

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the



Pastor's Desk

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

Monday, Feb. 13th

6:30 a.m. Raymond Schmidt

8:00 a.m. Keith Haffer

Tuesday, Feb. 14th

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family

8:00 a.m. Richard Keller

Wednesday, Feb. 15th

6:30 a.m. Thomas Lydon

Thursday, Feb. 16th

6:30 a.m. Adelaide Schmidt

Friday, Feb. 17th

6:30 a.m. A. Thomas Estes

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

Saturday, Feb. 18th

4:30 p.m. Walter Shirley

Sunday, Feb. 19th

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:00 a.m. **Delores & Walter Hoff**

60th Wedding Anniversary



Weekly Collection for FY 2006

Week of Feb. 5, 2006 \$8,036.84

Average for FY2006 \$6,808.88

Budgeted Average \$7,210.84

147 Envelopes Collected

Dr. Sharon Baumgartner, our principal of 2 years, sent a note out Monday that she's pursuing a new opportunity in the coming year. She will serve the remainder of this school year before departing. Dr. B has been most generous with her time and presence in my year here, and obviously has a fine mind and strong administrative skills. With her, we've made a difficult transition of a sudden growth surge of both students and faculty. She expresses individual care for members of the staff. She has made evident here a strong commitment to Catholic education, and I know and hope her gifts will continue to serve in the Archdiocese. We will be grateful to her for two years of difficult transitional work. Meanwhile the search process will commence shortly.

On the welcoming side, two priests as of now have agreed to be guest celebrants for Sunday Masses, giving you some variety and making things a bit flexible for me. Fr. Paul Mandziuk is a LaSalette priest from down on Broadway, who often prays with us on Sundays. He will have the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass once a month, often on the 2nd Sunday. Fr. Roger de la Rosa is a Jesuit priest who has done weekday and some Sunday Masses here. He will preside at the 8 a.m. Mass once a month, often the 3rd Sunday. We will benefit from their skills and their evident spirituality.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

~Gerry Rauch

I don't know about you but sometimes I just want to say "ENOUGH, ALREADY!" Obligations abound. Family, work, school, parish, neighborhood, community, country, the world; it can feel like a virtual tornado of appeals. Where's the time for rest and recharge?

Even Jesus couldn't escape. In today's gospel we find him approached by a leper begging to be cured. Jesus had no obligation to this man, according to the law. Leviticus tells us that the leper should have warned him to stay away. Jesus didn't. His eyes were wide open to those on the margins. His compassion drove him to heal the man, despite the deluge of appeals it might create from others. He couldn't deny his connection to this fellow human being. Jesus sees him not as 'the other', but as part of the whole people of God.

What about the man healed? He didn't follow Jesus' stern order to "tell no one!" Is this just some ungrateful oaf! I prefer to think of him as a person exuberant with joy yet full of compassion for those still afflicted. Can you imagine him strolling back to his community of lepers with no explanation of how this good fortune befell him? HIS compassion wouldn't allow it. He wanted to share with others how faith in Jesus had changed him!

So where does the rest and recharge come in? I don't know. Sometimes, as in the Gospel, God calls us to see with compassionate eyes and to respond. To be sure, we all have to find the balance between prayerful reflection and action. Somehow, though, I take comfort in knowing that Jesus struggled with this balancing act, too.

ADULT ED: CONSISTENT ETHIC OF HUMAN LIFE The Spring session of Adult Ed starts Feb 26 this year. Our topic for the five-week session will be the Church's teachings on human life topics. We will meet in the rectory basement, between the Masses. Please see the flyer included in this week's bulletin for complete details. ~Agnes McKernan.

ORGAN FUND DRIVE

The Organ Fund Drive is entering its final month. The active solicitation of parish donations will conclude on Sunday, March 19. (Of course, we will happily accept gifts after that date; we just won't keep asking!)

This is our parish's once-in-a-lifetime chance to incorporate the beautiful Wicks organ from Immaculate Conception St. Henry into our church. Please read the bulletin insert about the Organ Fund and consider supporting this project as you are able.






Last Chance to Sign up for Trivia Knight Fire up your brain and put together your own Round Table because Trivia Knight is this coming Sat., Feb. 18th at the Church Hall. Doors open 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. For more info. Call Cheryl Thomas at 776-3396.

Our Olan Mills church directories are in! Due to a limited number of directories we are asking only families who have had their pictures taken to pick up their directories after mass in the church hall.

OUR PICTORIAL CHURCH BOOK



Auction Items Needed for St. Vincent de Paul Mardi Gras Event If you've been thinking about how you can support St. Margaret's St. Vincent de Paul Society, here's your chance! We need items for the oral and silent auction that will be part of the Mardi Gras fundraiser on Feb. 24th. We're seeking services like: 1) chefs who will prepare and host dinner parties; 2) week or weekend stays at vacation homes; 3) professional services like cleaning, landscape, construction, allied health, veterinarian, etc. (we'll be glad to place your business cards out at the auction). We're also seeking gift certificates to area restaurants or any other items you can think of. Please contact Alexandre or Elaine Todorov by Mon. Feb. 20th with questions or donations at 776-4284.

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 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 the Fri. Feb. 24th event starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall is \$25.00 per person or \$30.00 at the door.

The **Collegiate Choir** from Illinois Wesleyan University will be singing a wonderful concert at St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Friday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. All are invited.

SHOPS Rectory Purchases: When purchasing **SHOPS** cards from the rectory, it is requested that you call ahead and let the office staff know your order (calling just 10-15 minutes ahead is sufficient). In order to maximize profit, we are keeping smaller quantities of inventory in stock at the rectory. Calling ahead will allow us to confirm your order is available before you come over. Thanks for your assistance and for your support of **SHOPS!**

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, Sun. March 5, 2006, 3:00 PM. For info. call Marge O'Gorman, FSM, 314-776-0363.

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 Feb.26& 27 to collect all of your treasures, or you can drop them by the Outreach Center, 3135 Lafayette Ave. on Mon., Wed., or Thurs. between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The rummage sale will be held at the Outreach Center on March 4th and 5th.

Registration for T-Ball, Softball and Baseball Boys and Girls Grades K – 8

Sign-ups will occur at the following times for 2006 teams:

- Sun. 2/19** after each Mass in the Church Basement
- Tue. 2/21** from 7:30 to 8:15AM in the School Gym
- Thru. 2/23** from 2:45 to 3:30PM in the School Gym
- Sun. 2/26** after each Mass in the Church Basement

Players **must register** during this period to be included on final rosters.

Recruiting Coaches for Youth Teams and Players for Adult Baseball League -Contact Don Burrus at 776-0517 for more information

It is the heart that makes a man rich. He is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has.

Henry Ward Beecher

News from the Parish Nurse

Cathy White, RN

February is Heart Month. Be sure to check out the American Heart Association website at www.americanheart.org. Take the "Live and Learn" quiz and get a free cookbook. Also, be sure to read this weeks article by our own parishioner, Kitty Quinn, who is a Registered Dietician.

Trans Fats

If you regularly check the food label when you are grocery shopping, you've probably noticed a new item on the label, trans fat. You may wonder why this has been added to the label and what are trans fats. Trans fats are formed when oil is processed to make it a more solid and shelf stable product. Unfortunately, these trans fats raise your bad cholesterol and lower your good cholesterol, increasing your risk for heart attack or stroke.

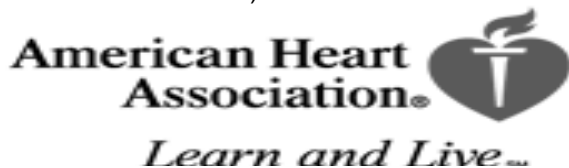
Where are trans fats found?

- bakery products such as cookies, cakes, pies, pastries
- fried foods such as fried chicken and fish, french fries, chips & doughnuts
- crackers
- shortening and stick margarine

How can you avoid these unhealthy fats?

- Look for foods that are low in total fat.
- Limit how often you eat fried foods and bakery products.
- Use oil in cooking especially canola or olive oil.
- Buy light margarine.

Don't forget to limit the other unhealthy fat, saturated fat, which is found in animal products: meat and dairy. Your menu should include lots of vegetables along with fruit, whole grains, beans and nuts. Make your dairy products low fat and your meat lean (choose fish and chicken more often).



Fabulous Fish Fry at St. Pius V Church
3310 S. Grand (at Utah St.)
Fridays in Lent 4:00-7:00 p.m. Featuring
Live :Music 6:00-7:00 p.m.
\$6.50 a plate
Children 12 and under \$3.00 a plate



ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Feb. 18th—4:30 a.m. Emily Mulligan, Sean Bittick, Jackie Bittick

Sun. Feb. 19th—8:00 a.m. Carl Wurm, Henry Schneider

Sun. Feb. 19th—10:00 a.m. Ben Thomas, Alex Clemens, George Suggs



Eucharistic Ministers



Sun. Feb. 18th—4:30 p.m. Ginger Purcell, Tom Purcell

Sun. Feb. 19th—8:00 a.m. Prudence Kramer, Bob Herleth, Joyce Herleth, Carol Engelmann

Sun. Feb. 19th— 10:00 a.m. Patty Duffy, Duke Dummerth, Carol Helfrich, patty Hendrickson, John Merideth, Sr. Rose Mary Murphy, Laura Westhoff, Julio Zegarra-Ballon



LECTORS

Sat. Feb. 18th-4:30 p.m. Tony Huenneke, Betsy Mahony

Sun. Feb. 19th—8:00 a.m. Martin Rafanan, Betty Stock

Sun. Feb. 19th. —10:00 a.m. Angie Reitenbach, Tom Reitenbach

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

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 & COFFEE FOR 2/19/06

Coffee—Mary Ann & Mark Gadell

Pick-Up—John & Barb Lenzini

Clean-Up—Jerrod Gerstner

SUN. VAN DRIVER

02/19/06 Bob Buscher

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

February 12 through February 19, 2006

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2,44-46 Ps 32:1-2,5,11
1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15,18-19
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27 Ps 15:2-5 Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24,26 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10 Ps 12:2-5,7-8 Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25 Ps 41:2-5,13-14
2 Cor 1:18-22 Mk 2:1-12