

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI #34

Monday, Jan. 30th

6:30 a.m. Nancy Noecker

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Buncher Family .

Tuesday, Jan. 31st

6:30 a.m. Adelaide Schmidt

8:00 a.m. CA. Thomas Estes

Wednesday, Feb. 1st

6:30 a.m. Eileen & Frank Saum

Thursday, Feb. 2nd

6:30 a.m. Raymond Schmidt

Friday, Feb. 3rd

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family

8:00 a.m. Bill Schreiner

Saturday, Feb. 4th

4:30 p.m. Mario Garza & Family

Sunday, Feb. 5th

8:00 a.m. Shirley Petrus

10:00 a.m. Parishioners

Weekly Collection for FY 2006

Week of Jan. 22, 2006 \$5,432.29

Average for FY2006 \$6,751.99

Budgeted Average \$7,210.84

101 Envelopes Collected

ADULT ED - LENTEN PROGRAM

Lent will be upon us in another month or so, and it's time to mark your calendars for our spring Adult Ed program. We will meet on Sunday mornings from 9 to 10 in the rectory basement, beginning Feb 26. Program details are being finalized and will be available next week, so watch this space. Agnes McKernan



ALL SERVERS MEETING - Feb. 11 & 25, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Two Saturdays for training and getting to know one another. It's not required for servers to attend both days but everybody is asked to come to one of them. If you're already serving or want to serve and are in the 6-8th grade, we want you! (training for 5th graders will be scheduled shortly) call Joe Hagen @ 773-0800



We welcome to our staff Mr. Tony Swalina! Tony is now our full-time maintenance person, for school and church/rectory. We will have more information on him next week.

Parishioners and staff of St. Margaret's extend their best wishes and prayers to Mrs. Marcella Belosi, a member of the Parish since 1967, who relocated at the end of December to an assisted living center in South County. Marcella and her late husband, Bill, raised four children in their home on Flad. Parishioners who wish to send greetings may address them to her at the Green Park Senior Living Center, 9350 Green Park Rd. Rm 26, St. Louis, MO 63123

From the



Pastor's Desk

The time I knew I didn't want to come, has arrived, My partner of 10-1/2 years, Fr. Bob Argent, feels it's time for him to permanently retire. He was full-time Senior Associate when I went to Resurrection in '95. He's been in retirement for over a year now, but still serving weekends with me at Resurrection, and the last 6 months here at St. Margaret's. Many have come to appreciate his kind way and wise words. He has come to mean a great deal to me as a friend and mentor, and has been incredibly generous with his time and effort on countless things as we lived and worked together. He is basically in good health, though he deals with issues that limit his energy and bring some pain.

So, after getting to experience this wonderful parish, He felt it was time to be free of the schedule of coming here on weekends. He lives at the Regina Cleri priest retirement home, on the Kenrick ground, where he is already known as a kind and generous spirit. His parishioners, including from many parishes when he taught and administered at Du Bourg; and as pastor at St. Matthias, All Saints in St. Peters, and St. Gertrude in Krakow, still seek him out and enjoy his company. We are now added to that list. While free of weekly expectation, Fr. Argent let me and the congregation know last weekend that he's open to coming back here to fill in when needed. Thank you, Bob, for the years with me, and for long and generous service to the Church.

For parishioners who would like to drop a friendly line or two to Father Argent, you may address your letters to: **Regina Cleri 10 Archbishop May Drive. St Louis Mo 63119 C/O Father Robert Argent**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

- Peter Hesel

In today's first reading (Deut. 18: 15-20), Moses explains to the people the role of a prophet. The people have heard God's terrible voice and been shaken by experiences of God's fire. They have put in a request for a kinder and gentler God. The prophet, taken from their own company, will mediate between humankind and God ("lest we die?!"), like Moses himself. In the next few weeks in Mark's Gospel we will experience Jesus as a prophet.

Today (Mark 1:21-28) we are told that the people in the synagogue recognized that Jesus taught with authority. This authority is not rooted in a formal or institutional role, it is not bravado or mere self-confidence. This is the authority of truth – of integrity. The actions of Jesus match his words. And so, after he teaches, we next see him casting out an unclean spirit. To say that Jesus teaches with authority is not to say only that his teaching is substantive or sincere. It is his expression of self, and just like his actions, it is efficacious.

When we say of someone, "She is as good as her word," we mean, of course, that you can rely on the truth of what she says. But we are also saying, literally, that this person has integrity – that she lives and acts by the same principles that she professes. May it be said of us all.



Next week, self-nomination forms for election to the Parish Council will be in the pews. All registered parishioners, 18 and older, who regularly attend Mass here and are willing to serve the needs of the whole parish are welcome to nominate themselves for a three-year term. Look for more information on the responsibilities and time commitment in a detailed flyer next week, including an explanation of the new commission structure the Council is embracing. Over the next week, please take a few minutes to pray and reflect on whether you might be called to this ministry at this challenging and exciting time.

ARBONNE-ORGAN FUND RAISER

Parishioner Laura Ramsey will continue her fund raising efforts for the Organ Fund through the sale of Arbonne products on February 5. The fine skin-care, weight-loss and baby-care products will be available in the Church Hall after the 10:00 Mass next Sunday. As you enjoy the companionship of your fellow parishioners over coffee and doughnuts, take a moment to learn about Arbonne, and perhaps help the Organ Fund.

Sign Up Early for Trivia Night Mark your calendars with the new date (Feb. 18), put together your team and get in your registration for St. Margaret of Scotland PTA's Trivia Night. The event will be held Sat., February 18th at the Church Hall. Doors open and happy hour starts at 6 p.m. and questions start at 7. The regular cost per table of 8 players is \$150 but it's \$120 per table (a \$30 savings) when you sign up on or before Mon. Feb. 13th. To register, pick up a flier in the back of church or for more info. call Cheryl Thomas, 776-3396

Save This Date! Friendship and Justice Fundraiser.

- As American As Apple Pie is a play about being a gay youth and being a parent of a lesbian daughter or gay son.
- It is a production of That Uppity Theatre Company featuring local writers and actors. It will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Hall, Sunday, March 5, 2006, 3:00 PM. Tickets sales begin February 5th. For information call Marge O’Gorman, FSM, 314-776-0363.

CHORAL CONCERT

The collegiate choir of Illinois Wesleyan University will be singing a remarkable program of choral music at St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Friday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public; a free-will offering will be taken.

If any parishioners are willing to put up one or more singers in your home on March 24, please call Peter this week at the rectory (776-0363). If any parishioners are willing to help organize a meal for the singers prior to the concert on March 24, please call Peter this week.

ANNUAL SVDP MARDI GRAS PARTY

Event Tickets and 50/50 Raffle Tickets are now on sale after all masses this weekend for the 4th Annual St. Vincent De Paul Mardi Gras Party. If you have attended before, you can count on even more fun and excitement. If you haven't attended before, it's time to check it out! A great time is being planned – excellent Cajun food, drinks, entertainment, silent and oral auction, and lots of fun! Ticket price for Fri. Feb. 24th is \$25 per person, or \$30 at the door.



SHOPS HELPS OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL

Thanks to all the families who did their Christmas shopping through our gift card program. Since July 2005, SHOPS has raised \$6000 for our school, \$2700 in November and December alone! Please help us meet our goal of raising 12,000 by the end of June - continue to use SHOPS for your weekly shopping needs - we have Schnucks, Dierbergs, Shop and Save, Walgreen's, Home Depot and St. Louis Bread Company in-stock. This fund raiser costs you nothing and can make a world of difference for our school. Stop by and speak with our volunteer after Mass or call Cindy Riordan (664-3885) if you have any questions.

SMOS OUTREACH CENTER RUMMAGE SALE

It's not quite Spring cleaning time yet, but why not get a jump start on it and clean out all of those messy drawers, closets, basements, attics, and garages and help support the SMOS Outreach Center. A truck will be parked on 39th Street after all masses the weekend of February 25 and 26 to collect all of your treasures, or you can drop them by the Outreach Center, 3135 Lafayette Ave. on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The rummage sale will be held at the Outreach Center the following weekend, March 4th and 5th. Happy Cleaning!

**I want to know God's thoughts.....the rest our just details.
~Albert Einstein**

NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE

GO RED FOR WOMEN

Heart disease is the number one killer of women, so make your promise to be heart healthy and encourage other women to reduce their risk of heart disease. Friday, Feb. 3 is national "Wear Red to Work Day."

The American Heart Association's red dress pins will be available today after all Masses for a nominal donation. . Let your heart shine and raise awareness of heart disease.

Love your heart!

One of my clients is requesting donations of old costume jewelry. She remakes the jewelry into bookmarks. The profit from her sales will go toward her medical expenses. If you have jewelry to donate, please drop it off at the rectory for me. *Cathy White, RN 776-0363 ext. 13 Parish Nurse*



ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Feb. 4th—4:30 a.m. Stephanie Barker, Ben Thomas, Emily Mulligan

Sun. Feb. 5th—8:00 a.m. Sonya McCanna, Henry Schneider

Sun. Feb. 5th—10:00 a.m. Nadia White, Katya White, Stephen White



Eucharistic Ministers



Sat. Feb. 4th—4:30 p.m. Carol Engelmann, Irv Engelmann

Sun. Feb. 5th—8:00 a.m. Cam Jansen, Gregory Kehr, Sr. Mary Jo Ritter, Patty Duffy

Sun. Feb. 5th— 10:00 a.m. Bridget Blaes, Rick Blaes, Gloria Fawcett, Julie Jones, Prudence Kramer, Mary Lisa Penilla, Gerry Rauch, Rob Waeltermann



LECTORS

Sat. Feb. 4th—4:30 p.m. Ginger Purcell, George Mills

Sun. Feb. 5th—8:00 a.m. McGraw Milhaven, Joyce Herleth

Sun. Feb. 5th. —10:00 a.m. Richard Buthod, Kristen Ritter

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

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

8:00 a.m. Earl & Martha Brake

10:00 a.m. Kay Reid & Betty Stock

SUNDAY DONUTS 02/05

Coffee—Mary Ann & Mark Gadell

Pick-Up—John & Therese Noecker

Clean-Up—Rick & Bridget Blaes

SAT. & SUN. VAN DRIVERS

02/04/06 Besty Mahony 02/05/06 Sean Thomas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 29 through February 5, 2006

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3
Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 Ps 32:1-2,5-7 Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40

Friday: Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31,47,50-51
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4,6-7 Ps 147:1-6
1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 Mk 1:29-39

CRASH. You may have already seen or heard about this powerful movie about race in our country. Because of the importance of this issue of race to ourselves as a parish as well as a neighborhood, we invite you to view this film together Sun. Feb. 12th in the Church Hall, followed by small group discussions. This event is co-sponsored by the National Conference for Community and Justice of St. Louis (exec. director Martin Rafanan) and Social Justice Ministry. Questions? call Gerry Rauch 664-5770

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

For the Meru Hunger Project Fr. Tom visited Meru, Kenya, in July 2004. He saw firsthand the efforts described here. The purpose of the MHP is to assist the families in Meru to increase the yield from their small one to three acres farms. The women contract with the project for seeds, fertilizer, pesticides and plowing. In return, they are required to attend educational seminars to learn better methods of farming and to return a percentage of their yield in cash or in kind to maintain the project.

UNFORTUNATELY, there was no rain this growing season! This spells disaster for the families who now have no food and no money to buy maize and beans.

The Meru Valentine Dinner Dance will be Sat. Feb. 11, at Sunset Country Club, with a Silent Auction and live band. Tickets are \$50 each. Fr. Tom will be there and will give free dancing lessons! See the flyer in the bulletin.

