

## Third Sunday of Lent

**From the**  **Pastor's Desk**

**ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH**

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI #34

**Monday, March 20th**

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

8:00 a.m. Florence "Jean" Leible

**Tuesday, March 21st**

6:30 a.m. Raymond Schmidt

8:00 a.m. Jane Niemann

**Wednesday, March 22nd**

6:30 a.m. Adelaide Schmidt

**Thursday, March 23rd**

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family

**Friday, March 24th**

6:30 a.m. Rosemary Pollard

8:00 a.m. August A. Meyer Jr.

**Saturday, March 25th**

4:30 p.m. Walter Shirley

**Sunday, March 26th**

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:00 a.m. William O'Toole



As Lent goes on quickly and calls us to open up, I open up some of my inner life to you. It's not all that different from many of yours—what makes me happy, or concerns me, is about the people I care about and with whom I'm charged.

—The successful conclusion of the principal search is a relief to me, and joy to see others' happy reactions, as at Masses on Sunday.

—The Strategic Plan has concerned me for some time, that it might be brought to close and officially put into action. With the committee's final meeting last week, final alterations were made. We're ready to publicize the final version next weekend, when we commission the new Parish Council which will be charged with its implementation. This commissioning of the new Council with the Plan will take place next Sunday, March 26, at the 10 a.m. Mass. It's satisfying to me to see these come into place.

—We have various needs on our Facilities, the buildings of church, school, and rectory. Big items are replacing the boiler and A/C unit for church; renovating the school cafeteria for full use; and the long-talked of elevator to make our hall accessible. After discussions with parish leadership, a full-scale capital campaign (as in 97-98) is not seen as advisable at this time; so we need to fund these things as we go for now. I've talked with the archdiocese about some options.

I literally wake up with these things on my mind many mornings. It's with prayer, and the life of the community, that I deal with them as the day goes on.

Also, as I said at Masses, check out the pope's first encyclical letter, "God is Love." You may be surprised at the sensitive treatment of human love as part of God's energy in us. Use your internet search engine with words "Benedict God Is Love". Great reading for our Lenten journey!

**Daily Mass** On Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings we have TWO Masses. One at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. What a great way to begin one's day! A reflection of God's Word and the nourishment at the table of the Lord.

**Weekly Collection for FY 2006**

Week of March 12th, 2006	\$6,910.00
Average for FY 2006	\$6,800.19
Budgeted Average	\$7,210.84
134 Envelopes Collected	

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 : **Adult Ed - Consistent Ethic of Human Life.** We are  
 : down to the last two sessions in our Lent Adult Ed  
 : series dealing with the Church's teachings on human  
 : life issues. This Sunday (March 19) we take up the  
 : ethics of stem cell research, which is something our  
 : Archbishop has particularly requested parishes to  
 : provide education on. Next Sunday's topic will be  
 : euthanasia. The class meets in the rectory basement  
 : from 9:00 - 9:50 AM on Sunday, and all are welcome.  
 : For more info. See the flyers in the back of church.  
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**SPRING APPEAL** As the spring appeal moves forward, we are happy to report that \$3,909.00 has been contributed as of this printing. This annual appeal makes it possible for us to provide tuition assistance to school families, pay the light and gas bills, support the area-wide PSR program and sponsor our Adult Education sessions. Please be

generous and join your fellow parishioners and past parishioners who donate to the drive.

**Scripture Reflection**

**Third Sunday of Lent-The Cleansing of the Temple**

Today we read of Jesus cleansing the Temple. This story has a sense of urgency. It is not about anger; it's about transformation. Jesus is saying: "No more business as usual. There is not much time left. Be converted, to be cleansed because the reign of God is at hand."

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in prayer that the ability to work to earn a living is a right of all people. All workers have the right to a fair wage, to organize themselves, and to work in good condition. May our fasting keep us mindful of the workers who provide food for their families. May our almsgiving assist Catholic Relief Services as we learn about agriculture projects and Fair Trade coffee farmers in Nicaragua.

**LENTEN CALENDAR**

**March 24th 1:30 p.m.** Stations of the Cross with school  
**March 28th 7:00 p.m.** Parish Penance Service  
**March 31st 30 p.m.** SVDP Stations of the Cross & meal  
**April 2nd 7:00 p.m.** Taize style prayer, by SMOS choir  
**April 9th 9:30 a.m.** Palm Sunday Procession at school  
**April 11th 1:30 p.m.** Living Stations of the Cross at school  
**April 13th Holy Thursday** (School Closed)  
 8:00 a.m. Morning prayer  
 7:00 p.m. Triduum begins: Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 Church remains open for prayer and adoration til 10 pm  
**April 14th Good Friday** (School and Rectory closed)  
 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
 7:00 p.m. Triduum celebration of the Lord's Passion  
**April 15th Holy Saturday**  
 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 8:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil

**DIVINE MERCY** In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina and decreed that "throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come." The Divine Mercy message is that God is merciful. He is Love and Mercy itself. He wants us to be merciful even as our Father in heaven is merciful. The only way we can do this is to share *His* Mercy. And the way we receive His mercy is by our trust in Jesus, His Son

**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION**

Our annual Palm Sunday Procession will begin at 9:30 a.m. on April 9. Please gather in the St. Margaret of Scotland school yard. The blessing of the palms will take place at Castleman and Lawrence. We will proceed along Castleman and 39<sup>th</sup> Street to Church, where 10:00 Mass will begin.

Those who prefer not to process may gather at church. If the weather is terrible the procession will be cancelled and the opening rites will be celebrate in-doors at church. We often have a very beautiful day for this feast. So plan to fall in line and walk the walk.



**The SMOS Facilities Committee** would like to thank Rich and Susan Wurm for organizing the Church attic insulation project and for feeding all the volunteers. On Saturday, March 11th, our work crew completed the dirty job and had great fun meeting and working with their fellow parishioners. Our thanks go out to the crew of

Andy Bredemeyer, Chris Baptiste, Nick and Kathryn Pisoni, Rafael Barron, Mark Franco, Jacob Franco, Mike Rhoda, Tom Swaboda, Steve Burns, Bob Kramer, Tom Purcell, Bob Herleth, Bob Braun, Bob Waeltermann, Bob Buscher, Joe and Karen Folk, Tom Zander, Alice Benga, and Alexander Todorov.

**Stations of the Cross Service and Lenten supper sponsored by Saint Vincent DePaul.**

Please plan on attending a Lenten Stations of the Cross service and a light Lenten supper, sponsored by our St. Vincent De Paul members, on Fri. March 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Church followed by the supper at 7:00 in the Church Hall. This is a free event, but donations to help offset the cost of the meal, our ministry to the poor would be greatly appreciated. Please call Jeff if you are planning to join us 314-776-2204



Reservations aren't necessary, but, it would be helpful to know how many to anticipate for supper.

**SCHOOL CORNER**

**CONGRATULATIONS to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders!** Following are the schools they will be attending in the fall: Bishop DuBourg HS; DeSmet Jesuit HS; Incarnate Word Academy; Notre Dame HS; Rosati-Kain HS; St. Elizabeth Academy; St. John the Baptist HS; St. John Vianney HS; St. Louis University HS; and St. Mary's HS.

**Also, congratulations to St. Margaret of Scotland School alum Daniel Dodd, Katrina Kuehn and Christina Redfearn** for academic success at DuBourg High School in the first semester. We really do have a excellent school.

**SHOPS Congratulations** to the winner of the SHOPS February \$50 drawing – Jeff Goldone of the parish. Remember, every month you purchase \$300 or more of SHOPS certificates, your name is entered into our drawing for a \$50 gift card of your choice.

**The Ladies Auxiliary** will hold their next meeting on Monday March 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. All are welcome.



**The Organ Fund** Today marks the conclusion of the first phase of the St. Margaret of Scotland Organ Fund. Thanks to everyone who has supported this effort with their donations. We shall continue to to pursue outside sources of support; we shall hold fund-raisers; and we will still gratefully accept all gifts. However, after today we will stop asking you for donations. And so, for the last time, can you help us to adopt, renovate and restore the Organ from Immaculate Conception/ St. Henry church? Make checks payable to SMOS Organ Fund.

News from our Parish Nurse  
 Cathy White RN (314) 776-0363 ext. 13  
 National Poison Prevention Week



Each year, approximately 2.4 million people - more than half under age 6 - swallow or have contact with a poisonous substance. Poison prevention, and appropriate, immediate treatment to poison contact or ingestion, are critical to keeping your child safe.

(Most poisonings occur when parents or caregivers are home but not paying attention. The most dangerous potential poisons are medicines, cleaning products, antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, pesticides, furniture polish, gasoline, kerosene and lamp oil.)

- Store medicine, cleaners, paints/varnishes and pesticides in their original packaging in locked cabinets or containers, out of sight and reach of children.
- Install a safety latch - that locks when you close the door - on child-accessible cabinets containing harmful products.
- Purchase and keep all medicines in containers with safety caps. Discard unused medication.
- Never refer to medicine as "candy" or another appealing name.
- Check the label each time you give a child medicine to ensure proper dosage.
- Never place poisonous products in food or drink containers.
- Keep coal, wood or kerosene stoves in safe working order. Maintain working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



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 The Collegiate Choir from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill., will present a concert at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, next Fri. March 24, at 7:30 p.m. This concert is one of seven the choir will make during its 2006 concert tour. The tour itinerary includes performances in KY.WV. NC. MO IL AND TN. The 59-voice choir is composed of students are dedicated to the performance of the finest sacred and secular choral music of the past five centuries. The choir is under the direction of Dr. J. Scott Ferguson, whose choral ensembles have received critical acclaim for their "exquisite discipline, enthusiastic singing and total responsiveness." Upon hearing a recent tour concert, a conductor from New York noted, "Full, clear voices full of joy in ensemble singing. Go where they are and listen and revel in outstanding choral singing." Donations are welcome.  
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**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat. . Mar. 25th—4:30 p.m. Austin & Finny Beatty Ben Thomas

Sun. Mar. 26th—8:00 a.m. Hanna Franko, Henry Schneider, David Mitchell

Sun. Mar. 26th—10:00 a.m. Victoria Cacchione, Chelsea Duffee, Alex Clemens



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat. Mar. 25th—4:30 p.m. Becky Ward, Tom Ward

Sun. Mar. 26th—8:00 a.m.

Pat Nuernberger, Cam Jansen, Cheryl Thomas, Gregory Kehr

Sun .Mar. 26th— 10:00 a.m. Walter Hoff, Deb Halter Prudence Kramer, Therese Noecker, Patty Duffy, Francis Kennedy, Julie Hesed, Duke Dummerth, Sr. Mary Jo Ritter



**LECTORS**

Sat. Mar. 25th— 4:30 p.m.

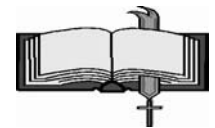
Eileen Ruddy, Tony Huenneke

Sun. Mar. 26th—8:00 a.m.

Martin Rafanan, Judie Tucci

Sun. Mar. 26th—10:00 a.m.

Irv & Carol Engelmann



**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



**DONUTS & COFFEE FOR 03/26/06**

Coffee—Mary & Mike Brake

Pick-Up—John & Therese Noecker

Clean-Up—Betsy Lehman & Andy Wood



**VAN DRIVERS**

3/25/06 Carmela Garza

03/26/06 Joe Hagen

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

March 19 through March 26, 2006

Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,7-8,12-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25
Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc,8-9 Mt 18:21-25
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14;8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21