

Second Sunday of Easter

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI #34

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 4th

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members Buncher Family

Tuesday, April 5th

6:30 a.m. Adelheid Eckert

Wednesday, April 6th

6:30 a.m. Eileen & Frank Saum

Thursday, April 7th

6:30 a.m. Hilda Hawkey

8:00 a.m. Minnie Friess

Friday, April 8th

6:30 a.m. Casey Family

Saturday, April 9th

4:30 p.m. Adelaide Schmidt

Sunday, April 10th

8:00 a.m. Raymond Schmidt

10:00 a.m. Parishioners

SERVERS

Saturday, April 9th—4:30 p.m.

Helen Roach, Thomas Heagney, Jackie Bittick

Sunday, April 10th—8:00 a.m.

Jessica Pachak, Stephanie Barker, David Mitchell

Sunday, April 10th—10:00 a.m.

Sonya McCanna, Chelsea Duffe, Laura Wilson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, April 9th—4:30 p.m.

Don and Elaine Burrus

Sunday, April 10th—8:00 a.m.

Bob and Joyce Herleth, Joe Iovanna, Greg Kehr, Cary Stock

Sunday April 10th—10:00 a.m.

Richard Buthod, Duke Dummerth, Gloria Fawcett, Joe Hagen,

Patty Hendrickson, Julie Hesed, John Merideth, Walter Hoff,

Mary Lisa Penilla

READERS

Saturday, April 9th—4:30 p.m.

George Mills, Tony Huenneke

Sunday, April 10th—8:00

Angie and Tom Reitenbach

Sunday, April 10th—10:00 a.m.

Rob Garavaglia, Prudence Kramer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, April 9th—4:30 p.m.

Lucille Shirley, Donna Schumacher

Sunday, April 10th—8:00a.m.

Earl and Martha Brake

Sunday, April 10th—10:00a.m.

Kay Reid, Betty Stock

COFFEE—APRIL

Mary Ann and Mark Gadell

DONUT PICK-UP 4/10

Gene and Mary Cullmann

DONUT CLEAN-UP 4/10

Kelly and Kathy White



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

What a utopian picture we are shown in today's reading from Acts! The community of believers is devoted to one another, to the breaking of the bread, and to prayer. They experience awe, signs and wonders, and even seem to get along with one another. Property, which can be a great divider of people, is here a unifier; faith in Jesus Christ is not a proposition for intellectual assent, but a shared, lived experience.

Does this picture inspire us or indict us? The common life of my experience – family, church, neighborhood – comes fully equipped with contention, hurt, doubts and trials. And I am tempted to think that this just proves that I am not faithful enough, not holy enough, not good enough. Our society is obsessed with “enough:” Are you smart enough, rich enough, thin enough? If only I had enough friends... enough time... even, enough faith... But the Mercy of God is not in short supply! There is plenty for all, more than we can exhaust, take in or imagine.

John's Gospel shows us the apostles behind locked doors, afraid and deeply troubled. Despite their doubts, the risen Lord is with them. He does not confront them with their denials and retreat, but offers them the gift of Peace. This gift is not theirs to hoard; they are commissioned to bring Christ – our pardon and our peace – to others.

Despite our locked doors, we can let the Lord breathe on us, filling us with his Spirit. Without seeing him, we can love him, and believe that his Peace is enough. - PFH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

“You may have to suffer through various trials.” How are trials beneficial? What about the phrase, “letting go”? Would letting go free you to take hold of someone or something else?

There are no “doors” locked tight enough to keep Christ out. Explain. Do you have “locked doors”? What were the disciples supposed to do with the peace Christ gave them? What connection does peace have with forgiveness of sins?

PARISH MEETINGS: After consulting with the Parish Council, I have decided that in the next two months we will be holding two open parish meetings regarding several significant issues facing us. The meetings will give us a chance to present the issues and to get your reactions to the proposals. The issues are: should SMOS retain the Parish Center (across the street from the rectory on Lafayette) at Immaculate Conception/St. Henry Parish when the parish there closes at the end of June; how should we proceed with the carillon in our church tower and with the repair of the roof over it and the floor under it; and finally, should we move the organ in IC/St. Henry Church over to SMOS when the church closes. Information will be provided for parishioners in advance of each of these meetings. The meetings will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10 AM Mass on April 17 and May 15. Childcare will be provided in the rectory basement. More, later. – Fr. Ron

CLONING BAN POSTCARDS IN PEWS: The bishops in all four dioceses of Missouri have made enactment of a ban on all human cloning a priority of the Missouri Catholic Conference, the Catholic Church's voice in the state capitol. Bills to ban human cloning have been introduced in both houses of the General Assembly. But the leadership in both the House and Senate has not allowed debate on either of the measures, Senate Bill 160 and House Bill 457. If we want some action on this issue, then our legislators need to hear from their constituents to that effect. Cards are available in the pews for you to put your names and addresses on. Do two, one for your senator and one for your rep. Toss them into the basket in the back of church and the parish office will send them to the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office which in turn will send them to the Missouri Catholic Conference in Jeff City. The conference staff will get them to the correct legislator by using your address and zip code. – Fr. Ron

MANY THANKS: I want to thank all the people who worked so hard to make our celebration of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum such moving, meaningful, and prayerful services: Peter Hesel and Terri Merideth for their music leadership, the choir, the handbell choir, and all the extra musicians; the readers, Eucharistic ministers, and servers; and behind the scenes: Marg Schmitz and Dana Gray for arranging the flowers and general church environment, and Patty Duffy for taking care of a prodigious amount of church linens. It was great seeing all the folks at the Masses on Easter weekend, especially family members back home or in town. Easter Blessings on all! - Fr. Ron

LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES NOW AVAILABLE: We now have available for your use LARGE PRINT MISSALETTES. Twenty-five copies are to be found distributed at both the side entrances and in the back of church alongside both boxes of the regular size missalettes. Easier reading to you! – Fr. Ron

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS: Congratulations to Matthew Haar and Justin Cook who made the 3rd Quarter Honor Roll at CBC. Keep up the good work! -- Fr. Ron

WELCOMING RECEPTIONS The Parish Council and the Ladies Auxiliary are hosting two receptions to welcome parishioners from Immaculate Conception-St. Henry Church. Please join us in the **church basement after 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 9 and in the school cafeteria after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 10.** Refreshments will be served.

6th, 7th AND 8th GRADERS are invited to be part of a special day, "Express Yourself" with Danielle Rose, April 23rd. Come explore fun ways to express yourself and your faith through art, music, and prayer. Danielle Rose will be there to share her music and personal stories along with special guest, local band Dayspring. The day will end with 4:30 Mass. More information is available from Michael Miller at 239-2785 OR Peter Hesel at 776-0363, ext. 8.—Peter

PARISH NURSE NEWS
Cathy White

A Stroke Prevention Screening is available through LifeLine Screening at Holy Family Church on Friday, April 15. It includes three tests at a cost of \$109. Call 1-800-324-1851 for details and to register.

Don't forget to have your blood pressure checked after Mass the weekend of April 9/10.

The South Grand Senior Ministry is sponsoring a tour of the churches within the South Grand Senior Ministry. We will be touring in two parts, **April 7** and **May 5**. Part I (Thurs., April 7 at 10am) includes Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Stephen, St. Cecilia, and ends with lunch at St. Anthony of Padua. Part II (Thurs. May 5 at 10am) includes Resurrection, Holy Family, St. Pius V and ends with lunch at our own St. Margaret of Scotland. There is a \$5.00 charge for lunch per tour. Come see our beautiful churches and learn their histories. To RSVP and set up car pooling, call SMOS parish nurse Cathy at 776-0363, x13.

DANIELLE ROSE IN CONCERT: Sunday, April 24th, at 2:00 p.m. This Musical Missionary will give a public concert of her music in our Church. Her songs are frank and original reflections on the life of faith, sung in a graceful folk style. Danielle will be joined by several local singers and musicians, and, in a special appearance, by St. Margaret's Youth Choir. Tickets are \$10.00, and special group and family rates are available. Tickets are on sale after Mass today and in the weeks ahead.—Peter

LADIES AUXILIARY Congratulations to the month of March raffle winners: Ed Lossos and Caroline Kraichley each won \$25, and Judy Hager the \$100. Thanks to everyone who supports the Ladies Auxiliary by purchasing the tickets. - Dolores

MEN'S SOFTBALL OVER 30 We are in need of players for our Friday night team and our Sunday team. The cost is \$10.00 per player. To sign up or for information, call Don Burrus at 776-0517.

HOUSEKEEPING Need help with housecleaning at this busy time of the year or just someone to come weekly. Call a fellow parishioner, Patty at 772-6113.

Weekly Collection for FY 2005	
Sunday, March 27th	\$7,574.76
Average for this year	\$5,607.80
Budgeted Average	\$6,548.07