

Eieghth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the  Pastor's Desk

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI #34

Monday, Feb. 27th

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Buncher Family

8:00 a.m. Walter Shirley

Tuesday, Feb. 28th

6:30 a.m. August A. Meyer Jr.

8:00 a.m. St. Margaret's School Children

Ash Wednesday, March 1st

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family

8:00 a.m. Adelaide Schmidt

7:00 p.m. World Peace

Thursday, March 2nd

6:30 a.m. Kim Gore

Friday, March 3rd

6:30 a.m. Betty Meyer

8:00 a.m. A. Thomas Estes

Saturday, March 4th

4:30 p.m. Remo Beffa Sr.

Sunday, Feb. 26th

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Ida Armbruster

A Note to Parents:

In weeks past, a few children have escaped from the friendly confines of the Church Hall coffee and doughnut event to the church where they have been found running and racing. The access back upstairs to the church is not lockable, so please keep your children downstairs with you. Thanks.

Weekly Collection for FY 2006

Week of Feb. 19, 2006 \$4,730.42

Average for FY 2006 \$6,715.60

Budgeted Average \$7,210.84

97 Envelopes Collected

Adult Ed - Consistent Ethic of Human Life. Our five-part series on the Catholic Church's human life teachings begins this weekend. Our topic this Sunday (Feb 26) is the fundamental basis for these teachings. Starting next Sunday (March 5) we'll explore different specific topics, beginning with abortion. All are welcome to join us in the rectory basement from 9:00 - 9:50 AM on Sunday mornings. ~ *Agnes McKernan*

The Organ Fund

Please help. Be an organ donor.

We need to seize the moment! Through March 19.

Just a Friendly note to let newcomers know that there are donuts and coffee being served regularly after 8:00 and 10:00 mass on Sundays. Please stop by and get to know your fellow parishioners.

Some good plans are coming together. The Parish Council will hold its elections soon, to bring new members on while some current members continue. Also, the Strategic Plan is being finalized, and readied for full presentation to the parish. This is a fortunate coincidence, because it's the Council which will lead us to implement the Plan. It's a good organization of tasks and leadership.

Also, a talented Principal Search Committee met on Monday. The Committee includes school parents, parishioners at large, non-parish school people, and other advisors. A plan of approach was made on an interview process, and the key players to include. See a note elsewhere about participating in the committee's work.

Finally, a note about the upcoming play, "As American as Apple Pie." I was asked if we could host this event, as it deals with the theme of justice, or more accurately, injustice as it is acted out on the parents of lesbian and gay people. I made sure that, as with all our ministry in this area, it would be consistent with the teaching of the church. One parishioner questioned me on this, and I responded. Another, however, raised a question about it to the Archbishop, who then had to assign a vicar to call me about it. We had a good conversation, I was glad to uphold our ministry to this community, and the matter was settled. I wish that this question, too, had come to me, so the Archbishop's office didn't have to get involved, and we could've taken care of it among ourselves.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION ~Peter Fisher Hesed

Hosea prophesied about 2750 years ago, during the reigns of the last two kings of Israel, shortly before Israel was conquered - and destroyed - by the Assyrian Empire. Hosea's prophecies spoke of the desolations that would result from being unfaithful to God, and of God's promise to later restore Israel.

Hosea's home life is described as a mirror to the nation of Israel and its relationship to God at that time. Hosea's wife had left home for a life of prostitution, and Israel had turned away from God and pursued false gods. The prophet calls for a renewal of the marriage based on the covenant elements of righteousness, justice, love, mercy, fidelity, and knowledge of God.

As we stand on the brink of Lent we reflect that we, too, have been unfaithful people. Our relationship with God needs renewal, but we can't just pour new wine into the old wineskins. Responding to unjust social structures with good intentions and warm feelings will not bring about genuine renewal. Rather, we must allow the kingdom of God to take root among us. We must cultivate mercy and faithfulness in order to reap a harvest of justice. Only then are we able to serve a world of fragile peace and broken promises as witnesses of Gospel joy.

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"The social teaching of the Church ... develops through reflection applied to the changing situations of this world, under the driving force of the gospel as the source of renewal when its message is accepted in its totality and with all its demands. It also develops with the sensitivity proper to the Church which is characterized by a disinterested will to serve and by attention to the poorest. Finally, it draws upon its rich experience of many centuries which enables it ... to undertake the daring and creative innovations which the present state of the world requires."

Pope Paul VI, *Octogesima Adveniens* (1971) 42

News from our Parish Nurse
Cathy White, RN Parish Nurse 776-0363 ext. 13
Mammogram screening on Wed. April 12, 2006.
This is for women 40 years and older. The screening will be held at St. John's Mercy Neighborhood Health Center located at 3846 Ohio.
Insurance is not necessary; if uninsured, bring proof of income.
Call 314-772-3330 for details and to make an appt.



There's still time to sign-up for the SGSM "Lunch and Learn" at Immaculate Heart of Mary with the Irish Tenor on Fri. March 10. Cost is \$6.00 for lunch. Call Jane to reserve your space (481-9385). If you want to carpool, call Cathy at the rectory.314-776-0363



The Principal Search Committee has constructed a thorough process to assemble information and interview candidates. If anyone wants to express input or concerns, the Committee asks for these 2 procedures:

- 1) Any comments should be sent to the Committee, care of the rectory, not to individual members.
- 2) Comments should be about the school's program and needs, not a particular candidate.

These allow the committee to proceed in a fair and balanced way. Thank you.

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!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP INSULATE THE CHURCH ATTIC

In order to conserve heat and save on our Laclede Gas bill, the Facilities Committee has taken on the task of insulating the church attic. Currently there is only a thin layer in place. We purchased new encapsulated (not too itchy) insulation, which has already been delivered and moved into the attic. Now we need your help with distributing the insulation bats into the rafters.

This task does require our volunteers to be agile, able to climb a ladder and not afraid to get dirty.

We will be working on Saturday, March 11, 2 shifts of 8-12 and 12-4. Pizza will be provided between 12-1. Please bring gloves, a flashlight, and a razor knife. If needed, we will also have a Sunday crew working from 12-4.

If you can help, please confirm to our volunteer coordinator Rich Wurm at 776-7224.



Friendship and Justice Fundraiser.

As American As Apple Pie is a performance focusing on issues in the lesbian and gay community. Parents of gay sons and lesbian daughters will also reminisce about how their child's coming out affected them and their families. These are issues not ordinarily talked about. The performance gives an inside view into how it is to be a gay youth today. This production is a creation of That Uppity Theatre Company and features the work of local writers and actors. It will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Hall, Sunday, March 5, 2006, 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/youth. For info. call Marge O'Gorman, FSM, 314-776-0363.

Ladies Auxiliary Winners

Winners from the February Meeting are as follows:
Jim Whaley and Connie Schwarze each won \$25.00.
Pat McGovern won \$100.00. Again the Ladies would like to say "THANK YOU" to all who support the Ladies Auxiliary. ~Delores Hoff

I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances. Martha Washington (1732 - 1802)



ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Feb. Mar. 4th—4:30 p.m. Victoria Cacchione, Ben Thomas, Marcela-Zegarra-Ballon
 Sun. Mar. 5th—8:00 a.m. Henry Schneider, Sonya McCanna
 Sun. Mar. 5th—10:00 a.m. Sean Bittick, Jackie Bittick, Stephen White



Eucharistic Ministers



Sat. Mar. 4th—4:30 p.m. Irv Engelmann, Carmela Garza
 Sun. Mar. 5th—8:00 a.m. Bob Herleth, Joyce Herleth, Joe Iovanna, Gregory Kehr
 Sun. Mar. 5th—10:00 a.m. Betty Andrews, Bridget Blaes, Rick Blaes, Deb Halter, Dorothy Wamser, Duke Dummerth, Gerry Rauch, Mary Jo Rhoda, Joe Hagen



LECTORS

Sat. Mar. 4th—4:30 p.m. Patrick Bittick, Ginger Purcell
 Sun. Mar. 5th—8:00 a.m. Don Burrus, Kathy Petersen
 Sun. Mar. 5th—10:00 a.m. Alice Benga, John Merideth

GREETERS FOR MARCH

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 03/05/06

Coffee—Mary & Mike Brake
 Pick-Up—Ken & Pat Nuernberger
 Clean-Up—Sean & Cheryl Thomas

SAT. VAN DRIVER

03/04/06 John Lenzini

SUN. VAN DRIVER

032/05/06 Joe Hagen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

February 26 through March 5, 2006

Sunday: Hos 2:16b,17b,21-22 Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13
 2 Cor 3:1b-6 Mk 2:18-22
 Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2,5-6,9-10
 Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1-4 Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: J1 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6a,12-14,17
 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a,18-19 Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22
 Mk 1:12-15

MASS OF SOLIDARITY FOR ARCHBISHOP BURKE

Sunday March 5, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us at the Eucharist celebrated by **Most Reverend Bishop Robert Herman at St. Agatha Church at 3239 South 9th Street.** will preside at the Mass. Following the Mass coffee and pastries will be served. Please join us in prayer. For more info. Please call the Parish office, at 772-16031



Looking for an Apartment?

If your looking for a one or two bedroom apartment, in the parish neighborhood please consider calling one of the following:
 Mary Brake at 776-5311
 Stephanie Noecker at 772-1201 or
 Susan Wurm at 776-7224.



Housekeeping Services Need help with your housekeeping. Parishioner Patty Duffy can help. Patty will do Commercial as well as residential. Patty is willing to come specific days, weekly, or as needed. For more info. call at 772-6113.



“Godspell” will be preformed at the Pope John Paul II auditorium in the Cardinal Rigali Center located at #20 Archbishop May Drive in Shrewsbury on March 9-11 at 7:30 p.m. by Take Two Productions. Advance reservation prices are \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. For reservations or more more information call Jim Kistner at 314-638-0106. Proceeds are to benefit Catholic Services for children and Youth Expectant Parent Program.

Magic in the Making

St. Louis University High School's Annual Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at the school at 4970 Oakland Ave. Items for bidding include wide variety of antique furniture, exciting getaways, and many additional items large and small! Please join us for this evening of fun! For more info. Call 531-0330 ext. 158 or ext. 2319