the 3rd Thursday of each month (usually)

Prayer Chain: pjham@att.net, Pat Hamilton 262-5250

Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: Marlys Verba

Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin via email must be in by Thursdays at noon to Marlys: marlys.verba@gmail.com and you may send a copy to: csponsel@acsalaska.net

THERE IS MORE FOR YOU TO DO

Elijah was ready to give up. He had enough. He felt he couldn't take more failure. He prayed, "This is enough Lord, take my life."

Sometimes to give up, to say, "it is enough" is a good thing. Sometimes to give up hope is a bad thing. To give up on God – that is a bad thing. To give up to God, that's good. If we give up on trying to live without God, that's good. To give up trusting God, being sustained by God, that's bad.

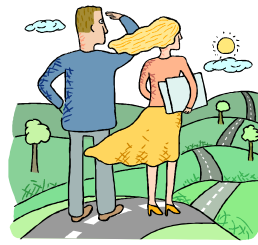
Elijah wanted to give up, but God had more for him to do so sustained him with a hearth cake and water.

The Israelites wanted to give up on God in the desert but God sustained them with manna because He had a promised land waiting for them. The people in Jesus time wanted more free bread to satisfy their physical hunger. Jesus says, "I am living bread, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

Jesus today sustains us with Himself; bread from heaven in this Eucharist because Jesus still has things for us to do; to be instruments of peace, compassion and justice. We are called to be the eyes and ears, lips and hands of Jesus today in Soldotna. Jesus is "the bread of life come down from heaven."

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A LOOK AHEAD:

Vocalists are needed for 5pm evening Sunday Mass; please come at 4pm for practice before Mass or call Mark or Marnya Conway—262-2200 for more info. Thank you.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT Aug. 14-17, pre retreat hike Aug. 11-14: The Community of St. John is coming to Alaska to put on a retreat for young adults (18-40). The retreat entitled "EAGLE EYE ALASKA" strives to bring each of its participants to experience the cry of thirst of Christ as intensely as possible by helping them delve as deeply as possible into the mystery of a Christian Charity lived out as a "sincere gift of themselves" (cf. Lumen Gentium 22) in prayer, study, fraternal charity and apostolic service. The pre-retreat hike will be Crow Creek Pass to Girdwood. For more information, email Rachel Finley raesure83@yahoo.com

Registration for Generations of Faith and other faith formation classes available for the upcoming year, including sacramental preparations for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, and confirmation class will occur on the weekends of August 15/16, 22/23 and 29/30th.

Please check the Generations of Faith bulletin board in the church foyer for upcoming notices.

SAVE THE DATE: The parish picnic will be held on August 30th. Lots of exciting things will be happening—stay tuned!!!

"One more chance to clean out your closets, etc" A parish garage sale will be held on September 4th and 5th. Please call Althea (262-2608) for information and to volunteer to help.

Men's ACTS Retreat

October 15-18, 2009

Why attend an ACTS retreat?

An ACTS weekend is designed to help you enter into a new or deeper relationship with our Lord. This is accomplished through discussion of the topics: Adoration Community Theology Service.

Registration forms can be found in the foyer.

Any questions please call **Kevin Woodvine 262-3533** or **Alex Zerbinos 260-4413**

Calendar for August 10, 2009 — August 16, 2009, with Daily Readings

August 10 Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	August 11, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	August 12, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	August 13, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am	August 14, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	August 15, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	August 16, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am and 5:00pm Masses
2 Corinthians 9:6-10 Psalm 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 John 12:24-26	Deuteronomy 31:1-8 Deuteronomy 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9, &12 Matthew 18:1-5, 10-12-14	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 66:1-3a, 5&8, 16-17 Matthew 18:15-20	Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Psalm 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Matthew 18:21-19:1	Joshua 24:1-13 Psalm 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24 Matthew 19:3-12	Rev. 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56	Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:56

Saturday August 15, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Carm Bongiovanni, Kathy Bongiovanni, Charlotte Sponsel, Cheryl Hammarstrom, Steve Hammarstrom

Lectors: 1st Reading; Carolyn Cannava; 2nd Reading: Christine Ermold

Altar Server: Server needed

Sunday, August 16, 2009, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Henry, Theresa Carroll, Helen Knopp, David Stropes, Laurie Stropes

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Lauri Kapp; 2nd reading: Barb O'Lena

Altar Server: Remy Spring

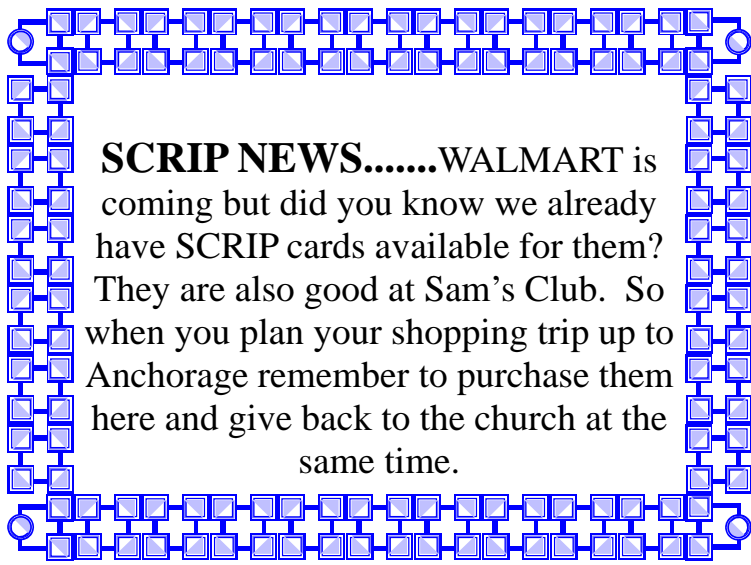
Sunday, August 16, 2009, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Lucy Katzenberger, Dave Carey, Kate Forrest, Diane Garske, Cindy Kircher

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Karl Kircher; 2nd reading: Tamara Slone

Altar Server: Georgie Forrest
Willa Forrest

Mop & Bucket 8/10 — 8/15: Ron O'Lena Family **Collection Counters: 8/16:** Paul & Joyce Fischer



SCRIP NEWS.....WALMART is coming but did you know we already have SCRIP cards available for them? They are also good at Sam's Club. So when you plan your shopping trip up to Anchorage remember to purchase them here and give back to the church at the same time.

Year of the Priest: August prayer is for the cardinal virtue of prudence. "Prudence resides in the practical intellect and is both acquired by one's own acts and infused at the same time as sanctifying grace. It may be said to be natural as developed by us, and supernatural because conferred by God. As an act of virtue, prudence involves three stages of mental operation: to take counsel carefully with oneself and from others; to judge correctly on the basis of the evidence at hand; and to direct the rest of one's activity according to the norms determined after a prudent judgment has been made." (*Modern Catholic Dictionary*, Fr. John Hardon) Also, see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd edition, paragraph 1806.

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Please help us keep the Men's ACTS retreat affordable by purchasing a raffle ticket. Tickets are \$10 and the drawing will be held at the Parish picnic August 30th. More information and tickets can be purchased in the foyer. Any questions please call **Kevin Woodvine 262-3533** or **Alex Zerbinos 260-4413**

Is Medjugorje calling you?

Medjugorje ("between the hills") has become well known in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the world, because of six young people who claim to have seen visions of the Madonna. Beginning on June 24, 1981, the Blessed Mother appeared to, and later told the visionaries God set her to our world to help us convert our hearts and lives back to Him. Our Lady's call is one of Peace, Love, Faith, Conversion, Prayer, and Fasting. We are each challenged to answer Our Lady's call to change our lives, and hearts back to God.

The visionaries in Medjugorje tell us that no one goes to Medjugorje by accident. We are called individually by Our Lady. What an awesome thought! If you feel called to go to Medjugorje then answer Our Lady's invitation! Traveling to Medjugorje is truly a life changing experience!

For informing on joining our pilgrimage to Medjugorje, please call or email for more information. Ed Harper, Phone 567-4487, email: erhjn@alaska.net

Date of pilgrimage: November 5 to November 13, 2009. Confirmation needs to be done soon, space is limited!



SCRIP NEWS.....Local stores that are contributing to our parish and have cards available at the SCRIP table are....SWEENEY's, TRUSTWORTHY, KENAI RIVER NURSERY, ROBINS PLACE FABRIC, TRINITY GREENHOUSE, MICHEL's RESTAURANT, SPENARD BUILDERS, BEEMUNS, and many more. Please patronage these stores and thank the owners for helping us raise money for our parish hall.