

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, Jan. 9th

6:30 a.m. Carolyn Noecker & Gregory Kehr
8:00 a.m. Agnes Verloin Perrin

Tuesday, Jan. 10th

6:30 a.m. Carlos Fritz and Family
8:00 a.m. A. Thomas Estes

Wednesday, Jan. 11th

6:30 a.m. Adelaide Schmidt

Thursday, Jan. 12th

6:30 a.m. Michael & Teddy Rossiter

Friday, Jan. 13th

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Buncher Family
8:00 a.m. Eileen & Frank Saum

Saturday, Jan 14th

4:30 p.m. Lucelia Merideth

Sunday, Jan. 15th

8:00 a.m. Paul Bandera
10:00 a.m. Parishioners

Weekly Collection for FY 2006

Week of Dec. 25th, including Christmas Collection:
\$12,586.32

Average for FY 2006 \$6,726.57
172 Envelopes Used

Week of January 1, 2006 \$6,885.07
Average for FY 2006 \$6,643.36

96 Envelopes Used

CHURCH UN-DECORATING

Don't forget that today, Sunday January 8th we will be taking down the Christmas decorations in church. We should be able to get started at about 11:30 a.m., and the work shouldn't take more than an hour or so. We especially need some stronger adults who can help us get the crib up the steps and stored in the attic. Many hands make for light work. Thanks for your help—Peter.

SMOS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The St. Margaret of Scotland Parish School will hold an Open House for perspective students and their families on Sunday, January 29th. We invite you to stop by for a firsthand look at our families, faculty and facilities! We hope you will also spread the word about our excellent school to your friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. If you need a special appointment to visit our school please call the principal, Dr. Sharon Baumgartner at (314) 776-7837.

From the  Pastor's Desk

*FR. TOM WILL BE VISITING HIS MOTHER AND SIBLINGS
UNTIL FRIDAY, JAN. 13, 2006*

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

by Peter F. Hesed

The Gospel for the Epiphany tells the colorful and dramatic story of the Magi. Not only does our parish creche represent this meeting, but our building boasts a beautiful and prominent fresco of the Magi on the right side of the back wall of the sanctuary.

Paintings, statues, stained glass windows and mosaics certainly lend beauty to many church buildings. But they are not merely decorative. The depictions of biblical scenes and sacred subjects are meant to focus our attention, fire our imaginations, feed our meditation. In an earlier day they were a fundamental teaching tool for the uneducated and illiterate. Having looked at the sanctuary paintings (more or less attentively) for about 25 years, I will offer an Epiphany reflection on the Gospel story according to the St. Margaret of Scotland frescoes.

Throughout the artwork of SMOS there is a strong theme of childhood, family, and domesticity. The child Jesus is represented seven times (by my quick count); the Holy Family four times. And the Nativity is pictured twice. (Can you find the second image?) On the sanctuary wall is depicted the Nativity (to the left) and the Epiphany (to the right). This subject matter is especially appropriate because the first Mass at SMOS was celebrated on Christmas Day, 1899, with 45 families in a storefront. The first Mass in the basement of the not-quite-finished church was Christmas Day, 1906, with 400 families. And, the founding pastor, Fr. John J. O'Brien had a December 25 birthday!

The Magi in the fresco approach the manger with reverence, their gaze fixed on the child in the manger. The angel-filled sky and the architecture of Bethlehem in the background unify the scene, but by dividing the Magi and attendants from the Nativity scene the artist has preserved the two feasts – and the two mysteries they celebrate. In this season we rejoice that “the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us” and also that “the glory of the Lord” has been revealed.

Scripture Reflection cont.

The frescoes on the arched ceiling above the sanctuary follow a similar plan. To the left we see the Ascension: flanked by his apostles, Jesus is taken up into heaven. What an interesting pairing this makes with the scene below! We have the very beginning and the very ending of the physical life of Jesus on the earth. Theologically these images suggest that Christ who took upon himself our humanity also reveals that our destiny is to dwell, body and soul, with God. And opposite the Ascension is pictured the Transfiguration: like the Epiphany, a feast of showing forth, or manifestation. The meaning of Christ's Ascension – his glorification as Son of God – is revealed to the three apostles at the Transfiguration.

These frescoes suggest both the great action of God in the history of salvation, and the importance of showing or manifesting these mysteries to those who have eyes to see. The same double meaning can be found in our sacramental life, which offers us a view into the deepest reality of our existence.

Annual SVDP Soup Supper – Next Sunday

Are you ready for a break from cooking after the holidays? The Annual St. Vincent De Paul Soup Supper will be held next Sunday, January 15, 2006 in the Church Hall from 5:00 – 7:30p.m. Relax and enjoy a variety of homemade soups, salad, bread, and delicious desserts, activities for the kids, and some great conversation and fun! Donations are \$10 per person or \$25 for an entire family. For more information, or to help with the event, contact Jeff at 776-2204.

SVDP Thanks You!

A special thanks goes out to so many generous donors and volunteers who provided the real sense of love and hope of Jesus for so many of our friends and neighbors in need this Christmas season. Thanks to all who donated gifts and money to the SVDP Giving Tree program, and food, supplies, and blankets for the pantry. More than 30 families received Christmas gifts and food baskets because of your generosity. From the SMOS Outreach Center, 131 families received enough food to last a week or more! We give thanks to God for blessing us so abundantly that we might be able to share with others. For all those who helped wrap gifts, baked cookies for the parties, packed baskets, or just kept us all in your prayers, thank you! A special thanks to Carmela Garza, Diane Bernardi, Azzrena Henry, and Sandra Lamprich who headed up these important programs on our behalf. May God continue to guide our hearts and our work in the New Year! ~ Jeff

Parish Nurse Column

- Start the “New Year” off right and have your blood pressure checked after Mass this weekend.
- The quarterly meeting of our Health Cabinet is Thursday, January 12th. This is an open meeting. We’ll be discussing our plans for the year. If you have suggestions or ideas, contact me.
- Special thanks.....Through the generous donation of a parishioner, we were able to purchase three new hearing devices for use at Mass. If you would like to purchase a hearing devices for your own personal use, let me know.

Cathy White, RN/Parish Nurse
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St. Louis Review Subscription Drive, 2006
SUBSCRIPTION SUNDAY is today, January 15th.

Your faithful source for Catholic news The St. Louis Review is the official newspaper of the archdiocese of St. Louis. For \$23.00 a year, your weekly copy of the review will keep you in touch with the Church in St. Louis, across the nation and around the world. Please use the subscription renewal envelope in your envelope packet (or write your check for \$23.00 to the parish-mark it “Review” include your name and mailing



ANNUAL SVDP MARDI GRAS PARTY

This year there will be no excuses for not attending the annual SVDP Mardi Gras Party. We've switched the party to night, 24th, so be able to the parade Saturday and fun! A great being planned – excellent Cajun food, drinks, entertainment, silent auction, and lots of fun! Ticket price is \$25 per person and will go on sale soon. Watch the bulletin for more details.



Friday
February
you'll still
make it to
on
have your
time is

Jesus' prayed for the Church, "that they may be one." And yet division persists. Still, individual believers and congregations can make a difference. We are invited to participate in a local Observance of Christian Unity Week: an Ecumenical Prayer Gathering, including several churches around Tower Grove Park. Can you represent the regard and friendship of SMOS for our fellow Christians by participating in this service?? **Thur. Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Pius V Catholic Church.**



AN ADDITIONAL PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO GET A HOT MEAL. 63103 Centenary CARES @ Centenary UMC 1610 Olive Street Phone 314-421-3136 Lunch: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 12:00-12:30



ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Jan. 14th—4:30 p.m. Jackie Bittick, Emily Mulligan, Jessica Heagney

Sun. Jan. 15th—8:00 a.m. Carl Wurm, Jessica Pachak, Victoria Cacchione

Sun. Jan. 15th—10:00 a.m. Genevieve Buthod, Trenton Dardick, Ben Thomas



**Eucharistic
Ministers**



Sat. Jan. 14th—4:30 p.m. Becky and Tom Ward

Sun. Jan. 15th—8:00 a.m. Gregory Kehr, Patty Duffy, Carol Engelmann, George Mills

Sun. Jan. 15th—10:00 a.m. Richard Buthod, Deb Halter, Sr. Mariann DeBuck, Mimi Mahoney, Lisa Fioretti, Pat McGovern, Joe Hagen, Betty Stock



LECTORS

Sat. Jan. 14th—4:30 p.m. Prudence Kramer, Tony Huenneke

Sat. Jan. 15th—8:00 a.m. Bob Herleth, Joyce Herleth

Sun. Jan. 15th—10:00 a.m. Rob Garavaglia, Laura Westhoff

GREETERS FOR JANUARY

4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley & Donna Schumacher

8:00 a.m. Earl & Martha Brake

10:00 a.m. Duke Dummerth & Patty Hendrickson

SUNDAY DONUTS 01/15

Coffee—Mark & Mary Ann Gadell

Pick-Up—John & Therese Noecker

Clean-Up—Betsy Lehman & Any Wood

SUN. VAN DRIVER

01/15/06 John Merideth

01/22/06 David Richardson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 8 through January 15, 2006

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13
Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4,6-7 Ps 29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9b-10
or Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8
Mk 1:21b-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 Ps 40:2-5,7-10
Mk 1:29-30

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11,14-15,25-26
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a Ps 89:16-19
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a Ps 19:8-10,15
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Ps 40:2,4,7-10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42

Make plans now-Tickets on Sale for the 6th Annual Teen Town Reunion to be held at the St. Mary Magdalen Parish enter in the city on South Kingshighway and Sutherland Avenues on February 4, 2006, with music by Ron Furr and the Ron Furr Band from 8:00 to Midnight. Talk it up with your friends and get a group together to "ob til you drop!" Tickets are \$20.00 (includes beer, wine, soda, snacks). All seats reserved. Call Audrey Davis at 832-5199