

Most Holy Trinity

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 23rd

6:30 a.m. Adelheid Eckert

Tuesday, May 24th

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members Buncher Family

Wednesday, May 25th

6:30 a.m. Casey Family

Thursday, May 26th

6:30 a.m. Adelaide Schmidt

Friday, May 27th

6:30 a.m. Raymond Schmidt

Saturday, May 28th

4:30 p.m. Roland Neumann

Sunday, May 29th

8:00 a.m. Florence Iovanna

10:00 a.m. Parishioners

SERVERS

Saturday, May 28th—4:30 p.m.

Helen Roach, Jackie Bittick, Emily Mulligan

Sunday, May 29th—8:00 a.m.

Jessica Pachak, Carl Wurm, David Mitchell

Sunday, May 29th—10:00 a.m.

Joshua Zander, Sonya McCanna, Katherine Hesed

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, May 28th—4:30 p.m.

Carmela Garza, Greg Kehr

Sunday, May 29th—8:00 a.m.

Joe Iovanna, George Mills, Camilla Jansen, Barb Lenzini,
Sr. Carolyn Pozarich

Sunday May 29th—10:00 a.m.

Bridget and Rick Blaes, Julie Jones, Gerry Rauch, Kristen
Ritter, Greg Rohde, Betty Stock, Laura Westhoff, Julio
Zegarra-Ballon

READERS

Saturday, May 28th—4:30 p.m.

Barb Betancourt; Irv Engelmann

Sunday, May 29th—8:00

Steve Marrs, Judie Tucci

Sunday, May 29th—10:00 a.m.

Dave Reid, Liz Zempel

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, May 28th—4:30 p.m.

Lucille Shirley & Donna Schumacher

Sunday, May 29th—8:00a.m.

Earl and Martha Brake

Sunday, May 29th—10:00a.m.

Joe and Ann Hagen

SUNDAY DONUTS 5/29

Coffee—Mary and Mike Brake

Pick-up—John and Barb Lenzini

Clean-Up—Jenny and Jerrod Gerstner



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the imponderable – the mystery of God manifested and received in human life through our faith in a unique three-fold communion of life and love. Much thought has been given, much ink has been spilled in trying to understand and explain this mystery. That even the greatest of Christian thinkers have paled at the task is certainly understandable. That they have recognized our limitations in the presence of a fathomless mystery makes sense. Maybe that is why the best way to approach the mystery is not to try to explain it – because then we would lose the mystery of God – but to *celebrate the gift* of divine unity and communion and receive it in our bodies as transforming grace, love, and fellowship. This is our life-giving Eucharist that re-creates us each time we are joined in celebration. – Fr. Ron

ANNUAL SPRING APPEAL We are less than \$10,000 away from reaching our goal. Contributions by parish families, non-parish school families, school families and past parishioners amount to \$26,413.25. Our goal for this year is \$35,000.00. The money from this fundraiser will go to help pay the general operating cost of the entire parish. We are grateful to all who are able to donate. - Marcia

HEARING AIDS NOW AVAILABLE: Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, we now have available four hearing assistance devices. If you find it hard to hear the readings or what is being said at other times, please pick up one before Mass and try it. All you have to do is put the plug in your ear, switch it on, and set the volume to suit your need. The device is connected directly to the sound system. They can be found in a small brown box on the radiator behind the last pew on your right as you come in the center doors. Please return them there after Mass. A BIG thank you to the very kind donor! -- Fr. Ron

A SUBSTITUTE AT 10 AM MASS: My thanks to Fr. Dennis Doyle, an associate at St. Ambrose Parish, for subbing for me at our ten o'clock Mass this weekend. Please welcome him warmly. His coming lets me preach at a Mass of Thanksgiving for a permanent deacon ordained on Saturday. – Fr. Ron


ELDERBERRIES Our parish's senior citizen group the Elderberries, will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday May 25th in the Rectory Basement beginning at 12 :00 Noon. All seniors of the parish are invited. No reservations required; come as you are. - Betty Meyer



WELCOME TO OUR ALUMNI: A hearty welcome to the SMOS alumni of the Class of 1960. They will be here at the 10 AM Mass this weekend, celebrating their 45th anniversary. We have fond memories of their being here this past fall at the 4:30 Mass. They were an enjoyable group. I also want to thank them for their generous gift of almost a thousand dollars to the school which we have used for financial aid for students enrolling for the next school year. -Fr. Ron

VIBRANT FAITH – VIBRANT COMMUNITY – The May edition of the Strategic Planning Newsletter has been posted on the SMOS homepage. Find it at www.stmargaretslt.org

STRATEGIC PLANNING –SURVEYS We are half way through the survey period. Don't wait until the end to give your input into the Strategic Planning process. The surveys may be completed on line at www.stmargaretstl.org. Paper copies are also available. If you are registered and non-registered members of the parish community complete the "**Parishioner Survey**" It does not matter how active you are or how often you attend mass. **School Parent Survey** is for parents of children in SMOS School including parishioners, non-parishioners, and non-catholic families. If you happen to be a parishioner with children attending SMOS School, please complete *both* surveys. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Tom Purcell (776-4940 or purcell1@sbcglobal.net) or Patty Hendrickson (773-8472 or stlbarry@swbell.net)

 **CONGRATULATIONS** to those recently married at St. Margaret's; Charles E. Holloway II and Karen J. Hodgson and Brian T. Reid and Jessie L. Blaha. May they know many years of love guided by Christ.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA) This past week letters and pledge cards were sent to those who had not responded to the ACA. We are asking everyone who received this mailing to please sign your pledge card (even if you are not pledging) and return it to the rectory via the Sunday collection, the US Mail or by dropping it in the mailbox at the rectory. The parish goal (set by the Archdiocese) this year is \$17,107. To date we have collected \$15,795.—Marcia

PARISH NURSE NEWS

May is National High Blood Pressure Education Month

A few blood pressure facts:

- Blood pressure is the force of blood against the walls of arteries. When that force stays too high, it can become life threatening.
- A blood pressure reading of 140/90 or greater is considered high.
- More than 65 million American adults -1 in 3- have high blood pressure.
- African Americans are more likely to develop high blood pressure than any other racial or ethnic group.
- Anyone can develop high blood pressure but if you are overweight/obese, inactive, have a diet high in sodium/salt, or have diabetes - your risk factors increase.
- High blood pressure causes more visits to doctors than any other condition.
- It is a factor in 77% of strokes which is the #3 cause of death in the US.
- Have your BP checked routinely - you're worth it!

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WOMEN - SAVE THE DATE The second annual women's retreat is planned for the weekend of August 19-21, 2005 at Il Reitro in Ditmer (45 minutes away). Please mark your calendars. Details will follow. - Julie J

AWARD FOR SMOS GRAD Last week Ronn Frerker, [SMOS '95grad] son of Ron and Vicky, received the Lt. Governor's Service Award for his work as part of the AmeriCorp Emergency Response Team. And....

As a fundraiser, Ronn will be sailing in the Volvo Leukemia Cup Regatta at Carlyle Lake next week. Money raised will be use for Leukemia research. If you would like to make a donation call Vicky at 865-3770. Thanking you in advance for your support.

FRIENDSHIP & JUSTICE FOR EVERYONE Come and meet fellow parishioners and neighbors at a pot luck dinner for the gay and heterosexual community on Thursday, May 26, 2005, 7:00 PM Tower Grove Park, Cypress North Shelter. It is an opportunity for everyone to get to know one another. RSVP to Marge O'Gorman, FSM, 776-0363x9.

Weekly Collection for FY 2005

Sunday, May 8th	\$4,936.30
Average for this year	\$5,551.77
Budgeted Average	\$6,548.07